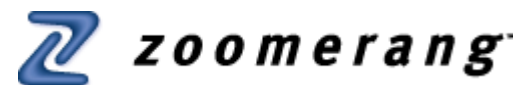


Deer Canyon Parent Survey 2008

Results Overview



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12. Share one thing about Deer Canyon that you appreciate and would not want to see changed.	
#	Response
1	Important to keep the parents involved for the great community feeling.
2	The music program and MAPS testing.
3	I like the communication and availability of my child's homeroom teacher. She is always responsive to my e-mails/calls and receptive to suggestions.
4	Deer Canyon has embraced recycling in the classrooms, which has been a positive educational experience for the kids, and I would not want to see that go away.
5	My kids LOVE science lab with Mr. Arii. I would hat to see that changed. They also LOVE singing with Mr. Lee. I hope we can keep him, too.
6	Love all the parent interactions and extra activities.
7	I cannot say enough good about the resource team at Deer Canyon. The Speech and OT were very helpful for my child. Teachers Stephanie Hudson and Jennifer Langlois were responsible for the major success of my child. He will be mainstreamed next year and I cannot thank them enough for their hard work getting him to that point. My prayers have been answered by the wonderful aides, teachers and specialists at Deer Canyon. I wish I had a whole book to give specific examples of things they have done for my child.
8	Morning read for the younger children.
9	Communication between teachers/families.
10	I believe the parent/student reading program started by Mrs. Graves has been a tremendous success. I'd like to see that continue for years to come. (No cost to the school!!)
11	The numerous family activities such as the Sock Hop, Holiday Shopping Bazaar and Winter Wonderland, Character Counts evenings, Family Fun Night, etc. These create an important sense of community among the Deer Canyon families.
12	Principal Schull, leadership, wonderful teaching staff, support for parent involvement , reading recovery program, arts attack and other extracurricular activities, running club
13	I appreciate the important email/phone messages from the administration. It is a great tool helping us busy working parents up to date and involved. I am extremely pleased with Deer Canyon's teachers and staff.
14	I like the openness of the staff and campus: the ability of parents to communicate with the staff, the staff's willingness to listen and share information, and the ability to volunteer in the classroom.
15	Halloween and other festive days
16	Deer Canyon is like an extended family. They show appreciation for everyone. They respect all cultures and show care and concern for their kids.
17	Special education program is top notch
18	music program with Mr. Lee
19	The Teachers and the quality of the education our children receive
20	Reading Recovery
21	I want it to stay exactly how it is. I do think the emailing of the newsletter would be more cost effective in regards to the budget.
22	I wish Mr. Scull was staying - wishful thinking!!
23	CONCERNED TO THEIR STUDENTS ALWAYS.
24	I appreciate the extra-curricular activities that is provided at Deer Canyon such as Music & physical education, science labs & computer labs, art programs & also the Friday AM sports programs.
25	We truly appreciate the caring nature of Principal Earl Scull with the students. We have seen him bend over backwards to help families succeed. He has some big shoes for others to fill. Also the Echos is wonderful! This is the first school we've known to give written recognition of parent volunteers for all the various things done. How fabulous to see your name included in a written thank you! Besides good manners, this is how you positively encourage further investment by the many very busy families. This has also helped to offset the occasional lack of appreciation received from teachers for volunteering, giving of supplies, and giving of gifts.
26	I appreciate the typing instruction, morning read in kindergarten (not as useful in 1st grade), and the daily DLR. I also think PTA events and communications create a wonderful sense of community at the school!
27	The communication between parents and teachers. I have been very happy with all the teacher's we have had over the years and everyone trying to acheive the same goal for their children it is crucial to communicate, whether it be positive or negative
28	Science Lab - what a great addition.

29	The loving yet respected atmosphere Mr. Scull has created and the improvements that were done with the staff of ESS!
30	I love that Deer Canyon still has science lab, computer lab time for the kids as well as the music & PE programs. I think kids need to experience all these different aspects of education. I think it keeps school interesting & keeps learning fun. I am happy to contribute to the foundation to keep these programs in place.
31	This school brings the community together and creates a "village" atmosphere for raising our children. The principal, teachers, and staff are very responsive to parent input.
32	I feel like Deer Canyon is a community "Family" school atmosphere and I would never want that feeling to change.
33	The teacher involvement. The environment is very nurturing.
34	As a parent of a special education student, I appreciate the effort of the school and staff to include special education students in the mainstream classes.
35	The class ratio size.
36	The Communication is great. I look forward to the Echos every Fri. and depend on it. I also feel there is an "open door" policy for the principal to hear any concerns I may have.
37	The strong PTA conducted so many activities which brought in the parents close to school and would like to share the cost what the school needed!
38	A hardworking, caring, dedicated, available-to-students-and-parents principal.
39	We love the science lab. Can parent volunteers somehow help expand it or provide a club to increase science exposure?
40	I love Deer Canyon because it is a small school w/ a 'small town' feel - I feel safe sending my child there because I know there is a lot of diligence in making sure parents are happy, students needs are being met (emotionally & academically) and I feel the teaching staff, as well as the support staff care about the children and do their best to do a really great job in educating them and teaching them to be good citizens. I also am really happy with the ESS program and feel Jennifer has done an exceptional job there in the past couple of years.
41	Teacher Dedication & Jamie Clements; she has been a huge role model to my children
42	Fri morning clubs
43	Everyone seems so interested and caring with the children and with the different and unplanned things that just come up. The staff seems genuinely concerned about the growth of the children regardless of whether it's personal growth or challenges or educational growth or challenges.
44	open communication with each of the teachers
45	The amount of parent involvement. I would like to see more functions like the magic show to bring the school community together
46	PTA Members and activities
47	Thank you for a wonderful Principal, teachers.
48	The Foundation, wonderful office staff, and the fact that the grounds are accessible to the community after school.
49	Running club
50	I feel like Deer Canyon is a close-knit community. I love all the support I receive both from the staff as well as other parents. I truly believe that DC follows the "It Takes a Village to Raise a Child" analogy.
51	The kindergarten reading program.
52	Good Communication with parents.
53	I would not like to see music, PE or science/computer removed from the curriculum. I would be willing to participate in more fundraisers if necessary.
54	Science lab and running club. My daughter loved being able to participate in science field day this year.
55	I really appreciate the outreach the school does to bring families together for recreational activities-- the movie night, magic show, sock hop, family fun night-- and for educational seminars like Susan Koske. Also really appreciate the PTA funded morning programs like Choir and sports and would not want to see any of this changed.
56	Children may participate in Science Field Day by choice NOT by taking a test to make the team!
57	The ESS program, enrichments
58	I think each grade level educational field trips are wonderfully and some could be added, if possible.
59	Friday morning activities
60	Our child loves singing with Mr. Lee, and our family always enjoys the show the class puts on at the end of the year.
61	The teachers are incredible! I wish Earl Scull was not retiring...he will be missed terribly!
62	The program with Mr. Lee
63	I love reading recovery. I think it is proactive. And I am sure it is helped many kids from falling behind.
64	The Principal!
65	Since coming to Deer Canyon last Spring, my children have had the BEST Academic instruction by far. Deer Canyon is all about excellence,

	and this is something I would NOT want changed!
66	The strong emphasis on education,safety, and kindness. We had Miss Iliff this year, if for the rest of our years with Deer Canyon the teachers could posses her passion and kindness, we couldn't ask for anything more.
67	The focus on personal responsibility on being a good citizen
68	NA
69	The teachers and parents are supported in their efforts by the current principle, I hope the new principle will have the same priorities.
70	The teachers
71	We love the Friday sports clinics before school.
72	My dtr in kindergarten really can read . reading skills are taught early.at this school.
73	I appreciate the friendly staff that are always there for us and listen to our concerns/answer our questions. I am also glad that the school welcomes parent participation and involvement. I hope that there is continuity with the way Mr. Scull runs the school and the way new principal will handle things. This will be the 4th principal since our family came to Deer Canyon. I hope that this one will stay for a while.
74	School open house
75	Earl Scull
76	The Unity.
77	The special ed program is great - I think it's great how special ed children are mainstreamed into the classrooms.
78	We appreciated that all the teachers worked hard to achieved high academic standard. Therefore, we don't want some if not all leave this coming school year. Overcrowding the classroom with less teacher put more stress to the teacher and less attention to the student.
79	ESS progam is wonderful. The kids that help out with traffic every morning are doing a great service and should be proud. Keep up the good work!!! Deer Canyon is a great school and I am proud to have 2 children graduate and 1 still in the system.
80	The strong sense of community we have experienced during the nine years we have had children at Deer Canyon.
81	Unfortunately, it is Principal Scull. He knows every child at Deer Canyon and is fair and equitable in his dealings with them
82	Yard duties are obvious and wonderful to our children.
83	I personally do not want to see Family Fun Night changed. It is for the kids and I think it should remain that way. It is very difficult for many parents to arrange child care for an "adults only" event.
84	Friday choir/drama program
85	The constant and consistent reminder of about the pillars of character, I always feel tha the best bunch of kids at the middle schools always seem to be the ones that came from Deer Canyon Elementary.
86	We highly appreciate and value the enrichment programs like science lab, musical, and PEs. Please don't not drop any of them off. We as prarents are willing to support if any financial or staff resources are needed.
87	We have had a wonderful experience with Deer Canyon and the support from Mr. Scull is extended throughout the school. We are sorry to see him go.
88	Strong emphasis on child academic performance and development
89	Mr. Schull and all that he brought to Deer Canyon!
90	Volunteering at school, the jog-a-thon and the science lab.
91	Kindergarden morning read is a wonderful and the most effective way of learning to read. With a little time in the morning and at home, all the kids in my son's classroom learned how to read! It really amazed me!
92	Science lab, Computer lab.
93	Teaching life skills and character traits that truly educate a child. Why is there so little emphasis on these and so much on maps and star testing. I know its because of the money but really it is ridiculous to plan the whole curriculum on tests.
94	I have enjoyed working closely with the principal and my daughter's teachers and other support staff. They have done a terrific job over the past two years, and my daughter's growth in all areas is evident.
95	The small kindergarten classroom size (20) is fantastic. I would not want to see that change.
96	Arts Attack program is great! (my child is in kindergarten)
97	The great communication between the principal, teachers, and parents. The communication style seems open and supportive and creates a team atmosphere.
98	ESFD
99	I REALLY APPRECIATE AND AM GRATEFUL FOR THE READING RECOVERY PROGRAM.MY CHILD BENFITTED GREATLY WITH THE EXTRA READING TIME WITH MRS WILKERSON AND HAS NO PROBLEM WITH READING HER BOOKS NOW. FOR READING PROBLEMS TO BE DIAGNOSED AND DEALT WITH EARLY I THINK IS CRUCIAL FOR YOUNGER CHILD. THANKYOU VERY MUCH.
100	Deer Canyon has a great staff that has helped our son very much in his special education classroom. Please pass my thanks!

101	The entire staff (teachers, principal, everyone) is OUTSTANDING. I am thoroughly impressed at the quality of education my daughter is receiving. Thank you!
102	I love the singing program by Mr. Lee!! (i think that's his name)
103	The sense of community and belonging I feel everytime I come on campus.
104	Science Lab, PE teacher with appropriate age level activities for physical exercises are GREAT.
105	Science Lab - the kids love it and it helps to gain better understanding of the material.
106	Parent/Teacher/administration communication: emails, notes, family journals, etc. Friday morning activities. Field trips both reverse and traditional.
107	The positive atmosphere where the children are ahppy and eager to attend school.
108	I think all needs to be changed!
109	Deer Canyon is a safe learning environment. It's a small school, everyone knows each other - we're all priviledged to live in this neighborhood and have such a community school. I would hate to see the school expand with more classrooms.
110	Definitely the Science Lab.