



BROOKWOOD SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE 2022

Parkland School Division 70

Which school program is your child enrolled in?

Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about Brookwood School and/or Parkland School Division this year? (Note: you can hit the three purple dots and skip a thought in the 'Star' phase if a thought doesn't apply to you.)

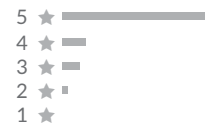
I'm glad they haven't switched to online schooling this year Child does not learn well at home

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Ranked #1 of 82



There should be field trips and hot lunch Field trips and hot lunches can be done safely and my children really miss them

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I appreciate the quality of teaching in the school but students have limited opportunities, opportunities that other PSD students have. Hot lunch & Club Moo never came back, no running club, no ski club, no swimming. Others school have these options and our kids don't.

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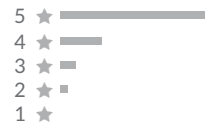
Teachers They are what is important.

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I appreciate that my son has such a wonderful teacher this year and he is thriving in her class. He's only in grade 1 and it's important that he loves school and has a great attitude about school moving forward

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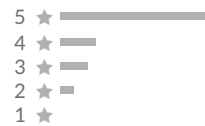
Friendly staffs,can reach them anytime.Inknow my kid is in good hand with them.

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All staff we've interacted with have been so kind, and helpful! Our sons teacher has been so awesome with motivating him. Having a great teacher has been critical to my sons progress in school. He looks forward to school, and he feels safe there.

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I really appreciate most of the staff It makes my child feel safe and secure

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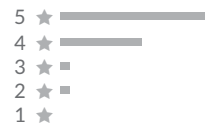
My child's teacher has been excellent this year. Extremely accomodating to everyone's unique situations. Flexibility is important with how things are in the world currently.

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The teachers and staff at brookwood are awesome. My children know and feel the environment around them The staff have made it as positive as possible.

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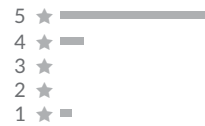
Teacher is very responsive to concerns and willing to provide solutions. Gives parents peace of mind when kids are first starting out

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Can we get the City to put in an advanced turning light/signal at the Brookwood/King Street intersection? Lots of pedestrians and cars... There have been "close calls" at that intersection, and it's only getting worse. Having two schools in one location warrants better traffic flow.

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Very welcoming and feel like family there. Always got along with everyone and love that they know my children by name. Children need to feel comfortable while st school

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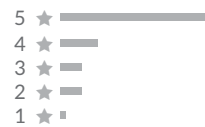
I appreciate everything the staff are doing to keep our kids safe and away from online learning. Kids need school, and need their friends. At times school is a safe place for many kids.

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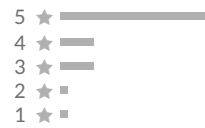
Parking is insane. Have to arrive so early to get a spot (when you have young ones and you must leave the vehicle to meet them for pickup) Causes major traffic on king street and takes way to long to pickup and drop off kids when you have to arrive so early for parking

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I appreciate use of the seesaw app Gives me a glimpse into my child's day

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I really appreciate the kindness demonstrated by staff. My son has grown out of his shell since being at the school and his learning is amazing!

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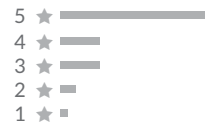
I appreciate the drive these teachers have brought to our daughters classroom. Not just throughout the pandemic but before it as well. Positive Leadership is everything. When the students see and feel good vibes from their mentors, it enables them to focus their attention positively.

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I have concerns about the lack of parent presents in the school. As a parent I feel a huge disconnect not knowing teachers on a face to face level It's important so we have connection. The teachers know more about the kids family. And I would know a little more about how my kids are actually doing

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Other schools often have traffic directors. We need some sort of useful traffic plan! The congestion in the parking lot and along the main school road has caused me to be late many times. Not everyone can leave 30 minutes early!

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The school trying to keep things as normal as possible for the kids during the pandemic In person learning is especially important for my daughter with ASD. She learns better around her peers, teachers and aides. The teachers are amazing

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I wish parents could be more involved in school programs and education of our kids in more meaningful ways. being engaged in what my child is learning & how they're adjusting socially is important as I know them best and personally. Learning continues at ho

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Teachers and support staff are wonderful and have gone above and beyond to keep our kids safe, in school, & provide at home learning when needed Our kids physical and mental health. The thrive when in school and surround by positive influences.

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Love that maranatha is offered through both brookwood and wood haven. It gives the students more opportunities for options and extracurricular activities. Moving with non maranatha friends gives a sense of familiarity.

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Each child has different needs for connection and I feel that the flexibility of our teachers has been amazing in these times. Both the physical AND mental health of a child is equally important and I feel the TEACHERS we've had have navigated the mental health side well.

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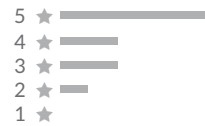
As a new Brookwood parent I really appreciate the caring staff and my child has really connected with her teacher and integrated nicely my child is thriving at a new school

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I loved how the teachers were, they were friendly and helpful despite the limitations forced on them by the larger board. Allowing schools, and teachers to determine what is best for their students is the best way to go about things. Top down rule leads to bad outcomes.

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I really like the curriculum that's been taught. Some of the work is challenging but the teachers have made it fun. I want my kids to enjoy learning. I remember my great teachers and the ones that made learning fun. So far, the work seems challenging and fun.

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Parents are usually great at 'Zipper' effect into the school parking lot It's always tough getting into the school. Most of the time parents are great at alternating entering the parking lot from each direction of king st

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Parents should be able to have more involvement within their child's class Parents need to know what it's like at school for their children and we are already being left out of a lot of choices concerning education!

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I appreciate the opportunity to be enrolled in MCP. I am thankful that K-4 does not have to wear masks. I am disappointed that there were no field trips this year when other schools were making those opportunities available to their students.

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Love maranatha but concerned that it could potentially move locations; would like to see it remain. Continuity for soo many kids, the program was recently relocated & doing so will disrupt many kids & families. Enough change has happened withcovid.

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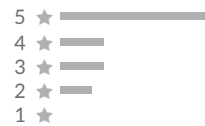
I am grateful to have my kids participate, grow and learn in a program (MCP) that coincides with our beliefs. I strongly support MCP. In a society that is sliding further away from Christian values, I want my kids to have a foundation of Biblical principles.

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I appreciate this type of platform for voicing thoughts and concerns. It would be nice to feel like there is consideration for my opinions. Especially since I haven't been allowed to be physically involved in my child's schooling.

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Only concern is the parking situation in the winter. I dont understand why parents line up on the side and block traffic on King street. I don't want to see anyone get injured is all!

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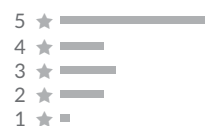
I really appreciate the chance to answer the scheduling survey on days off from school As a working parent it helps me plan things and suggest what works best for my family

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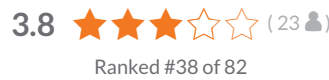


I appreciate Brookwood's administration and the collaboration among teachers in both regular and MCP programs. Important to have collaboration with a program like MCP, and I believe it strengthens all teachers at Brookwood. Admin support is awesome!

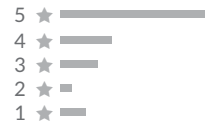
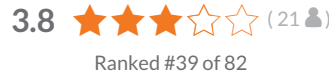
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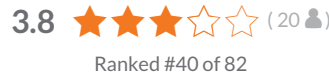
Are teachers opinions are being heard and considered as much as they should be. They should be able to prioritize the biggest need of the time. Teachers know their students & what the biggest needs are, academic vs emotional. In this time my child's mental health is the priority over academic.



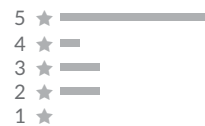
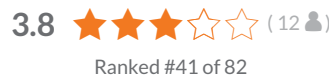
Parents should be allowed to be in their child's school. It is crazy to me that I haven't had the opportunity to be involved where my child spends a huge amount of their time. Enough already. The teachers need as much support as they can get and parent volunteers are so important!



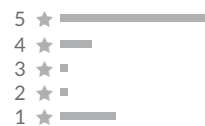
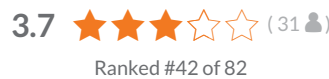
The option to have my child attend a program that considers our strongest beliefs and at the same time is integrated with the rest of the school is amazing. MCP is incredible.



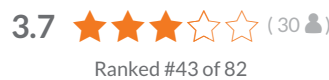
Due to COVID (I believe) there have been few/no extra-curr. fun events and opportunities to see the school and for my child to play sports, clubs, etc I hope going forward the clubs, sports teams, school events will return for kids to have a rich school experience



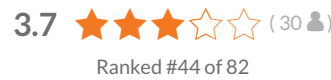
Masking at school is unnecessary for kids. Let the parents choose!! Kids have been through enough. Let them have some sense of normal again!



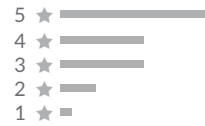
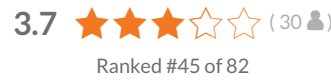
Safety and Management of the Pandemic. Parkland County (Brookwood where our oldest attends), has done a great job with keeping it safe and fun. Great communication since day 1. Thank you!



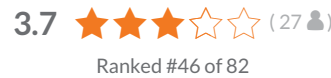
The teachers are fantastic, communication to parents has been great, particularly because parents can't physically go into the schools/classrooms. Helps feel less disconnected, I hope once COVID is gone we can go back to allowing parents in the school, to see the classrooms, etc.



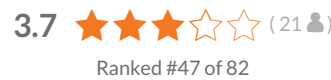
We appreciate the aides in the classrooms, their covid protocols in place, the way the teachers communicate, engage and care about the kiddos It has helped our daughter grow and love school so much being supported loved and challenged at school



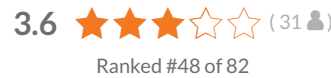
IEP are important to help parents support our children at home It helps me understand things my daughter struggles with and gives me and idea what we can do on our part to help them with their challenges.



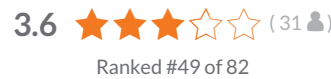
My child has missed out on SO many important aspects of school in the last two years. The things that actually make kids like school. Field trips, chapel, extracurriculars, school wide events and interaction. Just as important as anything else.



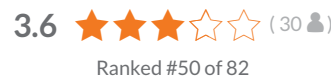
Children should not wear masks at school Mask wearing hurts the social development and mental health of children who are at no higher risk from COVID than from the flu.





I am not a fan of the split class set up . They are incredibly hard not only on the students but on the teachers who already have to deal with COVID The teachers get worn down and the students don't get the one on one they deserve. With this set up their must be more supports in place for both!

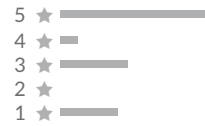


Concerns about the masking policy for children. It makes my child not want to attend school.





I am concerned about talks of the MCP program moving to another location again. It is unfair to both teachers and students to use this program as the "floater" program. Disruptive to kids who need stability.

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Masking for kiddos while in school It's concerning they need to wear masks all day. Some children even adult experience allergies, anxiety and coughs while wearing them.

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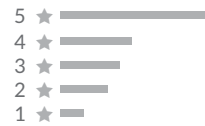
Mental health support is scarce. Our kids deserve better! it is hard to get!! Have we not learned how important this is within school system's? Covid can't be an excuse anymore

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I would like more updates on my child's progress Would like to know how he is doing

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Ranked #54 of 82





very icy walkways and paths to the school, especially through the alley with cars everywhere. I am concerned about safety and kids slipping and falling or falling under cars

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Ranked #55 of 82





I appreciate the Christ centred curriculum delivery approach of the Maranatha program It reinforces Christian ideal and provides foundation for our young ones

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Parking lot needs attention There should not be cars lined up on the road unable to safely pull in

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Brookwood has been a great school so far and the staff have been wonderful

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Wonderful teachers Our teacher this year has really helped our little guy to blossom. It's been so lovely to see.

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Grounds not being taken care of this year. Garbage all over in the summer/fall and bad snow/ice in the in winter so far. Safety issue.

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Kids being made to bring there lunch garbage home but cans / juice boxes are kept ???
Makes lunch bags smelly and gross with any liquid maybe left.

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Would appreciate longer Parent / Teacher conferences - whether in person, or via teleconference. 10 minutes per session is not long enough. Some people need less, some people need more but there shouldn't be such pressure to finish within the 10 m

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I am concerned the children do not get enough access to the counsellors Mental health is very important.

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Ranked #63 of 82





I appreciate that the teachers and staffs are really caring and communicative. My only concern is kids have to wear masks all day at school. Knowing that my daughter is in good and caring hands gives me such peace of mind. I believe masking is ineffective and actually harming the kids.

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I notice that Sophia is happy and love going to school. It means that i have her in good environment and it will help her development.

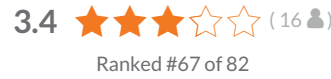
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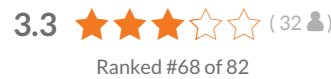
I think Parkland county acts without enough consultation with parents. The decisions around Covid protocols are done with little to no consultation.



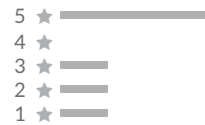
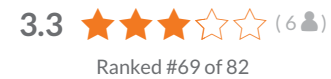
I don't necessarily disagree that parents are not consulted on COVID protocols but I don't think PSD really has an option in this case



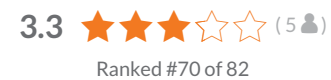
Masks They have been proven ineffective and are harming the children



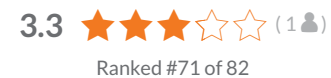
It has been so wonderful to have administration who appreciate and see value in the Maranatha Christian Program. Having leadership who are for your program make it feel like the program is wanted and valued.



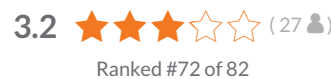
Masking-Covid Protocols PSD should have taken a stronger stance. Masking K-12 at a minimum.



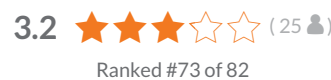
I am not at all religious but respect those that are, but with that being said, I do not agree with religion being part of the public system.





Chapel My children have lost almost 3 solid school years of no chapel. That is huge to celebrating god together.



MCP maybe moving to Broxton Park Love Brookwood. Facility, options, room to grow,.





SO glad that our kids don't have to mask anymore!!!

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MCP Program Very valuable and important program. Want to see it grow more.

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Parents should be allowed in the school regardless of their vaccination status Parents have their children's best interests at heart and are their children's most important advocates.

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How the school board plans on helping our students/children catch up academically, from the brutal set back caused by Covid. Any tutoring programs?

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Consideration for less PD & Staff Planning Days throughout the school year. PD, breaks and planning days = 31 days off. An entire month that parents need to find alternate care, can teachers not do some of these in the summer?

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The segregation of parents, teachers and volunteers based on their medical status, regardless of the reason. This, to me, was deeply immoral. From a purely moral perspective, the segregation was fundamentally wrong. However, it was especially bad since it had no scientific basis to allow it.

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The garbage-less lunch program has got to GO!! SG doesn't accept many things for recycling anymore so this just means garbage makes a disaster of a lunch bag, only to be thrown out at home. AWFUL!!

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Found the first time I addressed an issue about a teaching method that all of a sudden my child was a problem You should be able to address issues without the child suffering

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I wish there was an after school care program at the school for child care. Child care options for working parents are limited in the area. Other schools in PSD do have options.

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