



# PINELLAS PREPARATORY ACADEMY

## 2011 PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

206 Surveys were returned

### Results by Percentage –

	Disagree <sup>1</sup>	Neutral	Agree
My child enjoys attending this school.	0.5%	5.4%	94.1%
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	2.0%	10.3%	87.7%
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	0.5%	2.9%	96.6%
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	1.5%	2.5%	96.1%
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0.5%	0.0%	99.5%
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	0.5%	7.5%	92.0%
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	1.0%	3.0%	96.1%
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	0.5%	0.5%	99.0%
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	2.5%	4.4%	93.1%
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	0.5%	7.8%	91.7%
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	4.9%	8.8%	86.3%
I believe my child benefits from learning another language.	0.0%	4.9%	95.1%
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	0.0%	0.5%	99.5%

### Results by Response –

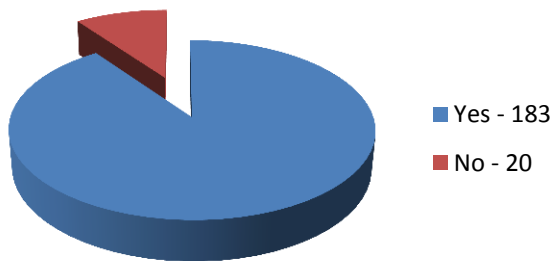
	Strongly Disagree <sup>1</sup>	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
My child enjoys attending this school.	0	1	11	73	120
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	0	4	21	92	86
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	0	1	6	78	120
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	0	3	5	96	99
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	0	1	0	57	144
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	0	1	15	81	104
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	0	2	6	67	128
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	0	1	1	49	154
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	1	4	9	74	116
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	0	1	16	72	115
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	4	6	18	53	123
I believe my child benefits from learning another language.	0	0	10	46	147
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	0	0	1	54	149

<sup>1</sup> Two responses selected "Strongly Disagree" on all survey questions; however, all of the written comments on those two surveys were positive. We assume that the person completing the survey misread the headings of the columns, and have recorded the results as "Strongly Agree"

## Results by Grade –

	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade	7 <sup>th</sup> Grade	8 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<i>Maximum of "5" points per question, 5=Strongly Agree, 1=Strongly Disagree.</i>					
<b>Total Responses At Each Grade Level (Percent of total students)</b>	<b>33 (75%)</b>	<b>57 (65%)</b>	<b>60 (68%)</b>	<b>35 (40%)</b>	<b>43 (49%)</b>
My child enjoys attending this school.	4.58	4.50	4.65	4.35	4.46
The teachers go above and beyond my expectations.	4.18	4.33	4.32	4.00	4.46
Overall, I am satisfied with the school's administration.	4.48	4.59	4.60	4.38	4.63
Overall, I am satisfied with the academic program being offered at my child's school.	4.35	4.38	4.48	4.20	4.67
I feel my child is safe while attending school.	4.63	4.69	4.75	4.60	4.78
My school welcomes and respects my opinions and concerns regarding school issues.	4.38	4.44	4.46	4.23	4.67
My child's school offers me many opportunities for parental involvement.	4.48	4.56	4.65	4.41	4.68
I would recommend this school to my friends who have school age children.	4.73	4.75	4.80	4.53	4.83
My child is being challenged this year to reach his/her potential.	4.48	4.41	4.52	4.20	4.62
Issues are dealt with in a professional way.	4.33	4.57	4.54	4.17	4.69
The online homework and grade book have been helpful to my family.	3.76	4.45	4.54	4.47	4.67
I believe my child benefits from learning another language.	4.70	4.73	4.63	4.58	4.74
Overall I am satisfied with Pinellas Preparatory Academy.	4.66	4.74	4.76	4.63	4.88
<b>Averages</b>	<b>4.44</b>	<b>4.55</b>	<b>4.59</b>	<b>4.37</b>	<b>4.68</b>

**Do you check to see if your child has completed his or her homework every night?**

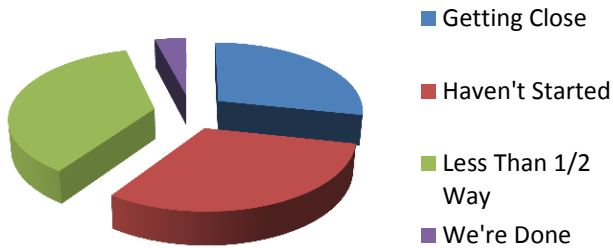


**On average, how many minutes does your child spend doing homework each night?**

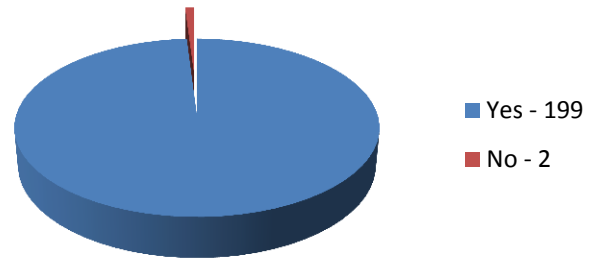
Grade	Average
4th	58.97
5th	58.86
6th	78.73
7th	67.36
8th	72.62
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>68.01</b>

*\* Range responses were indicated by the middle of the range (i.e. 60-120 minutes was recorded as 90 minutes)*

**How close are you to completing our goal of having every family spend 20 hours of volunteering at the school?**



**Does your child have access to a computer/internet to do his or her homework at home?**



**How would you rank the academic performance of PPA?**

*(1 = poorest, 10 = highest)*

Grade	Average
4th	8.8
5th	8.1
6th	8.5
7th	8.1
8th	8.7
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8.6</b>

**How would you rank your child's motivation for being successful in school?**

*(1 = poorest, 10 = highest)*

Grade	Average
4th	8.3
5th	8.0
6th	8.6
7th	8.5
8th	8.0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>8.4</b>

## What are PPA's biggest strengths?

### Summary of responses:

#### **Academics (95)**

- Curriculum (15)
- Extra curriculars / Clubs (12)
- Academics (11)
- Spanish (9)
- Learning Environment (6)
- Creativity (5)
- Individualized (5)
- Music (4)
- Methods / Multiple-Intelligences (4)
- Field Trips (3)
- Teacher Freedom (3)
- High Expectations (3)
- Homogenous Grouping (2)
- Gifted (2)
- Art (2)
- Not FCAT Focused (2)
- Accelerated Math (1)
- Cooperative Learning (1)
- Project Based Learning (1)
- "A" School (1)
- Honors (1)
- Challenging (1)
- Phys. Ed. (1)

#### **Services (48)**

- Communication (28)
- Online Tools / Gradebook Wizard (9)
- Parent Involvement (9)
- Technology (2)

#### **Staff (118)**

- Teachers (62)
- Principal (31)
- Staff (19)
- Office Staff (4)
- Dedication (1)
- Teach Responsibility (1)

#### **General (115)**

- Small School (35)
- Behavior (12)
- Sports (11)
- Safety (11)
- Community / Family Atmosphere (9)
- Small Classes (8)
- Great Kids (8)
- No Bullying (6)
- Car Circle (3)
- Organization (3)
- School Hours (3)
- Recess (1)
- Aftercare available (1)
- Stability (1)
- Fair rules (1)
- Fun activities (1)
- Exclusivity (1)

## Actual Responses:

Teachers	academics	EVERTHING
everything.	Great staff	Online tools
Small School	The teachers	Communication
Good teachers	Small classes	The teachers
THE TEACHINGS	gradebook wizards	I LOVE the teachers
Faculty and staff.	Teachers, Curriculum	Safety, and academics
teachers and academics	The use of technology.	Communication with family
Great 4th grade teachers.	Promote a safe environment	Promote a safe environment
Small size and good teachers.	The behavior of the students,	Music program Community feeling
Small size, Homogenous groups.	The clubs and sports are fantastic	Thef over all stability of the staff.
Teachers Principal Academics Communication	5th grade teachers, especially Mrs. Walker.	After school clubs, sports, Spanish classes
Mr fuller and his staff are a huge strength!	Academics, Principal, Communication, Teachers	School Staff are wonderful and helpful people
Small school where everyone knows each other.	The smaller more intimate size of the school.	They're friendly and helpful when i need them
Great kids - Do not tolerate bullying/violence	Discipline, teachers, parent involvement, sports	the hands on learning, both visual and auditory.
UNDOUBTEDLY ADMINISTRATION, TEACHERS, AND FACULTY	community feeling great teachers and music program!	Teachers/administrators communicating with parents.
The organization of the administration and faculty.	Administration is top notch. Small school atmosphere	The smaller size, most of the teachers and Mr. Fuller
Teacher participation and communication with parents.	1. Small School. 2. Excellent teachers and principal.	Administration, Curriculum, Students w/parents that care
Smaller school with many creative learning opportunities.	the compassion of the staff for the education of the kids	The teachers and their constant communication via email.
Small school. Great academics. Wonderful caring teachers.	Communication between teachers, administration and parents.	I think its the students, they work hard to get good grades.
I think its the students, they work hard to get good grades.	Good learning environment. Caring teachers. Friendly staff.	dedication to students, unique curriculum ie learning by doing
Smaller classes. Great staff. "Outside of the box" mentality	Staff and Teachers and ability to work ahead of grade in Math.	Most of its teachers. Small school. Principal. Kids are happy.
parental involvement, good communication ability, gradebook wizard	Safe environment. Friendly staff. Communication. Caring staff.	Academic Performance Instilling Good Behavior, Responsibility etc.
It has alot of extra clubs and sports for the kids to try out for.	1. The electronic communication. 2. The smaller size of the school.	Administration Academics Students that come from families that care
email system, grade book wizard, sports programs, after school clubs	The rules are fair, the principal is good, and the teachers are great.	Small school with great learning opportunities and a family atmosphere.
Very talented and professional staff. Everyone is very friendly and helpful.	The passion of the teachers to help each child learn unique to his abilities!!	Love the Grade book Wizard, lets me know what my child is missing or needs to do.
Mrs. Benway - one on one teaching - COA My daughter has come a long way Thank you	Sense of community. Personalized curriculum. Intolerance of behavior problems.	Integrated curriculum and varied methods of teaching to accomodate learning styles.
Email system, Grade Book Wizard, Sports program, homework club, and after school clubs	small classrooms, principal that really cares. AMAZED THE PARKING LOT THAT HE CONTROLS	The cooperative learning style of teaching. The small size and the 22 per class limit.

Excellent Principle Parent involvement Personal attention with staff and administration	Small number of students, family atmosphere, caring teachers, easily accessible principal	Small size, Spanish, caring and supportive teachers and administrators, different levels.
Small size, Spanish, caring and supportive teachers and administrators, different levels.	A principal who seems to really care about the students and that it is small and intimate.	Students seem to get along well with each other. Gifted, and music programs are excellent!
outstanding teachers, administration, and communication. A challenging academic environment	Smaller classroom size and teach the kids not preaching FCAT, and communicating with parents.	Communication. Consistent school hours. Fun activities for the children throughout the year.
Information presented in a variety of learning styles. Small student body. Dynamic teachers.	Teachers really care, gifted program, technology interaction with the school. Very organized.	PPA biggest strengths are in the administration, the communication to parents, and the teachers.
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Safe environment, caring teachers that treats children as young adults and respects their individualism.	Safe environment, caring teachers that treats children as young adults and respects their individualism.	teacher accessibility no tolerance for bullying teacher and administration genuine care for the students
teacher accessibility no tolerance for bullying teacher and administration genuine care for the students	The families attending PPA are a self-selecting group of people interested in their children's education.	*Small class size. *Communication is key. *Teachers that love to teach. *Caring for the student's success.
No discipline problems at the school which make for a better learning environment with the excellent teachers.	Small class size without question! The fact that teachers have control over what they're teaching, and how.	After experiencing my oldest going through a regular middle school I will say PPA academics are by far better!
Communications. Teachers/Admin. staff. Positive atmosphere. Strong curriculum. Foreign language started early.	There are a wide variety of activities to keep the children involved after school. Teachers are easily accessible.	The biggest strengths are the teachers and the school leadership. The parents involvement also makes a huge difference.
I love PPA's communication with parents and students. The teachers genuinely enjoy teaching and care about their students	The dedication of the teachers/staff. They take a personal interest in each student, and communicate well with parents.	- Smaller # of students - Discipline policies - Curriculum/methods of teaching - Learning environment; kids want to learn.
Small classes, strong parent involvement, great communication options like emails, Gradebook Wizard and online text books.	*Smaller # of students. *Discipline policies. *Curriculum/methods of teaching. *Learning environment; kids want to learn.	The overall atmosphere is great at PPA. I feel that my child gets the personal attention he needs and is not just a number.
Teacher freedom, teacher quality, bullying intolerance, peace among students (hardly any fights like at other middle schools)	I love the small school feel. I love how the kids are focused & there are few discipline problems. I LOVE the sports programs!	Small, community type of setting. Everybody seems to know everybody instead of getting lost in the shuffle like other schools.
Academics and the teachers. We are new this year and everyone has been very helpful while my student adjusts to the new curriculum	that they are a smaller school which is easier for my child and allows them to make better friends and in the long run better choices.	I feel that this school feels like a family. It seems everyone knows all the kids, which I think is very important to our kids success.
*Strong discipline *Creative curriculum and project based learning. *Great teachers. *Clubs are so great. *Field trips make it fun!	The sound education. Friendly teachers and staff and kids are nice and friendly as well. Teachers responded quickly to questions I emailed.	Small classes. A safe and warm atmosphere. Teachers that really care about students. Levels of academics. Great extracurricular activities.
Creative Learning environment. Consistently an "A" school. Small environment. Administration know me and my children. ( We are not just a number )	We love this school! The teachers are great. I feel my child is getting a quality education. We love the after school activities and sports offered.	My students enjoy the small, private school atmosphere. Additionally, they enjoy the ability to be able to participate in after school clubs and athletics.

<p>The school offers a challenging curriculum that encourages my child to be the best he can be and supportive teachers who are concerned about the children.</p>	<p>Courses offered, Spanish, music 2 times per week and art. Office staff are wonderful and go out of their way to be helpful. All of the staff seem to work well together.</p>	<p>For us it is the challenging curriculum that is offered. We can see our child having to work hard for A's and B's and then subsequently feeling proud of her accomplishments.</p>
<p>I feel PPA's biggest strengths are the foundation of the kids education and programs that are offered in school including the second language program at school. very important.</p>	<p>Your ability to stay on top of things and keep parents informed of all things pertaining to the student. You also challenge the student's mind and I am very appreciative of that.</p>	<p>The ability to enroll your child in advanced and honor classes, the great website that is very easy to access and the teachers posting/emailing missed assignments, low grades, etc.</p>
<p>1. Small atmosphere. 2. High expectations of students - academics and behavior. 3. Aftercare available through 8th grade. 4. Great language program. 5. Excellent art program.</p>	<p>Some of PPA's biggest strengths are its size, its caring staff and its teaching methods. I appreciate that students aren't "taught to the test" and that they are in a safe environment.</p>	<p>I like the small feel to the school and the way the school is set up regarding the behavior program, responsibilities put on the students, and "extras" like Spanish, PE daily, recess, etc.</p>
<p>Offer Spanish classes starting in 4th grade. Teachers have more freedom to tailor their teaching methods to the needs of the students. Teachers work together in teams to create the best learning environment possible.</p>	<p>small class size small school organized arrival and dismissal communication between administration and parents email project/work alerts helpful from few teachers afterschool sports vigorous curriculum gradebook wizard</p>	<p>Communication with parents about all aspects of the school. I really appreciate Mr. Fuller's extra effort in keeping with the construction situations and all the other teachers that have helped this go a little smoother.</p>
<p>*Great group of students - small environment - individualized attention. *Bully free, safe environment which allows more focus on academics and very little time lost for behavior issues, which can overwhelm public schools.</p>	<p>PPA biggest strengths are its differences really. PPA is as close to a private school as it gets. ( we came from a private school). Teachers &amp; administration are PPA's strengths. Without them the school wouldnt be as great as it is.</p>	<p>I, personally like how the children are placed into the classroom with respect to their level of acadume to promote challenges among them. I also appreciate the teachers emails on my child's progress or making me aware of any good/bad grades.</p>
<p>I feel my child is completely safe at school. I never hear stories about bullying. I also like that though the school has rules, there is a sense of informality and casualness and that the front office staff is very approachable and personable.</p>	<p>PPA is by far and wide, the best elem/middle school in Pinellas County, yet, you do not teach as much thinking, critical thinking skills as other charter schools, even in this county. Your teachers try and begin to, and is your greatest strength. Please increase it, a lot!</p>	<p>Being a small school in relationship to the middle schools that are available. The method in which students are taught works and gets the children involved in learning.  We also like the time that school starts - it is easy to get our child to school and still get to work on time.</p>
<p>Our teachers. Most of the teacher will make sure all students in the room are comfortable with what they have been taught. If a student is unsure of something, most of our teachers will make the student feel welcome to come to them with any questions or concerns they may have on the lesson.</p>	<p>We like the "hands on" way you teach &amp; do things. We like the field trips...the staff has been great...i also liked the questions about are we helping your child reach his or her full potential &amp; do they enjoy going to this school...trying to meet those two goals makes us happy we chose this school.</p>	<p>We like the "hands on" way you teach &amp; do things. We like the field trips...the staff has been great...i also liked the questions about are we helping your child reach his or her full potential &amp; do they enjoy going to this school...trying to meet those two goals makes us happy we chose this school.</p>

<p>The front office staff is amazing. They are always willing to help and you can see how much they care for every student. The small atmosphere creates a safe environment with minimal behavior problems. The sports program is developing wonderfully. The school hours and clubs are very helpful to parents.</p>	<p>So many wonderful teachers and staff. Mrs. Walker, Ms. Smith and Mr. Clapper are especially talented and dedicated teachers. Principal Fuller does a great job running the school, and the office staff are always friendly and helpful. PPA does a very good job allowing kids to be creative while getting the work done.</p>	<p>Welcome and open communication. It has been a wonderful experience to have the opportunity to express my impression of my child to staff and have the information I offered used as a tool to enhance her learning experience.</p> <p>Pick up and dropping of in the car circle far exceeds my many other experiences within the Pinellas County School System.</p>
<p>The thing I like most about PPA is that the teachers are extremely creative in finding ways to interest and engage the students. Any student can learn to read and write, but PPA gives numerous opportunities for the students to enjoy and respect what they are learning. This makes applying their newfound knowledge to everyday life fun and seamless.</p>	<p>The TPR is perfect, and the peer integration with middle schoolers I think will facilitate a better transition from elementary to middle school for our son. We like that there is some exclusivity to the school (not from a status perspective, but from the standpoint of not every one in a 10 mile radius will be there, and parents and students must demonstrate interest &amp; commitment to remain. Compared to mainstream public schools, unfortunately this is a welcome change).</p>	

## What are PPA's biggest difficulties?

### Summary of responses

*(For issues listed more than once)*

#### **Academics (21)**

- Language Arts (6)
- Need more info on work (3)
- Motivating Students (2)
- Too many movies (2)
- Academic Challenge (2)
- Excessive Homework (2)
- Computer Instruction (2)
- Not creative (2)

#### **Facilities / Location (73)**

- Playground / PE Field (18)
- Traffic / Construction (15)
- Space (14)
- Location (11)
- Gymnasium/Cafeteria (9)
- Parking (6)

#### **Programs (32)**

- Lunch (14)
- Transportation (5)
- GBW Updating (4)
- Not enough sports (3)
- After Care (2)
- Lack of Programs (2)
- Club variety (2)

#### **General (47)**

- None (19)
- Car Circle (11)
- Stay small (3)
- Behavior (3)
- Parents use of computers (3)
- No High School (2)
- Inter-staff communication (2)
- Teacher-Parent Communication (2)
- Budget Constraints (2)

#### **Actual Responses:**

NA	???	N/A
N/A	none	None
None	None	None
space	No gym	nothing

Parking	pick up	traffic
Traffic	Location	location
location	None known	PE Field.
no opinions	no PE field	Traffic Lines
School lunches	Construction :)	The car circle!
not enough space	Afternoon pickup.	haven't found any
After care program	Lunch, Space for PE	Can not think of any
Motivating students?	Parking, School Area	No PE field/room to run
NONE THAT I CAN THINK OF	None that I can think of.	physical space limitations
size of outdoor facilities	Location and limited space	Lunch Space for PE/Auditorium
Car circle, cold school lunches	I wish you had a high school!!!	New to school have any problems.
School lunches & cafeteria size.	we are too new to comment fairly	Limited space, especially for P.E.
The quality of teaching is uneven.	on luch room and short lunch times.	Lack of a cafeteria & outdoor space.
I really do not have one to put down.	I really do not have one to put down.	Lack of gym and outside PE facilities
I do not have any issues or concerns.	They need to have a on site counsler.	Homework check by teachers. Media center.
Lack of space for PE and other activities	No public transportation and the lunches.	Keeping all the kids motivated and on task.
Lunches, my child hates the school lunches.	The traffic to get in and out of the school	The traffic to get in and out of the school
The size of the outdoor space for recreation	Higher expectations in language arts/writing.	Instilling the PPA principles in our children
Poor campus location and insufficient campus.	I think their location is a bit of a draw back	Lunch program. Parent to parent communication.
Getting the construction done on blecher road!!!!!!	outstanding teacher/ staff involvement on every level	I have not been here long enough to have any complaints
Size of physical plant - lack of outdoor/exercise space.	Size of physical plant - lack of outdoor/exercise space.	Getting in and out of there! Even before the construction!
The parking situation dropping off and picking up students.	Working within the confines of current location as they grow.	I think you need to be a little more strict on the dress code.
lack of communication between front office staff and teachers,	Not enough outdoor space for sporting events and PE. No cafeteria.	right now just the traffic. lol Other than that it's a great school.
Some programs that I'd my child to have are not offered, such as band	Morning traffic - but not your fault. Great job of moving the car line.	Too many fundraisers. Excessive amount of time for homework every night.
Knowing more of what my child needs to do work wise during the school day.	I believe a real asset to the school would be an in-house hot lunch program.	I would like to see a better reading program to motivate the children to read.
Lack of lunch options. Real food would be great!!! PE field would be nice also!	The mixing of 4th and 5th graders with middle schoolers. Especially in aftercare.	Weak language arts program. It does not encourage outside reading or much homework.
Location, lack of regular cafeteria, discipline in the classroom, classroom libraries	Separating children with behavioral/academic challenges from those without such issues.	Keeping the small school atmosphere may be more difficult when PPA, Jr. opens in the fall.
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Space. For events and after school activities. But I know we work with what we got and that's fine.	Car line & sports field is the biggest difficulties I see thus far. If I had to chose a difficulty.	Parking and car circle. Current road construction. Sports programs - in evenings/weekends as well.
Limited parking / car circle area and low Parental and Teacher involvement in the monthly PTEG meetings.	It can be a hard transition for kids as they move back into public high school. Please open that high school!:)	Really nothing, but if I have to say one I would say it's entering and leaving campus due to traffic in the area.

Really nothing, but if I have to say one I would say it's entering and leaving campus due to traffic in the area.	1. No gym. 2. No large selection of sports. 3. No room for things like student plays & programs for parents.	The biggest difficulties would be the location in the middle of a busy business intersection and budget constraints.
Busing/car circle, but well worth the school experience - and car circle coordination is amazing considering possible confusion!	there arent many but that the 8th grade teachers do not update there grades every day or through out the week only ounce a week.	CAR LINE WHEN IT RAINS. THE TEACHERS (AND PRINCIPAL ) SHOULD NOT HAVE TO DO THIS JOB BEFORE WORK.  NO DIFFICULTIES FOR OUR FAMILY
Location, but we are happy with this school size, but we understand you are working to increase the size to the whole building. Thank you	*Building improvements. *Teachers need a better room for rest and peace. *Office staff need a better location and secure.; *Need a playground.	Lack of communication between front office staff and teachers. Children need more privileges; my son can't go tot he bathroom when he needs to.
*Had very good communication in the 4th grade, utilized planners, non-existent this year. *Closer parent/teacher communication; schedule conferences.	The extended day progam is not a welcoming atmosphere. There is no band program. There is a limited outdoor area. There is limited computer instruction.	Some teachers are not strict enough. 8th grade attitudes. No busing for athletic clubs that travel. More uniformity and organization in athletic clubs.
- Had very good communication in the 4th grade; utilized the planner. Non-existent this year. - Closer parent/teacher communication; schedule conferences.	lack of on site space for afterschool sports little variety of after school clubs for middle school little "down" time homework often takes 2 to 3 hours/day	Suggestion/No Difficulties. Maybe try to charge fee to enter sports games. So sports dept. can get more \$\$. Chic-Fil-A usually has free sandwich w/ \$1.00 entry.
Too many movies shown... often ones I would not allow in my home. Often without permission requested. Lack of green space. Lack of kitchen in cafeteria for better lunch program.	I wish there was a larger PE area. By going to Gifted, our child misses one of her two Spanish classes every week. She doesn't bring home any Spanish work to make up for missing class.	the congestion issues are a pain...but we understand they are out of your control. Would be nice if you had a more space...but then again Ferreri's & Lamborghini's dont have much space either:)
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1. It's been difficult for me to understand the electronic tools as a new parent to the school this year. Information sessions may have helped. 2. The construction that was supposed to be done in November.	I do not see any that I believe can be balmed on the school. I think it would be nice if more funding were made available to your program as I believe in many ways it is a model for other schools to follow.	Parking lot...maybe commit to one primary enterance and exit to prevent cut through. Easier to do with the expansion maybe? Fence off the rest...no need to have the random walker or bicycler pass through either!
Some of the classes could be more challenging. Language Arts this year has been mostly busy work. Students should be reading challenging books and discussing them, not doing workbook pages and writing words 3x.	Not all teachers utilize GBW for communication, so it's lacking in its effectiveness The art program is below standards Anti-Bullying isn't stressed like it once was Afterschool clubs are lacking Parking lot fiasco Not as creative as it's billed	The gradebook wizard. most the time the grades are not updated for weeks. the homework is not listed 75% of the time. I look daily and stay frustrated. What frustrates me the most is even when they have teacher aids they do not keep up with it.

<p>I would like to know what assignments are due ahead of time. I know this does pose a certain tech &amp; time management challenge, and I know my child should have more respect for his accountability, but he is a kid and I would like to be able to follow up.</p>	<p>The fact that parents must pick and drop off children can be a challenge for working parents. Perhaps given this difficulty we can work to reduce the cost of before and after car. I believe this would still be less expensive than providing bus transportation.</p>	<p>Sometimes, communication between teacher then to student then to parent. I feel that either my son does not get the final information from the teacher to us and we; with our busy schedule, end up lacking the information to help assist our child in the learning process.</p>
<p>Sometimes I struggle to understand the expectations placed on my child from an assignment perspective. I know that we are all striving to rely on the child to establish that communication directly with the parent however, sometimes as a parent I have questions for the teacher.</p>	<p>There needs to be a stronger emphasis on creativity as told to us in the tour, and on the website for that matter. Plus, we used to live in a school district in Florida that used Dr. Glasser's system. You say you do again, in your website, yet you don't! How come? Why not? Ashamed?</p>	<p>Lack of an on site hot lunch program. Not many of the children enjoy or even like the food that is brought in. Our learning standards are much higher than other schools but yet we feed them the same inedible, tasteless food that other schools feed their children. Children need a good hot lunch!</p>
<p>Probably the location and the warehouse look of the school. *I think this will improve with having the entire building. This year when recommending PPA - I have had to "push" people to go into the bldg to get a real feel for the school as they are turned off by the high traffic and small outside areas.</p>	<p>Some marginal concern over academic challenges. Our son seems to complete most of his homework in class, which on the one hand we appreciate in terms of after-school pressures, but on the other hand, it makes us wonder (a) how there is so much time in class to do homework and (b) if he is being sufficiently challenged.</p>	<p>The teachers do not use all teaching time to its potential (movies are shown way too much). I have not had any expository writing or narrative writing come home either this year or last year in Language Arts. I do not see strong teachers in this subject. I feel teachers are on phone calls daily and give too much personal information to my child.</p>
<p>I feel the school needs more room, which is currently in the works...but I feel what is most needed is a gymnasium for a place the kids can have a safe and proper place for gym/ sports. I feel the outside area is not at all a proper place for the kids gym classes. The grounds are uneven also if it rains the grass is muddy and could be a danger for the kids.</p>	<p>I think teachers need to have a brief, daily agenda explaining what they are going to teach and how they are going to teach it. I feel the principal should have access to these agendas. If there is a complaint about a teacher's lessons, the principal should question the teacher and sit in on that teacher's classes (without notice). If that teacher is not teaching properly there should be discussions, reviews, and, if necessary, consequences, all the while considering that some days the lesson/day is not as formal as other days.</p>	<p>The car circle - ugh! Need a morning care car lane. Only grades are on Gradebook Wizard- no assignments, web sites, handouts, or news is available on line. Need books to bring home. That book bag weights a ton with all those books he brings home. Aftercar has homework time but won't allow them to take books back to their classroom. I would like personalized progress reports sent home/emailed about my child strengths/weaknesses every month/quarter. What he needs to work on. Need computer classes on using Word/Excel, etc.</p>

<p>1. No bus transportation* 2. Significant construction around school (it would be nice if the left turn lane on W. Ulmerton was re-opened and designated for U-turns only. 3. Reliance on coloring (heavy) for 6th grade geography and social studies (busy work). 4. Children's schedules seem confusing and difficult to group simplify. *PPA should consider requesting Public Bus transportation (stops) on Ulmerton and Belcher (the school system bus service needs to be consolidated with the Public Bus service. Children should be given bus passes for school.</p>	<p>I do not like the way that the students are taught to the FCAT in language classes. They do not stress the structure of sentences, adjectives, adverbs, etc. Instead they write paragraphs over and over for creative thinking without instruction on how to write the sentences. I did like how the private school he attended reviewed over and over every year the structure and usage of words. I noticed the difference in my college class last year when my professor stated that she could tell the difference from teh kids who were taught to the FCAT and those who were not, as the ones who were not wrote better pieces.</p>	<p>My daughter started after Thanksgiving so she was behind all of the other kids especially in Spanish. I didn't feel that enough was done to help her get up to speed with the rest of her class and she is still lagging and very frustrated after 5 weeks. She can't even finish her homework without help. I still can't access moodle to get to her online textbooks, which would be helpful as we don't always have textbooks home when she needs them. Although I realize that she should be responsible for recording her assignments and completing them, she happens to be one of those kids that has to be forced to do her work. It would be helpful if I had access to all of the information that you have available for parents and if all the assignments were posted on the website. I do check her homework, if I know that she has it.</p>
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## How do you think PPA could improve student motivation?

### Actual Responses:

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idk	unsure	No idea.
Not sure	not sure	not sure
Unsure.	great now	Don't know
I wouldn't	No opinion	pep rallies
Less homework	offer rewards	Less projects.
Making kids care	MORE PEP RALLIES	Doing a great job.
Individualize more	Parent involvement	more teacher praise
no improvement needed	More hands on learning	My child is doing well.
Nothing I can think of	I think it is well-done.	more class participation
more class participation	Teacher/child connection	Need to think about this.
???? Not a problem for us	More perks for good grades	I think motivation is there.
PPA is doing a terrific job.	Smaller classes, helps a lot.	Maybe some incentive programs.
A bit more homework, book report	Continue to hire great teachers.	more incentives for good grades.
we have all tried. it is up to him	Not sure. I think they are motivated.	Possibly of some more academic awards.
Reward system for A's in the classroom.	Challenging the students with harder work	Hard to say, unless I observed the class.
"More fun science projects and experiments"	I beleive all staff already does a great job!	With as much "hands on" projects as possible.
Do something to get the students more involved.	That's a hard one. Maybe more independent time?	Perhaps to give special awards for straight "A"s
require more reading, having a larger Media Center	This would greatly depend on the individual child.	My 4th grader says "giving them pizza every Friday"
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get prize, party or free time for getting honor roll.	challenge the students who need it more to prevent boredom	Engage the kids more in the classroom. MAKE LEARNING FUN..

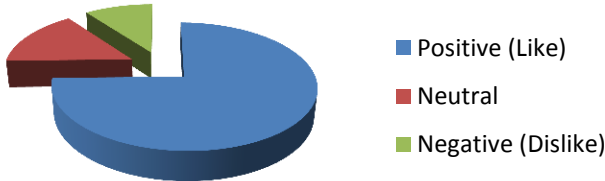
I think that you all do a good job at motivating students.	More group activities to keep kids engaged more field trips.	Parents and teacher's working together to motivate students.
Tough question. Make the experience more rewarding somehow.	I wish I knew. If I did, I would already be implementing it.	I think the school is doing a good job on motivating the kids.
My child is already extremely motivated - keep up the good work!	I wish I had the answer. I can not seem to motivate my own child.	So far I am extremely pleased with the teachers ability to do this.
In our case, my daughter's teachers do a great job of motivating her.	Homework passes for good behavior and reaching certain milestones/goals.	Rewards like field trips to McDonald's, parents send in money bi-weekly.
Less Punishing the whole class when just a few or single persons messes up.	Not sure. Already doing excellent job, which I greatly appreciate and value.	I think over all the teachers keep the students wanting to learn in a fun way.
I really don't know because I have a real hard time motivating my son to do better.	My child is self motivated but award ceremonies are great for motivating students.	SINCERELY, JUST KEEP UP THE FANTASTIC WORK - IT SHOWS !!!  EVERYONE IS SO PROFESSIONAL
I think they make it very motivating by being respectful to the students, and making it fun!	It comes from within the child and family. PPA does a wonderful job of motivating my child.	I think it needs to come from home and from the classrooms. Positive feedback from teachers.
By continuing to give positives to those who achieve;  Peer mentor for those who lack motivation?	Nothing at this point. He is being challenged and that was all it took for him to become motivated	Continue to offer class challenges and incentives for good grades, attendance, and perhaps citizenship
I feel they do a fabulous job as is. Internet photo copies of letters, word of mouth through students.	Newletters, "Morning Shows" and "Award Ceremonies" highlighting student or class academic achievements.	Perhaps rewarding students who have no missed assignments with a movie, party or ceremony of some kind.
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More interactive learning that's tailored to student interests. I know you do this now but the more the better.	For my child increasing the pace of learning would help. Of course, this won't necessarily work for all children.	My child is motivated by pizza parties and field trip to bowling for Principal's List. No improvement is needed.
On the whole, the teachers are good. There are some teachers who are lackluster and that limits student motivation.	Perhaps streamlining schedules, somehow, would be less stress and help with student organization - making things easier.	Contests can be good motivation. The prize doesn't have to cost \$\$\$. It could be something like free time or homework passes.
I think the teachers do a good job of motivating students. There are just some assignments that are more fun to do than others.	More incentives for the kids that do what they are supposed to as opposed to more emphasis on the consequences of those that do not.	Maybe by offering movie tickets or discounts for bowling or game arcade depending on how the student has performed or improved on grades.
Discuss career options before 8 th grade. Recognition for achievement - what kid doesn't love a Ritas or Golden Corral gift certificate? :)	Honestly, if a teacher has a small case of OCD, please make sure that they pass an age appropriate level of expectations on to their students.	I believe that motivation comes from within and that PPA does a great job of motivating students to do their best and their best is up to them.
The different tracks that began this year are a good start. However, if a student needs more help in more than one subject, it's a tough choice.	I really do not have any suggestions as I think that you are already doing a great job. My child loves to go to school and feels challenged every day.	Teachers being more nicer to the students and not always yelling, this would help with people skills and the fear in children, not to be afraid of the teacher.
Teachers being more nicer to the students and not always yelling, this would help with people skills and the fear in children, not to be afraid of the teacher.	My daughter complains that it is not fun anymore and though I know that school is about academics and learning...she loves more hands on type classes, like Science.	Good deed incentive card (8-10 stamps wins you .... free admin. to dance?P) Teachers give child a stamp when they see the child doing a good deed for someone else..

<p>I believe this is more a parent and child issue . If a student is not motivated by themselves or their parent, it would seem that it would be difficult for the school.</p>	<p>I don't think they could. The individual has to be personally motivated. The only thing any school can do is provide a positive environment and match expectations to ability.</p>	<p>The teachers should personally praise each student when they make a significant improvement not only when they are excelling. Offer more rewards for good grades and good behavior.</p>
<p>My child is motivated by competition and rewards. It could be as simple as being recognized for doing a good job or 15 minutes extra recess. It really doesn't have to be huge or costly.</p>	<p>Middle school age is tough to motivate.... I think motivation is made through personal connection. So if a teacher is challenged in that area they probably need to connect with the child.</p>	<p>Get the teachers into the five gifted courses as mandatory thing, right from the start in the interview to contracts served every teacher. Gifted was originally designed for ALL students.</p>
<p>Incentives Incentives Incentives... recognition, praise... one teacher called the students "Retards"..not real motivating, and not funny. Teachers are the ones who drive the bus for motivation.</p>	<p>We like the idea of the homework pass. Maybe collect homework passes during the quarter. Create something similar for quizzes when kids have received perfect scores on their homework assignments.</p>	<p>Extrinsic rewards like the bowling trip for Principle's list and homework passes are great ideas and work well for our child. Other things along these lines might do the same for ours and other children.</p>
<p>Give more creative interesting projects not so many artsy type projects. Seventh grade boys don't enjoy art much or enjoy writing a lot of essays but they enjoy more strategic projects. Just ask Mr Gowan.</p>	<p>She has great motivation this year. Last year she was lacking in motivation because it was a new school, and I had taken her out of her old school with her old friends. But she is doing 100% better this year.</p>	<p>The only program my child finds "boring" is the Gifted Program. Do know that when my daughter was in gifted they were always doing cool projects, a lot of team or group work. I don't here or see those things happening at PPA.</p>
<p>I think the school is doing everything possible. It is up to me and my wife and our child to do the rest. We have the responsibility to motivate and stay on top of things. I am very pleased with what the shcool has done for our child.</p>	<p>my child just has a hard time paying attention and getting work done on time and then turning it in if the teachers could work 1 on 1 that would really help him and maybe they could come up with some sort of plan for completing his assignments.</p>	<p>I know my daughter is sometimes very overwhelmed with homework and when she has too much she gets more and more unmotivated. I think it can be overkill on certain days. When it's 9 pm and she's still working and crying because she's tired she's very unmotivated.</p>
<p>My child has received a few very low grades. She is usually an excellent student. She is frustrated over this and says that some of the grading is very unfair. I suspect that maybe the work is given before the matter has been digested. This is very demotivating for her.</p>	<p>It is difficult to give another person motivation, but I believe our child feels overwhelmed by so many lengthy projects that must be worked on weekends that he feels he has little free time and seems to lose interest quickly. He does have special needs and the structure is very good for him, but he also could benefit by more frequent breaks.</p>	<p>It is difficult to give another person motivation, but I believe our child feels overwhelmed by so many lengthy projects that must be worked on weekends that he feels he has little free time and seems to lose interest quickly. He does have special needs and the structure is very good for him, but he also could benefit by more frequent breaks.</p>

<p>Motivation could be greatly improved by offering alternate assignments of equal value in the event that a particular subject or assignment is not cared for either by the student or the parents. My students motivation could also be improved by offering homework passes that are able to be used for ANY assignment as opposed to only assignments that are 50, 20, 10 points or less.</p>	<p>Continue rewarding good grades with homework passes. Maybe show videos/films of stories of successful students and how their futures/lives are happier and how they have more choices by caring about their education. Also show videos/films of students who thought they could not afford to continue their education so they felt they shouldn't care but how through financial aid and scholarships they were able to continue their education and be successful.</p>	<p>i think there should be more parent or professional teacher days...let them here from doctors, lawyers, surgeon's, pilots, engineers, scientists, entrepreneur's that might give them some insight as to what they will need to do to get this type of rewarding high paying job.</p> <p>then they might hear from teachers, nurses, servicemen, fire &amp; policemen...to discuss what kinds of rewards come with being in the service field</p> <p>if all that fails bring in the salesmen:)</p>
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**What are your thoughts on the behavior program currently being used by PPA? (Consequence of Action forms, referrals, etc.)**

**Actual Responses:**

 <p>■ Positive (Like) ■ Neutral ■ Negative (Dislike)</p>		<p>A+ Ok Fine good Good good Good agree</p>	<p>NA OK good Good good okay Good</p>
Good.	Great	Great	Great
Great!	adequate	It works	It works
It works	Its good	Like it!	Love it!
Perfect.	Effective	Effective	Excellent
I like it	just fine	No issues	very good
Very Good	Very Good	Acceptable	I like it.
just right	Satisfied	They're OK	Works well
good system	No concerns	We like it.	Works for me

Fully support	No experience	They are fine.
Agree with them.	seem to work well	seem to work well
IT APPEARS TO WORK	Very good program.	3 strikes your out
It's a good system.	Seems to be working.	Fair and working well
I have no complaints.	Needs to be stricter.	I think it works well.
I think it's effective.	I believe it looks good.	Seems to be working fine.
mostly I think it is great	I think it is working well.	I think it works very well.
like the system, works well.	Strict but fair, we like it.	Not the same across the board.
I think the program works well.	Fantastic. It is the way life is.	I believe behavior program is great.
I don't have experience in this area.	I think it is a good and fair system.	Not much experience but seems to work
We are happy with the current program	I think it is a fair behavior program.	It is fair and executed consistently.
Its good. It is what it is. It works.	I guess it works. My child is fine so far	Absolutely excellent. Very peaceful school.
Appropriate for students w/behavior issues.	Thankfully....has not been an issue for us.	Thankfully....has not been an issue for us.
the behavior program has not been an issue.	I am not against the current behavior program.	It is a good program except the bathroom rules.
Haven't had any CoA's, so it must be working :)	Overall, children have very good behavior at PPA.	Overall, children have very good behavior at PPA.
I agree with it. It teaches my child responsibility	I think the current behavior program is excellent.	Innocent until proven guilty does not always work.
My kids are respectful of it....it must be working	I wish all Schools did this beginning in pre school.	I would say its good since my child has not had any.
I think is's fair and addresses actions of the students.	Seems to be an effective system. Consistency is the key.	My child has not had any COA's etc., so I guess it's fine.
We have not had an issue with this yet so I have no opinion.	I like it...makes child more responsible for actions and behavior.	I agree how the school is handling the behavior program now at ppa.
I think the behavior program currently being used a PPA works well.	I think the behavior program currently being used a PPA works well.	I think the behavior program currently being used a PPA works well.
The tardy policy needs to be revisited in regards to construction	I like the program. I don't hear about a lot of discipline problems.	I like that the children feel more responsible for their own behavior.
I think this is a good behavior model but some of the rules could be tweaked.	It is great. There seems to be a wonderful environment at school because of this.	My kids are respectful of the behavior program so it must be working....I'm happy.
NO COMMENT..FORTUNATELY MY CHILD HASN'T RECEIVED ONE BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE A GOOD IDEA	The behavior program seems to work well to maintain boundaries and strengthen values.	It must be working as I don't see or hear about too many students getting into trouble
My children are well behaved, so I am only periferally aware of the behavior program.	As far as I know it's good. So far I haven't had to deal with any behavior issues at school.	I love the system. It is right on track with my parenting technique and life. Great program
Very good - excellent. I like your "zero tolerance" policy; kids are not disrupted & can learn.	Very good - excellent. I like your zero tolerance policy. Kids are not disruptive and can lean.	Very satisfying. Anything that has ever come up has been taken care of quickly and professionally.
I believe it is a great system. It is up to the parent to follow up at home with any behavior issues.	Good. Bullying seems to be a minimum. Teachers and principal are quick to respond to any behavioral issues.	I think it is a great system and you know what the consequence of your actions are at the beginning of school.
I like the way this works. My daughter takes it very seriously. I also think it is respectful and teaches respect.	It's a fair system that gives teachers different levels of consequence to match to the severity of the infraction.	I am satisfied with the behavior program used by PPA. There don't seem to be the problems here that other schools have.
My children have not had any issues with it so I am not able to comment. I will say though that they all do not want a COA.	Tends to be a bit strict from what I can tell. No room for error or typical forgetfulness that can happen in everyday life.	Good. Typical COA's don't work with my child and the teachers are willing to work with us to figure out the best course of action.

<p>Our son often comments on the behavior of some of his classmates, which makes us wonder how firmly classroom discipline is enforced.</p>	<p>Not sure if teachers really use these. My child complains of repeat problems in his class with a couple students but teacher doesn't do anything.</p>	<p>My child is also very well behaved, but obviously you have a good system in place - time is not being spent dealing with many behaviors, it seems.</p>
<p>Good. But, I would say that, in the before care program, if there are 2 students involved, they need to speak with both, before handing out detention.</p>	<p>I think the system at PPA is very strong. I like that it requires the students to be accountable and seems to be a fair system applied to all students.</p>	<p>I have had no experience with the behavior program directly, but in review of the program, I find it satisfactory in applying natural consequences for actions.</p>
<p>they work well i have seen a huge improvement in my child since his first year in 6th grade he used to get coa's every ounce in awhile and now this year he has only gotten one.</p>	<p>I think it's good and fair. I like the fact, that if a child does anything that is in question it's brought to the parents attention immediately, and dealt with in a positive way.</p>	<p>Do not really know much about it. But sounds really great the way the Staff is dealing with behavior conflicts among students. My child usually fills me in on things happening at school.</p>
<p>very good. I just feel bad sometimes whe my daughter stays with her father, and he brings her in late on his days, and she comes home crying to me that she will get a COA for being late.</p>	<p>When in God's name have you not yet implemented internationally acclaimed, the most widely used, the most fantastically successful program of academics for behavior! "Choice Therapy" (Glasser)?</p>	<p>I don't think that it is really working for severe behavior issues in the classroom. There are still children in classrooms who cause disruption where teachers cannot teach but instead have to discipline.</p>
<p>Overall I think the behavior program is mostly effective, with one exception. One teacher issues COAs if a student forgets to get his/her journal signed. I think this is a misuse of the behavior program.</p>	<p>As a parent of a child who got a COA the first few weeks of school, I believe it is a good policy. He has not gotten into difficulty again as far as I know. He caught on to the rules quickly and knows what is expected of him.</p>	<p>As a parent of a child who got a COA the first few weeks of school, I believe it is a good policy. He has not gotten into difficulty again as far as I know. He caught on to the rules quickly and knows what is expected of him.</p>
<p>I think they are good, It help to keep the kids in line. so many times you see students ,that do not go to the school, And feel thankful that he school we have chosen does not put up with the behavior that other schools do,( even private schools.)</p>	<p>The rules are the rules, but I think some of them are very un-reasonable and very silly. For example, lunch time should be free time not punishment time, when I went to school it was free time to do what you wanted not to have rules and sit quietly or other things.</p>	<p>The rules are the rules, but I think some of them are very un-reasonable and very silly. For example, lunch time should be free time not punishment time, when I went to school it was free time to do what you wanted not to have rules and sit quietly or other things.</p>
<p>I like it for the most part. I know it may be hard for the teachers and administration to notice and chastise that shorter child with shorts that are to short who is next to the tall child with the long legs whose shorts are to short that you are chastising, but the kids notice and they feel picked on.</p>	<p>In theory this program sounds good but in practice I have observed that good students are being made an example of by receiving a COA for MINOR infractions ie: not bringing in the agenda ONCE, while other students are not getting COA's for disruptive behavior in class, foul language or repeated missing assignments.</p>	<p>Children should be encouraged to stay home when they have a cold/flu. However, attendance system requires a Dr.'s signature to be excused. This is a parental decision and should not require a M.D. excuse form. As a result, many kids are coming to school when they really should be at home. My child is sicker as a result.</p>
<p>I feel that since the departure of ---- there has been less COA's and I actually feel that is a good thing, as I felt that some consequences (misbehaviour) can happen and be settled from within a classroom or hallway.</p> <p>I felt that ---- was taking issues way to far and that PPA was not in need of such a policing administrator.</p>	<p>It is good, however, I think when there is an issue, both sets of parents have the right to know the full story of the situation by the next day and know the outcome of both sides. For example, if someone hits my child, I have the right to know where, when, who and the punishment. That is how it is handled in the real world in the court of law.</p>	<p>My child does not get COA's or referrals but still remembers with bitterness when once threatened with a COA at a field trip by an unknown teacher (who was acting on something told to the teacher by an unreliable student) and refused to listen to what my child was trying to say. Please remind teachers to be more sensitive to students feelings (who may be innocent).</p>

<p>My kids tell me a lot of PDA goes unchallenged and that there is a lot of sexual innuendo that bothers them. They are often afraid of peer backlash to report. Is there any way to ensure anonymity?</p> <p>COAs are often given for things like forgetting their agenda which dilutes the severity of a COA.</p> <p>Overall, my kids don't get in too much trouble though, so it must be working.</p>	<p>My child did receive a consequence of action once and even though I questioned the teacher and got my child's rendition as well as the teacher's, I found it very confusing and, in his case, inappropriate. Then I was told by the teacher that it really wasn't a big deal but she failed to understand that it was a VERY big deal for my son. It basically got dropped and dismissed, which I did not approve of.</p>	<p>I am very pleased with it. It is the best way for students to learn that there are consequences to actions and the focus of school is learning. Distractions cost not only the student involved, but all students and teachers. If students know what to expect and programs are executed with consistency they become very effective. I was very pleased with Pinellas Prep especially when compared to other schools. I do not take that for granted. You are to be commended for your efforts.</p>
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## What fundraisers would you like to see PPA and the Parent Teacher Enrichment Group sponsor next year?

### Actual Responses:

?	??	N/A
N/A	n/a	N/A
????	????	any.
fair	n/a	None
Cookies	No idea	Unknown
bowling	not sure	Not sure.
chocolates	No comment	No opinion
No opinion	Scholastic	Innisbrook?
No Opinion	cookie dough	Answers online
Chocolate Sale	More Book Fairs	doing just great
Same as this year	Chick-fil-A night!	Cookie dough sales
Cookie dough sales	Entertainment Books	Less catalog sales.
School rummage sale	Father/daughter dance	Maybe a Skate Night.
HOLIDAY CARROLLING -	Current ones are fine.	Cookie Dough Bake Sales
Ones you have are good.	Worlds Finest Chocolate	Worlds Finest Chocolate
no specific suggestions.	Read a thon, walk a thon	current programs adequate
Technology - Smart Boards	the fundraisers are great	No suggestions at this time.
Will get back with you on this.	Keep that cookie dough comin'!!!	how about a night at the museum?
how about a night at the museum?	I think the fundraisers are good!	Would have to think about this one.
More involvement with the walk-a-thon	CANDY BAR SALES, BOOK FAIR, SPRING FAIR	I prefer the straight donation buy out.
Small class sizes, friendly atmosphere.	we like the fundraisers you have in place	I do not have any good ideas at this time.
Daddy daughter dance, more family pot lucks	I dont know my child won't be here anymore.	Cookie Dough, Bake sale, Penny Wars, Box tops
Walk a thons, other exercise-related fundraisers	Cookie dough was good. Anything worth the money.	We appreciate what PTEG is doing, no suggestions.
I like cookie dough and Pampered Chef fundraisers.	More group efforts to foster class/grade commodity	If my kid would bring the forms home.. Otis Cookies!
More group efforts to foster class/grade camaraderie.	Party Lite Candles Walk a thon Love the pennies idea :)	I think that all is being done in the area of fundraising.
The Worlds Greatest Chocolate - I never resist them! :-)	Continue the Cookie Dough sales. Maybe do a candybar sale.	Book fair, cookie dough, christmas shop, box tops, penny wars

Book fair, cookie dough, christmas shop, box tops, penny wars	Book fair, cookie dough, christmas shop, box tops, penny wars	Every student or parent should donate \$1.00 a week to school.
continue with book fair and spring fair...have more family nights	Personally I know they are necessary but I'd rather just give money.	Silent auction was fun. Holiday wreaths, car washes, pumpkin patch.
I think those Word's Best Chocolate bars would work well to raise money.	Sport Air watches. Profitable fundraiser with little time to organize.	Some great ideas... <a href="http://school.familyeducation.com/school-fundraising/38482.html">http://school.familyeducation.com/school-fundraising/38482.html</a>
the cookie dough sale is good and the penny collection for the library is my favorite.	None. I strongly disapprove of fundraisers. I will be happy to donate when necessary.	None. I strongly disapprove of fundraisers. I will be happy to donate when necessary.
maybe more/better routers for the computers (I was told that sometimes they don't work well)	I would rather have the option of just giving a certain amount of money than do a fundraiser.	Another student art work silent auction, Father and Daughter Dance, Mom and Daughter Pamper Party.
Maybe a silent auction? I know you do a lot of fundraisers. If I can help obtain items to auction, let me know.	do away with candy and catalog sales. Subway cards are a great fundraiser and easy to sell. something like that would be better.	Maybe in the future we could do a giant "yard sale" with donated items from friends and family. Have it in the parking lot on a Sat and/or Sun.
No more fundraisers, I prefer to donate to the school so that 100% of my payment goes to the school and is not shared with another organization.	No more fundraisers, I prefer to donate to the school so that 100% of my payment goes to the school and is not shared with another organization.	Greenery and citrus is always a good one for the Christmas holidays. "Enjoy the City" is another good one, similar to the "Entertainment" book.
Everybody loves Bingo Night. Why not start one every month? And how about a lottery too? But, be sure to teach about dangers of gambling addiction.	Flowers at Valentine's Day. The chocolate is too expensive. Just mix it up. The same fundraisers (catalog brand, Entertainment books etc..) are done each year.	My child's school was unsafe and I felt like the teachers, counselors, and principal didn't care about my child. In comparison PPA has well exceeded my expectations.
I think this year has been fine for fundraisers. I was surprised that PTEG seems to have very little teacher involvement - I thought they would play a more active role.	Not so many. Each child should pick 3-4 to participate in each year. The children come home and pressure the parents, friends and relatives to buy each and every time.	I would like the PTA to reduce the fundraising to 1 Walk-A-Thon and expect parents to contribute heavily. In return, we would not be nicked and dined throughout the year.
Candy bars sell good at parents offices. The cookie dough was fun but the others schools were ahead of us so made hard to sell when they just bought it from another school.	One year my son had a fundraiser (for baseball) to sell oil changes for \$10. I believe it was from Firestone. They did very well on this since everyone needs this for their car.	Cookies are easier to sell than catalogs with various items. Entertainment books are also good. Box Tops are EASY!! The kids could make collection boxes for their parents to bring to work.
An Outback night. Perhaps we can get a local Outback Steakhouse to partner with us. At previous school Outback would cook all the meals ordered and then drop them at the school where kids and parents could eat.	Kids might enjoy paying for privileges, wearing hats to school, eating lunch in a special place....etc.  I liked the candy grams @ Halloween, Flowers/candy on Valentines day, and other examples like that on certain holidays.	No more Entertainment books, too expensive..what you are doing so far seems to be good, I would like to see a silent auction baskets help at night so the parents can participate after 6pm. Better selling items, I would like to see the scholastic books.
No more Entertainment books, too expensive..what you are doing so far seems to be good, I would like to see a silent auction baskets help at night so the parents can participate after 6pm. Better selling items, I would like to see the scholastic books.	Ones that are under \$10. Pizza Hut cards, candles. NO ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS they're hard to sell since most public schools sell. Have older grades sell candy bags, candy canes, snack shack etc at lunch. the snack shack at our last school was great.	I understand that fundraisers are a necessary part of the school experience. Being that I work at home and my family resides in another state, some sort of on-line national program where children and families with similar circumstances have a greater opportunity to participate would be wonderful.

ArtStamps.com It's got a great return, is something every parent would buy, and if done before Christmas is a high return..plus it goes along the lines of a "creative environment". However, the teacher who runs it has to be really good in instructing and guiding. I ran this program at another school with excellent results	I know that fundraisers are a necessary part of schools. However it is hard for us to participate. We have limited funds and have a hard time asking friends and family that are in the same position to contribute. We give what little we have through our church. Am happy to volunteer and help with anything they choose. I did however like the bake sale.
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## What initially brought you to PPA? Have we lived up to those expectations?

### Summary of responses:

#### **Academics (85)**

- Academics (85)
- Curriiculum and Academics (28)
- Creativity (11)
- Methods (8)
- Math Program (7)
- Learning Environment (7)
- Not FCAT Focused (7)
- Spanish (6)
- Gifted (4)
- Great School (2)
- Clubs (2)
- Specials (2)
- Homework (1)

#### **Other (158)**

- Small Classes/School (43)
- Word of mouth (42)
- Strict Behavior (13)
- Private School Feel (10)
- Letter in mail (7)
- Athletics (7)
- Atmosphere/Family Oriented (6)
- Bad Local Schools (5)
- Safe (5)
- Teachers (5)
- Includes Middle School (4)
- Students (4)
- Location (3)
- Hours (1)
- School Choice Fair (1)
- Parent Involvement (1)
- Communication (1)

#### **Actual Responses:**

Yes	Yes.	drove by
School Yes	Word of Mouth	Academics, yes
My sister - Yes	Referral...yes.	Academics - YES
Creativity - Yes!	Small class size.	Academic Standards
Smaller school -Yes	Word of mouth - Yes	Word of mouth - Yes
Great school and yes	a friend, absolutely!	Letter received in mail
The Math program. Yes.	there flyer in the mail.	Creative curriculum - Yes
Family recommendation; yes	Other families went there.	Family oriented, SAFE. YES
Family oriented, SAFE. YES	More strict on behavior. Yes!	Small school atmosphere. Yes
Over all great school and staff.	Better learning environment. Yes	Poor neighborhood school. Mostly.
Someone told us about the school.	the private school type of setting	Close to School and hours are good.
word of mouth exceeded expectations	Small classes & high academics - Yes	IT INCLUDING MIDDLE SCHOOL ABSOLUTELY
My sons ability to work ahead in math.	Safe environment, good education - Yes	Small school, teachers that care - Yes
school counselor very happy with school	Small school , creative environment yes	Small school , creative environment yes
small class rooms and hands on learning.	Had friends whose kids went to PPA. Yes.	AN INVITATION RECEIVED IN THE MAIL AND YES
honors math program and spanish offered, yes	Recommendation from other student's parents.	more of a private school - you're doing great
Curriculum, motivated and mature students, Yes	great recommendation from other parents. yes	Smaller school for middle school - safer - Yes
Small school - A rating - safe environment - Yes	Word of mouth from a teacher and parent. Yes!!!	Yes you have sending my daughter there next year
Academics performance, offer	Found it at a school fair...and we're	Heard about it from a friend/exceeded

second language, yes	glad we did!	expectations
Expectations met. Smaller school creative teaching	Parent involvement (emails, Grade Book Wizard, etc.	received invitation when she was in 3rd grade. yes
We know a teacher who is quite proud of the school.	We changed from Athenian Academy, we love this school.	Location, small class sizes, clubs and athletics. Yes.
heard from people and got a letter. exceeded expectations	I heard good things and it is very close to where we live.	The private school feel & the sports programs. Yes you have
The comments from students and families of past PPA classes.	A search for something between public and non-public schools.	I found out by a brochure that was sent to our house by mail.
Smaller classes, more focus on core subjects, advanced program	Atmosphere, size. Yes, PPA has lived up to those expectations.	The academic level of charter school versus public school. Yes.
A small, family oriented school. Alternative to public school.	My boyfriends daughter went there and she did well, she loved it	curriculum, sports program Yes, PPA has lived up to my expectations
We learned about PPA from a friend, and we are frequently impressed.	Like the setting of the private school type. Strong academic program.	Teaching methods, smaller (private-like atmosphere). Behavior issues.
Went to the open house, and yes you have lived up to our expectations.	Wanting better-managed homework load; more communication from teachers.	Curriculum and sports programs. Yes, PPA has lived to my expectations.
The hands on learning which the teacher's have gone above the expectations.	The size of the school. Smaller than most, feels more of family atmosphere.	The Gifted program, and yes, you have more than lived up to our expectations.
The calm learning environment that is not always true for other middle schools.	Teacher creative freedom and intolerance of poor behavior. Couldn't be happier!	Teaching methods, smaller classes, private school atmosphere, behavior policies.
A better education and less bullying. And YES you have lived up to those expectations!	Desire for small classes, challenging curriculum, and a safe environment for my son.	Heard from a friends about PPA and the school as lived up to my expectations and more.
Small, intimate setting and education. I Not based solely on FCAT training , You have:)	I was looking for an education more tailored for my child and I am very pleased with PPA.	I was told about PPA by 2 parents who thought it would be a great school. And yes. It is!
The same environment you see in private school but PPA is more strict which i really like	PPA education values brought me to this school. Yes PPA has lived up to the expectations.	Smaller school, higher academics, and creative teaching. yes my expectations have been met.
Small school, good teachers, creative learning. Yes, you have lived up to those expectations.	Creative learning, small school, more private school atmosphere.  Yes, we are very happy at PPA	Recommended by another parent and have been satisfied with our decision to move our child to PPA.
The President of my Co. had wonderful things to say about he Charter School Program - his son attends.	We were looking for a learning environment that treated all students with the same behavior expectations	My reasearch of the shool. I love this school and hope the high school will be ready when the time comes
I wanted a smaller more interactive environment for my child. Those expectations have been lived up to.	Small school. feel. Strong curriculum. Positive atmosphere for learning. Foreign language. Yes, you have.	Yes - I like that it is definitely geared toward students and focused on learning - not just testing results.
I was impressed with how you cater to all childrens learning types. Yes, you have lived up to my expectations.	Small class size,. Better than I could have expected. Teachers are tough. You work hard on student respect.	Making learning interesting and FUN! Also understanding that different childrn learn differently, and adapting!
Slightly larger school then we were at while still Charter. The clubs and sports, music & art and creative learning	The small school size and concern for my 6th grader going into middle school. Yes, PPA has exceeded my expectations.	Good academics with an emphasis on hands-on application. Yes, but we would like to see even more hands-on activities.
We liked that PPA is able to teach in a creative way, not focusing only on FCAT.  It has lived up to our expectations.	looking for a private school feel, with out the cost. Came from all private schools. Yes PPA has met every expectations.	I did not want my child going to Largo Middle School. So I had to find another school and my neighbor suggested this one.
Cookie Dough, Holiday Store, Bake Sales, Night out for Parents with students being watched at school, more family fun nights	The fact that the teachers really care about the students education. Yes you have lived up to and exceded those expectations.	We wanted the private school environment & education. As a previous private school parent I think PPA is as good as it gets.

Other Home Schoolers went there and recommended it. Yes we have enjoyed it and hope to send other other son there for 2012-2013.	A better educational alternative to the school systems middle school program. Also a better learning experience. All is great!!!	She was so bored in her old school. She needed a challenge, and more structure. You have definitely lived up to our expectations.
Our society is going to need a citizenry of thinkers and not just good test takers. We heard your school tries to do both, equally.	I wanted my children to be challenged academically in a small school atmosphere. I do not feel that they have really been challenged.	We were searching for an alternative to putting our child in general population middle school. PPA has met and exceeded expectations.
I did some research online and my other daughter go in. I love the small, cozy environment. Yes, PPA has be great for both of my kides.	The reputation of the school and recommendations of other parents. I have been very please with all I see at PPA (Belcher Rd. excepted).	The reputation of the school and recommendations of other parents. I have been very please with all I see at PPA (Belcher Rd. excepted).
Desire to pursue a better academic experience. In some respects, yes you have, but please note concerns mentioned elsewhere in this survey.	Initially, I was looking for an alternative to our zoned school. We lost our ability to stay at Frontier and I am not a fan of Southern Oak.	We could not afford the tuition at IRCS anymore and PPA was the closest fit, academically, discipline wise and the small family atmosphere.
A good public school in a smaller setting with teachers that care and want children to succeed. Yes, PPA has lived up to those expectations.	That it was small and intimate and I hope with the addition next year and Mr. Fuller moving out of the position of Principal that it stays that way.	Recommendation from another satisfied parent. So far expectations have been met. Will see how well my child is prepared for private high next year.
I didn't want my child to get lost in the shuffle of the big middle schools. I wanted a smaller, more controlled environment. I have been very pleased with PPA.	Smallness of school and above average curriculum. With the exception of -th grade language arts teacher, all the other teachers have lived up to our expectations.	Recommendation from another family.  You have gone beyond our expectations! Our family is extremely happy with PPA and have highly recommended it to other families.
The fact it is an above standard school. I was also happy that my daughter could finish elementary and middle school in the same school instead of having to switch.	Seeking a school where my daughter would actually learn and retain the information, not just memorize it. Smaller environment. Yes PPA has exceeded these expectations	The small class size and past student performance. I believe for the most part my expectations have been met. I do feel my child could be challenged more in some classes.
Our elementary school closed and I liked the fact that at PPA my child would only have to make one change in schools until high school. I have been extremely pleased with my decision.	Middle school availability. Child loves it at PPA but I feel like my child had more challenges at previous school. Surprised that my child can get his homework done in class almost every day.	A change from the Public School and academics geared toward students learning a variety of subjects/topics and not just learning the FCAT. Yes, PPA has lived up to and surpassed my expectations.
The Spanish class, the Gifted program and the changing of classes beginning in 4th grade, rather than 6th. I would like to see the students have more time in Spanish class each week. We LOVE the gifted program!	I heard PPA had a good reputation for academics and a strict behavior program. I also was happy to see PPA used the Saxon Math series, Spanish, and offered several sports. PPA has lived up to those expectations.	Bully Free environment. I think that for the most part this expectation has been met. My only suggestion would be to encourage awareness of student accusations and subsequent discipline as a way for students to bully one another.
The smaller size, safety and focus on learning instead of FCAT. It was also recommended by other parents. We are very happy with PPA and only wished it went beyond 8th grade. There aren't many choices available in high school charter schools.	What initially brought us to PPA was that your school is relatively small with strict behavior guidelines and less focus on the FCAT and teachers who actually teach and care about their students' success. My expectations have been somewhat met.	Less behavior problems.....check more motivated students.....check more challenging curriculum.....check foreign language, great music program, great art program.....check sports programs.....check  all of my expectations have been met....thank you

<p>Small school, safe environment, focus on student performance and academics, and allowing for creativity. And ps. my neighbor's son attended PPA and encouraged us to apply.</p> <p>Yes, all expectations have been met, well... except for on campus prepared lunches.</p>	<p>Small school, safe environment, focus on student performance and academics, and allowing for creativity. And ps. my neighbor's son attended PPA and encouraged us to apply.</p> <p>Yes, all expectations have been met, well... except for on campus prepared lunches.</p>	<p>I did some work for Mrs Mizzi &amp; she went on and on about how much she liked it...went and checked it out and we do to. Both of my sisters teach school in pasco...so we have discussed what we like with them...i think they think we made a good decision as well.</p>
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<p>Word of mouth brought us to PPA. Also heard you used Saxon math series and Accelerated Reader which my son used at his private school before transferring here. I am disappointed that he has not used Accelerated Reader this year. It is a great tool for the teachers and the students.</p>	<p>Word of mouth brought us to PPA. Also heard you used Saxon math series and Accelerated Reader which my son used at his private school before transferring here. I am disappointed that he has not used Accelerated Reader this year. It is a great tool for the teachers and the students.</p>	<p>Word of mouth brought us to PPA. Also heard you used Saxon math series and Accelerated Reader which my son used at his private school before transferring here. I am disappointed that he has not used Accelerated Reader this year. It is a great tool for the teachers and the students.</p>
<p>I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. Fuller during an event at Northside High. After spending a few minutes with him I realized that I held many of the same values in education and knew that this was an institution that we wanted our children to participate with. We have been very happy so far.</p>	<p>I initially enrolled my son at PPA in 4th grade, coming from a private school environment. This exceeded my expectations, above and beyond, and I am thrilled with the social interaction, teaching style, and curriculum that includes art, music, PE, recess, Spanish, as well as all core classes.</p>	<p>I have lived in Pinellas County for the past 15 years and have experienced most aspects of the school system and came to PPA for a more structured program for my child, where she would be challenged. The school has more than met my expectations and I have seen amazing growth in my child in a very short time.</p>
<p>I like the smaller size and the more individual attention, but I was hoping small size would = less stress. When I think of that, no, I think my daughter is very stressed because she has little time to go to her locker and also, the 20 minute lunch is just not enough. Some days are very stressful for her.</p>	<p>My daughter is not an auditory learner. Her needs were not being met. She has thrived at PPA. Also, my oldest was always getting in trouble when his teachers punished the whole class for the bad choices of a few. This was very discouraging for him. In that way, COA and referrals allow teachers to let the consequences go to only those who deserve them. That made all the difference.</p>	<p>Small school for self motivated child (child who wants to learn.) PPA has lived up to expectation except that I think my child has lost study skills. (My child was really good at memorizing and applying and with all the coloring and artwork in geography and social studies, for some reason she doesn't use these memorizing and application skills anymore. (I know she will need them for high school and college.)</p>

<p>The fact that it was billed "Creative learning" which is what my child thrives in. Expectations are a difficult thing to access. Everyone has a different level of them. PPA has not met my expectations in the departments that should be the easiest to make it happen....art and music. I'd like to see that dept improve...get involved in the community, etc... Other classes do try to use creativity in assignments, and that's always good.</p>	<p>We came because PPA has curriculum to challenge my gifted student, Spanish instruction, and more individual attention. The ONLY disappointment has been math. We have not been able to find a way to keep him challenged in math - scheduling does not permit him to take 7th grade math while remaining in 6th grade honors courses in his other subjects. We do appreciate Mr. Clapper's efforts to keep him engaged. PPA has otherwise met or exceeded all our expectations.</p>	<p>We came because PPA has curriculum to challenge my gifted student, Spanish instruction, and more individual attention. The ONLY disappointment has been math. We have not been able to find a way to keep him challenged in math - scheduling does not permit him to take 7th grade math while remaining in 6th grade honors courses in his other subjects. We do appreciate Mr. Clapper's efforts to keep him engaged. PPA has otherwise met or exceeded all our expectations.</p>
<p>It was the lack of control I saw at My daughter's previous school. I do not want to place blame on other schools. I understand there are many factors such as a lack of money being invested by our government and parents on education and a lack of parent involvement, but there has to be a measure of control in working with what you have. PPA has proven that it can be done and I believe that even parents respond when schools do such a great job even with limited resources.</p>	<p>We were concerned about the middle school in our zone whose 2010 motto was "Raise your Standards, Not Your Fists." Fights are so frequent the school has a full time deputy. We liked the K-5 school he was at (via "Choice"), but simply feared the zoned school. We found PPA looking for options. After reading about the school , including these surveys, and visiting - we immediately applied to PPA with the hopes of getting him in ASAP. We are thankful we did, even though the decision to remove him from his K-4th school was difficult. Yes, you live up to our expectations are more. We are delighted to be there and so is our child :)</p>	

## What topics would you like to see addressed during our parent night presentations?

### Actual Responses:

?	?	?
??	NA	No
No	???	N/A
N/A	n/a	n/a
N/A	N/A	none
Unknown	not sure	Not sure.
No opinion	No Opinion	No opinion
I don't know.	Only children	no suggestions
Bullying issues	Bullying issues	Bullying issues
More filedtrips	doing just fine.	NOTHING DIFFERENT
Internet safety tips	I'll get back you !:)	choosing a high school
Raising only children.	Bullying, preteen issues	Can't think of anything.
Motivating your teenager.	N/A p.s. Bruce Lee Rules	N/A p.s. Bruce Lee Rules
No. It's acceptable now.	No suggestions at this time.	I do not attend parent night.
Internet safety in more depth	More High School Preperation	Am unable to attend do to work
Media center needs more books.	Teenage problems. Study plans.	Motivation to study on teenagers.

What high school should they go to	current topics contnued on parenting	meet the teachers - what's coming up
nothing that you aren't already covering	Weaknesses that require parent attention.	I unfortunately have not attended one yet.
Raising money for the future of the school.	Everything has always been addressed thoroughly.	The various presentations have all been helpful.
Not sure - I'll let you know if I think of anything.	How to prevent behavioral problem at school and home	How to prevent behavioral problem at school and home
How to motivate a non-reader to once again enjoy books.	Appropriate use of social networking Bullying prevention	None that haven't already been covered. Great job there!
Tom Kelly's (Sheriff's Dept.) Internet Safety Training.	Class for parents on how to use online school work/support	Help parents with information for students who are leaving.
Parenting strategies for families with difficult children;	Test Preparedness High School Readiness Adolescence in general	Dealing with the changes in our children during the teen years..
how to set an allowance dealing with the teen years - for parents	easing into adolescence ( if there is such a thing as EASING into it)	Nutrition for young teens, internet safety- a Back to school club night??
I think you address great ones, but maybe bullying if that isn't already addressed	maybe workshops on how to improve student study habits, consistent organization, etc.	Any coming changes or challenges you are facing that would require parental involvement.
how we as parents along with the staff can help the students reach their full potential.	how we as parents along with the staff can help the students reach their full potential.	More high school selection programs, the 4 we saw were helpful but there are so many....
How to handle bullies and telling on them and than bullies rallies other and seeks revenge.	Ideas on how we can prep our kids for college during the high school years. What programs are available.	Some of the upper grade student's behavior and attire surprises me. Perhaps closer management of dress code.
Discussions about age appropriate activities available to students (ie. camps, tutorials, music, movies, internet).	I am concern with my kids carrying heavy backpacks at school..... don't want them t have problems on their back/spine	I have no specific suggestions at this time; however, I do find these to be helpful and an enjoyable time to get together.
Teens / Preteens and Dating, Communications with teens and preteens, how to help student without them feeling overwhelmed,	Suggest the children put on a parent night - a play, presentations etc. (Maybe a dance they learned in PE, or a specific art show.)	how to communicate better with teachers  how to help our middle school aged kids get the most out of school  dealing with the change in teens
The parent night presentations are superior and so much information is given. I haven't been to one that has not touched on every aspect of the school!	There are more behavior problems than you care to let us know. Teachers, quite a few, overreact to little problems. Get Glasser!! And = More creativity!	How is the school ranking among Pinellas county schools/nationally. Is there anything we can do to make it the top school in ratings/parent satisfaction?
Making the gradebook wizard easier to check. For parents with multiple children there are two separate login IDs, two separate passwords, and then one must click through each class for each student.	How to use the electronic tools and what they mean. I get all kinds of communications but I am not sure what the teachers are wanting me to get from them, and also what I can do and what I should do about them.	Communication with your student How to motivate your student to give-back to others How to network among other parents in this economy (this would be encouraging) Team building activities so parents could get to know others.

<p>The CONSTRUCTION, helping out the parents in this morning traffic jamb that is right in front of the school, and it makes the children late. Leaving early does not matter I have tested it out many times, once you are stuck in the traffic you are late no matter what.</p> <p>If you allowed the tardies to be excused last year, by calling or walking in your child, you should do it again, until this mess is over.</p>	<p>The CONSTRUCTION, helping out the parents in this morning traffic jamb that is right in front of the school, and it makes the children late. Leaving early does not matter I have tested it out many times, once you are stuck in the traffic you are late no matter what.</p> <p>If you allowed the tardies to be excused last year, by calling or walking in your child, you should do it again, until this mess is over.</p>	<p>Student socialization. Ways to have students interact outside the classroom to build friendships. Students come from so many different neighborhoods that they don't have much to do with each other away from school. School is necessarily structured and there is little time except PE or recess for socialization. I believe our child, because he is new to PPA, would benefit from this since he has made no friends since beginning of school.</p>
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## Do you have suggestions for how we could increase parent involvement at Pinellas Prep?

### **Actual Responses:**

?	No	No
no	no	no
no	no	no
no	No	No
???	n/a	N/A
N/A	No.	No.
None	None	NONE
none	None	No.
no idea	not sure	Not really
I don't know	I don't know.	I don't know.
I don't know.	No suggestions	Same as Previous
Make it mandatory!	I think it is fine.	No I do not, sorry.
No I do not, sorry.	No. It's very good.	Start a PTA or PTO.
Do a great job already	give their kids popcorn:)	give their kids popcorn:)
More functions on weekends	Family nights are wonderful!	Do you have a steering committee?
More family and children activities.	More hours in the day - Less at work!	Unsure since so many families work so much.
Gradebook Wizard is working very well for me	It's tough. I can't find the time some days.	parent lunch days, visit the classroom nights
More hours to volunteering, more information,	Field trips would encourage parent participation.	I have to admit, I am behind on my involvement.
Ways to participate outside of school work hours.	Make the parent group more friendly and inviting.	It is nice that we get emails when there are low grades.

Give parents work they can do at home, at night after work.	Family fun nights are a good idea. Parent lunch program day.	Maybe by sending things home that busy parents could help with.
You have plenty of opportunities and great communication of needs.	not sure. Everyone is just trying to keep their heads above sea level.	Do more socials where children and parents can mix and meet other parents.
No it depends on the hours the parents work. Working 7AM-5:30PM it is difficult	Continue with the Disney Day for volunteering like last year if it is offered again	This is very hard because we come from all over, not just a neighborhood, so, not sure.
I have a hard time getting time away from work this school year to volunteer, so not sure.	Make it mandatory but less hrs or buy out. A separate buy out than the fundraiser buy out.	Post field trips and other volunteer opportunities in advance online for planning purposes
Being a working parent/family. It's hard to volunteer or sign up to help during work hours.	My job, like most, work more with less people. Which also makes it difficult to get time off.	not really. either parents want to or they dont. Nothing can be done to persuade the unwilling.
Active class parents who initiate dialog with parents and recruit them to volunteer and attend events.	We try to be involved but can only do so when we know you need us. Otherwise, we feel in the way and bothersome.	I really don't. I don't understand parents who need to be motivated to participate in their children's education.
Motivate the KIDS to get the parents involved and get them going to functions because the KIDS ARE BUGGING THEM TO.	make a system where we could access what jobs are still open on any given volunteer opportunity that we can reference	I'm sorry to say tha where I would like more involvement, I have to usually bow out due to our business' and ministry.
Parents night out/team building with activities for kids at the school. Parents get to know each other out of school and	Do more family activities in the evening like the Fall game night and TI fun center. Board game nights, family dodgeball,	More opportunities for families outside of the regular school hours. We are a 2 parent family with both working full time.
I think the email announcements work great. They are very informative about help needed and what is going on at the school.	My problem is a time factor. I appreciate those that step in and meet their volunteer hours. Is there anything I could do after hours?	*Vary the meeting nights (day of the week). *Be more specific as to where help is needed during school hours. *More parent/child events.
- Vary the meeting nights (days of the week) - Be more specific as to where help is needed during school hours. - More parent/child events.	I offered to volunteer for the book fair and was never called. I have also not been asked to participate in any other volunteer opportunities.	Have more evening activities for the parents who have to work days. I would love to help out. But it is very difficult for me to have days off.
Well, it might seem time consuming for some people, so make clear that it is fun and enjoyable to be at this school and and every little bit helps.	Six is better than seven, but puts a strain on making dinner. How about getting restaurants to donate free dinners for getting more parents to attend?	Enforce mandatory volunteer hours per family ... those who volunteer get overwhelmed because others do not and there is no consequence for their inaction.
Is there a way for parents who work to do things from home or work that would be helpful? If I had a few hours unscheduled, could I pop in and be useful?	I notice that there was less information on volunteering opportunities than last year. They use to call and ask for help on certain projects such as the spring / fall fairs.	I think with the carline, the school is such a hard place to get in and out of, we are not encouraged to linger at the school. I'm not sure there's much that you can do about it.
have working Saturday. At last school I painted halls, spread mulch, cleaned desks and lockers (during flu season). Since I work - helping during school hours doesn't work for me.	I'm not sure how to answer because I'm not clear on what is expected from a parent in terms of parent involvement. If you can let us know what you'd like for parents to do, I will be happy to.	I'm not sure how to answer because I'm not clear on what is expected from a parent in terms of parent involvement. If you can let us know what you'd like for parents to do, I will be happy to.
I would love to be more involved. It is so difficult to find the time between work, homework, and the every day to day. This is my first year as a working parent. I don't know how people do it!!	reward students with special function such as popcorn, pizza party, ice cream for their parents being involved. If you do this like every few months that might help as all students like to be rewarded.	If we could eliminate the car line and be able to pick up our children on campus somehow, I think we would feel more in touch with the teachers and our childrens classmates and we would meet more parents that way.

<p>I think PPA has done everything possible to get parents involved. It is sometimes hard when parents work full time and are not able to be at the school. I would like to see something offered to do at home to help.</p>	<p>Try to find a way for parent chaperones to not have to pay for events. For our family that becomes a hardship. We are more likely to not volunteer rather than ask for help that we would rather see go to a student.</p>	<p>Have a volunteer personally call each parent to ask for their help specifically. I have found that some people just don't know what to do or how to go about volunteering but when asked personally they are very willing to get involved.</p>
<p>It's like church, the same people do most of the work. I think it helps if people are directly asked to volunteer for an event. It's hard to say no to someone who asks directly rather than a generic announcement sent home by the student.</p>	<p>It's like church, the same people do most of the work. I think it helps if people are directly asked to volunteer for an event. It's hard to say no to someone who asks directly rather than a generic announcement sent home by the student.</p>	<p>Give a list at the beginning of the year of things parents can be involved. Include things parents can do from home. As a single working parent it is hard to always do things on site and some things I can do from home if I knew what was needed.</p>
<p>I only wish I could be involved. My job is the biggest detriment to my ability to be involved. If there were things I could do at home for the school, I would be more than willing to get involved. I am on call a lot and am unable to be too far away.</p>	<p>A difficult question. It seems to require intrinsic motivation and if that is not there, much effort will simply fail. The direct and frequent communication is important - to those of us involved. Perhaps, over time, the constant contact will build some traction.</p>	<p>Yes, parents who spend monies to purchase items for the school should get credit towards their hours. Provide receipt and it would be credited towards the twenty hours. (example spend \$25.00 for every hour) Many parents cannot donate 20 hours at school, how about take home projects?</p>
<p>I wish I did. I work with finding volunteers and it is difficult everywhere. Unfortunately there are so many people with two working parents, single parent homes and even grandparents that are still working. I think you all have plenty of opportunities and do a great job communicating your needs.</p>	<p>This is a hard one. I believe that most of us are so busy that it is hard to find the time to be involved, and I would hate to see it be mandatory, and I think a parent really needs to want to be involved. It's not something that you can really force on a parent, but I feel a lot of parents at PPA DO want to be involved.</p>	<p>I think you have to give a break to those families where both parents (or in a single parent household, that single parent) work full time. I don't think they should have the pressure of 20 hours of volunteer time. Otherwise, it seems that many parents volunteer for class trips and also those events that are for the whole family (like the spring fair). Maybe PPA should have more family-oriented events.</p>
<p>I went to the first "PTA" meeting, signed in, and was never contacted again about participation. There business was conducted as if no new attendees were present, so it was very difficult to inject myself into any discussions, as I had no history with the group and no effort was made to acknowledge/brief new members on past business or ways to get involved. With no follow-up, I was left with the impression that my participation was not needed. Sorry -- I am sure it's a wonderful group with a lot going on, but from an outside perspective, some integration opps were missed.</p>	<p>I believe that parental involvement will always be an issue; however, I believe that there needs to be an incentive for anyone to set aside their personal needs in order to meet the needs of an organization as a whole. Sometimes that incentive could be as small as to see the results of their contributions or being recognized for what they or others have done. I believe that a good idea might even be a public display of recognition for those families who reach benchmark goals, such as 10, 15 and 20 or greater hours. Or even a monthly recognition of families who have made contributions.</p>	

## Do you have suggestions on how we can improve our communication with families?

### Actual Responses:

A+	no	no
no	no	No
No	No	No
idk	No.	No.
NONE	None	Email
Perfect	Facebook	facebook!
See Above.	Doing great	I see no problems
No, it works well	Doing a great job.	E-mail is the best
Good communication	more family nights	No, email is great
Think it's adequate	You do well so far.	keep sending e-mails
No you're doing fine	communication is great	seems great right now.
No, you do a great job!	Just email & news letters.	No. It works well for me!
You are doing a great job!	Already good communication.	Using more online resources
No suggestions at this time.	Communication is FANTASTIC!	Fine - No complaints on this
The phone is great and emails	You do a great job with that.	You have great communication!
think you do a good job of that	think you do a good job of that	I think you are doing a good job.
Communication is great, thank you.	I think you're doing a great job.	no, your doing a great job on that.
No. Great communication currently.	No, I like what you have in process.	Update the website more frequently.
I like the e-mail and phone messages.	I like the e-mail and phone messages.	I think PPA does a great job with this.
the phone calls and emails work for us.	Email and phone messages are working great.	Frequent emails with upcoming opportunities
Communication good online with some teachers.	Communication is one of your strongest assests	I think the email and gradebookwizard works well
What you are doing is great, internet and phone.	What you are doing is great, internet and phone.	Encourage more teachers to use Gradebook Wizard.
I think your are doing a wonderful job at it now.	PPA does a great job at communicating to families.	Same as what takes place now, phone calls, emails.
we like the connect Ed calls, and the email postings	Remember that phone calls are great but less is more.	You do a fantastic job of communicating with families
Have teacher-parent conference regarding our children.	No since you're using phone, computer and written ones.	Class Mom/Dads to keep communication between the two open.
have mandatory teacher-parent conferences at least yearly.	No I think email & phone is the best & only realistic way.	You do a good job with e-mails and phone calls. Thank you!
I feel that email is the way to continue the communications.	PPA does more communicating than most schools, in my experience.	Go back to the paper newsletter - I forget to read the online one.
I think PPA does an outstanding job in communicating with families.	I think PPA does an outstanding job in communicating with families.	I think PPA does an outstanding job in communicating with families.
Maybe consider having printed newsletters available, not only online.	I believe the communication is very good. E-mail has been helpful to us.	I believe the communication is very good. E-mail has been helpful to us.
adequate, though i miss paper copies of newsletter to refer to upcoming events	More info for assignments/homework on Grade Book Wizard. Some times, there is none.	I think the communication is very open and available, so no suggestion on improving.
Communication is currently good. Maybe a text telling parents to check out the email?	I think there should be mandatory parent teacher conferences, at least 1 or 2 a year.	I think communication is very good. Phone, emails, and notes by the student are great.
The agenda book used daily.It's there and should be used by both the parents and teachers.	email is good, sometimes letters home if important just because not everyone gets on email daily.	Should have at least 1 parent teacher conference to be scheduled halfway through the school year.

I believe that the communication at PPA with families exceeds all expectations I have for this process.	More education on how to use the tools, demos, understandin what they mean, what the teacher is asking for.	Need weekly/monthly newsletter sent home. More communication sent home by teachers on what's happening in the classroom
I think communication is very good. I like Mr. Fuller's emails and phone messages, and the weekly emails from teachers.	I think communication is very good. I like Mr. Fuller's emails and phone messages, and the weekly emails from teachers.	I think the emails are the best way and I appreciate getting them! Also, the phone messages with reminders are also helpful!
Call system works great Email from teachers is great My biggest problem is not being able to access the other websites (moodle)	When parent emails come through to teachers, we have sometimes seen no response. Although most of the time we do get a response.	I think the email system, website, and Grade Book Wizard are all wonderful tools. I do not feel I have missed any communications.
Emails and automated phone calls do great. I am very happy with the easiness of mass communication from the teachers and principal.	I like to see more detailed information on inclass work listed on line or have your daily agenda information posted online as well.	Other than what I mentionned above, I think you are doing a fabulous job keeping us informed through telephone messages, e-mails, flyers.....
Email is very effective.Wish all the teachers took the time to communicate this way - even the little homework reminders help us feel better connected	Make it mandatory for children and parents to watch the BBC Nightly News on PBS. It gives EVERYBODY something common/and intelligent to talk about.	Notices in planner - check them every night! Don't always have opportunity to check e-mail.perhaps leave voice mail/telephone that an email has been sent.
Target parents of certain grade levels and things to get involved with in that certain grade level. Have more class get togethers for students and parents together.	Could the parent meetings or PTEG meetings be presented through Skyp or any other way to get parents involved at the meetings without having to leave home on a week night.	I think the website is good. Although it would be nice to have an email link to say that your child will be late or absent from school. Often I can't call, but I can email from work.
- Notices in planner; check them every night. We don't always have an oppportunity to check email. Perhaps leave a voicemenail/telephone message that an email has been sent to alert us.	Send e-mails when tests and quizzes are coming up to help us open the lines of communication with our child. For whatever reason our child does not always recall that they have a test coming up.	I think the communication has been very good. One suggestion about email notices - have email (including PTA) come from an address that identifies them as PPA, so they don't get deleted w/o being read.
I would like my child to get more information to me at an earlier date so that I can be of assistance to him, rather than being the day before.  Also if teachers would e-mail some of the deadlines earlier.	I think your google group is very successful at getting messages to us. I also love that the teachers email us for random updates (What we are studying this week, Ask your child what they learned about..., There will be a test on...)	I think your communication is good. The communication with several of the teachers is on the poor side. This could improve. Ie: when a parent writes to the teacher, there should be an immediate response...within 24 hours anyhow. Or a quick phone conversation. This doesn't always happen, more often not.
I would recommend a mandatory conference with teachers and parents during the first grading period or atleast first semester of each year. I think it would be ideal to schedule 15-20 minutes of one on one time to ensure everyone is on the same page as each grade/teacher has different expectations and open house is rather chaotic to really get much information.	Using emails, phone messages and handouts are all excellent. If it's something more urgent, maybe a handout that needs to be signed by the parent/guardian (and if it is not signed, that parent should be contacted directly). If there are families that continuously do not seem t0 follow what is being communicated, I think those parents need to contacted directly.	Currently I think it is pretty good. I get emails almost daily about homework assignments, upcoming events, etc. When I come to pick up my daughter if a teacher sees me and needs to talk they approcah me. There are conferences and open communications. If you are an involved parent, there is no way the communication is lacking. If you are not an involved parent and you have email, there is still now way communication can be lacking.

## Do you have anything else you would like to add?

### Actual Responses:

No	no	NO
no	No	n/a
No.	6th & 8th	We love PPA!
Keep up the good work	Keep up the good work!	Keep up the great work!
PPA is an awesome school.	Everything is going good,	Please consider a high school....
Keep up the good work. We love PPA!	We love the school and how it runs.	Great staff. Generally good kids.
I am very happy with the excellent teachers	I am very pleased to have my child attend PPA	Thank you for being here and for all that you do.
Maybe update on where we are with volunteer hours.	Thanks for caring, to all the staff and teachers.	I'm very happy with the school and my son's teachers!
I LOVE PPA!!! I am so sad that this is our last year!	Thank you Mr Fuller and Staff doing what you do everyday!	Thank You Very Much for all your work....we appreciate it
Yes, You SHOULDNT HAVE CHIDERN got to mcdonalds or be a walker	Thank you for this opportunity to share our thoughts and ideas.	Thank you for the years at PPA and looking forward to New Point!
PPA is a fine school. Only complaint is the location of the school.	PPA is a fine school. Only complaint is the location of the school.	PPA is a fine school. Only complaint is the location of the school.
I love this school and am very excited about the new addition next year.	Thank you for a wonderful learning experience for my child and for myself.	Very pleased with the updates sent out. Thank you for keeping us in the loop!
Keep moving forward....Challenge us, yourselves and our children to be their best!	Keep moving forward....Challenge us, yourselves and our children to be their best!	It's a great school and we are glad that you are here for our child to learn and grow.
very happy nervous about what my choices are after 8th grade, wish you had high school	No, I appreciate all the effort that makes the students' days safe and successful. Thanks.	You are all doing a great job, have already recommended PPA to those I know looking for a school.
Pinellas prep is an excellenent school but its sad that he cant finish his high school years there.	If possible, can you add access somewhere within the website that we can view our total volunteer hours.	Getting settled into PPA and looking forward to having both of our children there next year, with the expansion.
Just a very big THANK YOU on the behalf our child. You all are doing an exceptional job and we appreciate it very much.	We love PPA and the staff here. Everyone does and Excellent job and so helpful and caring. My students enjoys PPA very much.	I feel the staff at PPA is the best i have ever seen. I also feel that without Mr.Fuller this school would not be what it is.
id like to be able to put some time in its finding it if you need a person who knows adiuo my husband can he works for sound desition	We would like to see more physical exercise for the students. Also there has been talk of a tutoring program which we would like to see.	I hope with the addition of the new school, PPA still retains its small school feel. I hope the new administration will live up to the task.
Tremendous school..... you should be very proud. It might be nice to entertain the idea of a school uniform as oppose to a school dress code.	We are not on top of our volunteer hours this year! We need gentle reminders and a tally sent to us a couple times a year to keep us on track	We love this school, the teachers, and the administration!! Thanks for all your hard work Mr. Fuller!! You really want this to be an excellent school!
What counts in the 20 hours? That may help us if we understand what we can do. For example, if we bring things in for a bake sale, if we chaperone a field trip.	We feel so fortunate to have found PPA and for our children to attend this school. They enjoy the afterschool activities and the opportunities to be creative.	We feel so fortunate to have found PPA and for our children to attend this school. They enjoy the afterschool activities and the opportunities to be creative.
We LOVE PPA ! Has met and exceeded all expectations.  only thing that I might complain about would be the cost of some of the field trips. some are a little expensive.	Overall, extremely happy with the school and looking forward to getting more involved now that other responsibilities have been met. Would LOVE to see a "PPA Senior", i.e. high school!	thank you for being available for our family. The work load is a lot but its only going to get worse in middle school & high school. Glad that my child is being taught this so early on.

<p>I am very grateful that my daughter has the opportunity to attend PPA and I know once she gets used to it and has caught up with everyone else, that she will excel and enjoy the experience.</p>	<p>The teachers {in general} seem to not communicate with the PTEG group. This is very disappointing. The Pteg supports the schools children , the Teachers need to be part of the support group.</p>	<p>I am really happy with Principle Mr. Fuller. He is always involved with the kids and in every aspect of the school. He is extremely dedicated and it has shown with the success of the school.</p>
<p>Thank you for doing a good job with the children, just help them out so they are not late all the time and they get in trouble for it, its not their fault and its not your either.</p> <p>Thank you for listening...</p>	<p>Thank you for doing a good job with the children, just help them out so they are not late all the time and they get in trouble for it, its not their fault and its not your either.</p> <p>Thank you for listening...</p>	<p>Just wish the school could relocate to a better campus with more space for sports (track, basketball/volleyball court, football field, etc.), and to a location that is not at a major intersection. These are the only complaints.</p>
<p>Some random thoughts:</p> <p>slow laptops; some concern that teachers are not supervised close enough (lots of movies and some poor written communication skills); substitute teachers "clueless" per my children and "grades by ---- unfair"</p>	<p>Thanks for your continued goal of providing us the best a school can offer. Nothing is perfect, but at least you're always striving to be better. Your front desk staff is great, and gives the best first impression of the school... kudos</p>	<p>This is our first year at PPA and my son is so happy here! He's enjoying all of his classes and teachers. He always is telling us about something new he's learned or some interesting project he's working on. He loves going to school!</p>
<p>Some teachers do not keep Grade Book Wizard updated and then we find out about grades when it is almost too late. In the past when I had another child at PPA a teacher did not respond to my calls and/or emails regarding a discipline issue.</p>	<p>Over the past 2 yrs., The wife and I put in more than twice the amount of volunteer time. Between school, and new jobs, one being out of town, it's nearly impossible to volunteer....and we hate this, but, it is what it is.</p> <p>Keep up the good work! Thank you!</p>	<p>I think there is a good mix of teachers and staff who encourage the students to be the best they can be and to succeed through there hard work and effort. The teachers and staff really have made the difference for my son who enjoys going to school at PPA for the past 4 years. THANK YOU!</p>
<p>I believe our child is having a good experience even though he protests so much homework. The only sorrow we have is that he seems to be isolated among his peers and feels he is not liked by the other students. We are working with him on what he might be doing that contributes to this and hope it will get better as the year goes on.</p>	<p>I believe our child is having a good experience even though he protests so much homework. The only sorrow we have is that he seems to be isolated among his peers and feels he is not liked by the other students. We are working with him on what he might be doing that contributes to this and hope it will get better as the year goes on.</p>	<p>I looked the the options for middle school tracks. It seems that there is a track for extra math and music and there is a track for extra reading and art. I know it is difficult, but my child would not want to give up art for music or give up music for art. We would give up Spanish. Can you look into a track that has two days art and two days music?</p>
<p>Thank you to the front office staff. I am so grateful for your help on a daily basis.</p> <p>I am also grateful for Mr. Fullers passion and enthusiasm. It shows!</p> <p>I've recommend my cousin's family. 2 out of 3 of her children have already been accepted.</p> <p>My sister has twins and an almost four year old. She can't wait to attend PPA. Thank you!</p>	<p>More training for staff on children with Aspergers/Autism/Sensory issues. I sent information on a seminar to a couple of the teachers and received no feedback. I believe it would be helpful with all children, not just kids with special needs.</p> <p>Also, grades need to updated quicker on Gradebook so any issues can be addressed as early as possible. Would like to see a typing class added for the kids.</p>	<p>Any survey tends to invite criticism and not praise; I would like to thank you for a well-run school. Our son genuinely looks forward to it and enjoys his classwork. I also appreciate those faculty and staff who stand out in car circle each morning and afternoon, rain or shine, to make sure everyone loads and unloads safely. Overall we are satisfied, and only ask that our stated concerns be considered. Thanks!</p>

<p>Our family loves PPA. Thank you for making it a wonderful school.</p> <p>A few suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Kids need more than 20 minutes for lunch (they sometimes get less time if they are chosen to clean up)</li> <li>2. Teachers should reply to parent emails within a day or two.</li> <li>3. Some kids feel like they are not allowed to use the bathroom or it is a big deal if they ask. Teachers should only restrict bathroom use if the student "abuses the privilege".</li> </ol>	<p>I think there should be forms available if a parent would like to let the principal know something positive or negative about a teacher that would be anonymous. That way if the same comments are being made by more than one parent, the teacher with the positive comments could be rewarded in some way and the teacher with the negative comments could be given a chance to improve, or, depending on how severe the negative comments are, fired.</p>	<p>We are very happy to have the privilege of having a (grand)child attending PPA and only wish we had been able to start sooner. I love all the teachers I have had the opportunity to interact with. I also appreciate the focus on projects instead of just busy work for homework. It seems to make the subjects so much more interesting. We could never afford a private school but this is the best of both worlds. I feel welcome every time I walk through the front door.</p>
<p>I just want to thank PPA for helping our daughter and being a school that challenged her mind and worked with her and opened many doors to her. She understands that you must work hard in school, respect teachers and authority and school is a place for learning. It is up to her now to put that to good use and carry that into high school. I feel like PPA gave her a great head start and my wife and I are very appreciative of the teachers and administrators at PPA. Thank you.</p>	<p>Based on feedback from people I knew visited PPA this year - several comments were made that the front office didn't seem as professional as other schools (eating at desks, open personal conversations, etc) and I heard a few comments of surprise over the teachers dress code - not sure exactly what or who they were referring to... I know these are minor details, but potential parents are looking at everything and the school staff sets the feeling/tone for the entire school.</p>	<p>Spanish teacher needs to post some assignments. Example: When learning the sounds of the alphabet there was a specific way. The student journal are at school. Something could have been posted in GBW for parents to print. When learning food groups posting the handout on GBW would have been helpful. I had to find a student from the other class to print it for us. I understand not making copies for every student, just use GBW. Posting a message letting us know what is being done in general from one test to the next would be helpful. Our students only open up so much about what is going on in class. A bit more communication would be helpful coming from the teacher.</p>
<p>Basically the school is great and my daughter is challenged. I hope that next year more time is allowed for lunch, changing classes, and also that you ease up on the bathroom policy a bit. There are certain times of the month when girls may need some extra time to use the bathroom and my daughter has missed school because she is so stressed out about that. There is no time between classes, there is no time during lunch (not even enough time to eat), and then she has to sign the book if she needs to go during class time. She is worried about getting a referral for going to the bathroom - this is a basic human need! I understand that some kids take advantage but there has to be a better way. Thanks!</p>		