

2019 TOMAHAWK SCHOOL THOUGHT EXCHANGE REPORT

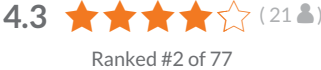
Parkland School Division 70
Tomahawk School

Q1 What are some things you appreciate and some concerns you have about our school this year?

Staffing While I admire the work the current staff put in, it would be ideal to leave the principal as an administrator, not splitting her time also teaching.



Rural schools are underfunded We need to have a full time principal



Amazing school council Our school council does so many things for our school! They are always buying things my kids need to learn and be successful.



Great use of community resources I LOVE that our school is always connecting with community such as the Agra & local provincial park! My child got to inline skate & snowshoe this year





More staff resources needed The school has lots of funding to buy neat things but limited staff. I wish that my son's Grade 1 classroom could have a full-time EA to help out.

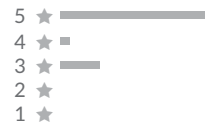


small classes are nice





I appreciate having a school in my small community. I have small kids that will attend tomahawk school and I like that they will be able to attend a school in a smaller community that is close to home.

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Our school Principal is a great leader, but is juggling way to many jobs. That role should focus on leading the teachers and students to excellence. If a Principal is busy with teaching a full time class, running the school and more it becomes way to much for 1 person to manage. Things get missed.

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The school custodian, librarian, and other support staff are very kind and helpful. They help to make the school atmosphere a more welcoming one.

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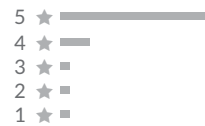
The students get to do all types of extra curricular kind of things from archery, swimming, skiing, cultural events etc. etc. Some students wouldn't have an opportunity to participate, unless it was through the school.

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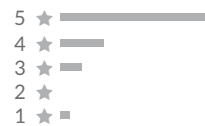
Asking for advice on bussing problem PSD recently quit bussing between them and WRSD without asking current Tomahawk School families. We just wanted input before the decision was final.

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Multiple ways to communicate I don't understand why some families say they don't have all the information they need about what's going on at school. I feel very informed!

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My kids like the comfort dog. I think it's neat that the school has a dog who comes around to visit the classes. She is very friendly and it seems to really help some students.

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We appreciate having a small local rural school in which majority of the student have a like minded country background.

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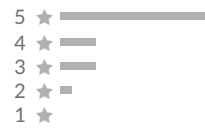
Many oppourtunities for students For a small rural school, Tomahawk participates in many cool activities. Curling, skiing, nature programming, CTF options, archery, and drama!

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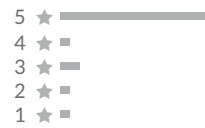
Nature Extension is so unique! I love that my children get to participate in this program. Our nature teacher is very creative in the ways kids learn outside & about nature.

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No high school in our area With just recently moving into the area, we go from having a great small K-9 school with no real options for high school close by. It's disappointing!

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Community minded school The community is very involved in the school and the school to the community.

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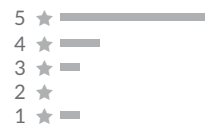
Staff The staff are friendly and very easy to talk to. They know their stuff.

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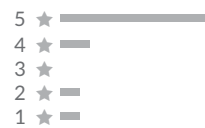
I'm concerned about my children having to travel so long to attend highschool An hour or more on a bus is too long for any child to travel on winter roads

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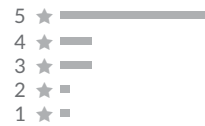
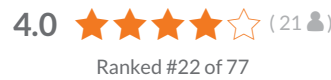


I am concerned about the new ban on bussing from parkland to WR School Division. For when our kids are older (a lot can change between now and then), we live a lot closer to Drayton than Stony and bussing time concerns us.

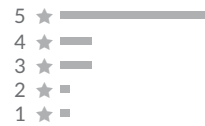
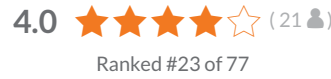
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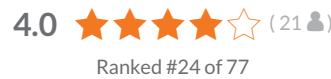
I appreciate the small class size and the concern the teachers show for the well being of our children.



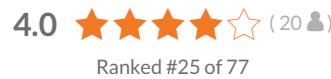
love the extracurricular activities that are provided



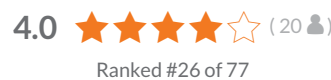
special needs students are underfunded we have many kids who slip through the cracks because we have high needs in classroom without enough help



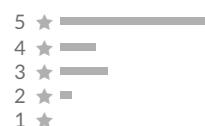
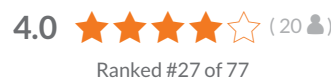
One of the main things i like is that it is a smaller school. One of my children is special needs so being a smaller school he gets the help that he needs to succeed.



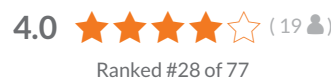
Small staff is overwhelmed Tomahawk has so many things happening and with such little staff, I often feel staff is stretched thin. Parents and students can feel it too.



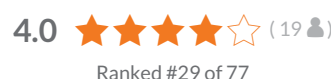
The nature extension program My boys both love learning outside and doing something different then being in a classroom all the time



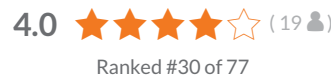
I appreciate the teachers. They are always very welcoming as people enter the school. They smile and say hello in the hallway and it is nice to see them joking with students too



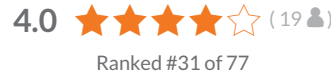
Lots of community things happen here! Knitting club, fitness facility, community library, inventors club, pancake breakfasts, and concerts, all open to the community.



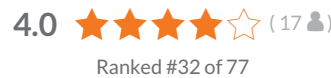
Small school with lots of heart! Each staff member tries to go out of their way to make students and families feel welcome. From bulletin boards to office staff, it's an awesome place



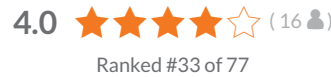
Tomahawk is a small country school and the parents/community members are always made to feel welcome. If a parent feels welcome, they are more likely to help out with school activities and share their positive experiences with others.



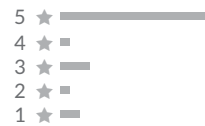
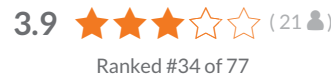
Appreciate all the extra time put in by the principal and teachers and the genuine interest in my children. Kids are not just a number....all the teachers know and care about all the kids



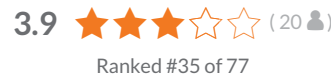
More teachers need to be hired or EA's To help more students



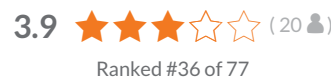
dyslexia start recognizing children's needs and supporting them appropriately



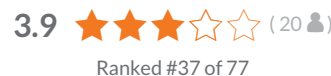
Always improving Staff listen to suggestions and try their best to implement them. They aren't perfect, but are always open to feedback from parents!





I appreciate the staff for doing a good job! I think kids needs more help with their subject that they're struggling at.



I appreciate the warm friendly environment It is important to model warmth and kindness





I really like a small school atmosphere, that has a open door policy where you can feel like you have a say in what's going on! So you can feel like you know what's going on with your child or children .

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Nature Program should include older grades
This program is great and my child loves it when he gets the opportunity to participate. He now wants snowshoes for Christmas!

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There is lots of parental input at the school.
This is important because the parents feel like their voice is important, which it is!

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West end Schools need collaboration We need to better use our space k-6 school and a 7-12

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Is having a K-6 & a 7-12 school close by a possibility? I think the recent changes to bussing is great for creating something new! What if one of our west end schools turned into a 7-12 school?

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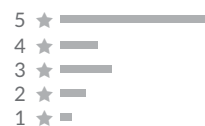
It would be a benefit to students to have a full-time EA in the younger grades. These younger students need a solid foundation in Language Arts and Math and some at-risk students need assistance to better understand the concepts.

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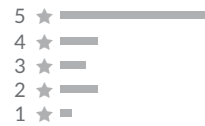
The students in Early Education and up get to take part in a NATURE EDUCATION day. It gets the students outdoors even on a cold day and helps them to appreciate nature and enjoy being outside. It is also very healthy for all ages.

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nature extension program learning in nature is beneficial for children

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Concerns. Rumors of possibly shut down. If true where will our children go to school? Bussing to Drayton Valley is no longer and option and traveling anywhere past Seba Beach is a long trip

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I like the fact that we have teachers that deal with the kids from grade 5 all the way through grade 9 If a child is struggling the teacher has a few years to make sure they are ready for high school. And if they have to spend more time they can!

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The special needs team is amazing Having a child that has been picked on in the past because he was different sucked, but the special needs team at the school help support him

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It is special to be able to get to know all the students in the school and interact with them. Each child feels special when each teacher can call them by their name.

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We feel connected with the staff in regards to quick and open lines of communication regarding our child.

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Travel opportunities I like that students can travel more with the school then in years previous. The Quebec Trip next February and the annual Grade 9 trip are fantastic!

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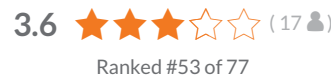


I appreciate the staff and students I work with. All staff are open to new ideas as well as giving ideas on how to solve a problem

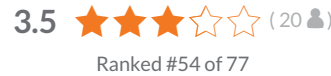
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I dislike split classes So much going on in the classes.



CTF 2 ea's, 2 teachers, and the principal is too many staff attending. It is a disservice to the students who remain that week and also need to learn.



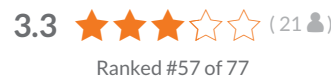
Classroom can be too loud for kids that want to concentrate and get their work done.



Report cards should not be emailed Needs to be paper cause some people don't have access to email



The students need teachers who are role models and they can look up to in our every changing world. With strict discipline to the students, the teachers also need to be more aware of how they react and manage such a diverse group of students.



My kids are constantly being threatened to lose recess. Not because they are bad it's just how the teachers deal with stuff. Kids need the recess break, so to make them stay in and do no physical activity isn't fair. Sometimes fresh air can help a person reset.



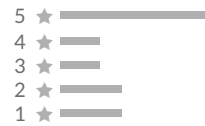
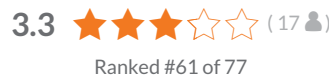
Focus more on Math Sports and reading programs are very strong at Tomahawk. However, I feel that my child needs more Math help then what's available.



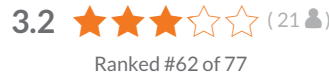
communication home needs improvement should not first learn of my child's education at a parent teacher interview or report card.



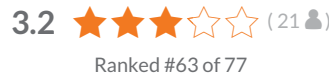
Security is a concern. Set up of school allows people to come and go without anyone knowing. The safety of kids should be priority one.



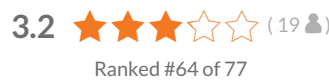
Grades nowadays aren't working!! 50 % makes sense E I have no idea what that means!!



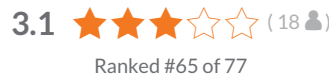
We are happy that there are numerous activities offered for the children but this also creates other issues in our minds. The issues created from all of the activities offered shortens staff productivity because increased quantity has a tendency to decrease quality.



Technology at school is changing to provide the kids with too much screen time in our opinion. More and more research shows it's unhealthy.



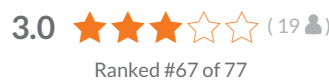
Too many people sending messages I think that our school hurts it's communication by constantly responding to every parent's text messages. Miscommunication of details happen often.



There possibly could be more staff on the playground. To prevent, or help with bullying or problems that arise.





My main concern is that everything seems to be online. Homework is in-line my kids talk about all the apps they play at school. Homework and assignme Are online.



I like news letters coming home on paper than email. Go back to paper I don't always check emails.





Every time we get a teacher that works hard and is good for our kids they leave! Why can't my kids get a good education?

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Concession, Grade 9 fundraising food, hamburger days being unhealthy is a concern to us. As parents we are trying to teach and model healthy food choices to our children and believe there should be healthier options at school.

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More work sent home. Practice at home is always good

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I feel fundraisers should be "Healthful" not hamburgers, hotdogs and cookies, this should be a district wide mandate. If we as adults model healthy eating, bringing healthful lunches and foods to our hallways, it shows that we respect ourselves and bodies more.

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Going for a parent teacher interview and leaving still not knowing how my kid is doing in school!! I can't push them, or help them if the teacher can't even tell me how they are doing!! Most of the interview was "oh yeah I messed up that one". And

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Lots of days of curriculum missed due to snow days, field trips, etc. Unclear if the curriculum is being met

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I'm concerned about the quality of food for sale, offered at hot lunches or used as fundraisers for the school (hot dogs, hamburgers, pizza, chips) This kind of food sends the wrong message to our kids and gives them the wrong fuel they need to better students and humans.

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More classes time. I here more than I think there should be that they get lots of free time.

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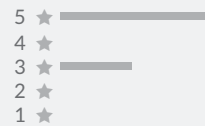
I do more teaching at home than is done in school!! My child is bringing work home and they have not even covered it in class!! When is my check coming for teaching all the new concepts!!

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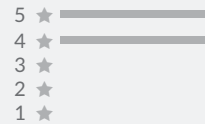
Accesbilty to activity for free or next to free
For example: ski, tim Horton camp, curling, inline skating, nature day...

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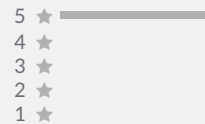
Parent involvement, always the same ppl doing it all, Would be great to have more parents helping out with different things and bringing new ideas.

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Tomahawk should be k-6 /Seba Beach 7-12

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the amount of teachers that keep leaving the school this does not set a good example for kids that it is ok to quit

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