

## 2017-18 Parent Survey Open Ended Question Responses

### **What do you like best about our school?**

- The positive environment and family feel. The new principal is wonderful. She is positive, consistent and fair and cares a lot about the students. We are fortunate to have her and Mr. Mindt in our school.
- Great leadership with Mr. Mindt and Mrs. Hiltner and the teachers care about kids. My kids love going to school there this year. Mrs. Love is one of the best teachers.
- The small classes.
- Small class sizes make learning easy.
- Curriculum and staff
- Undecided
- The amazing teachers and staff members. Always feel welcome
- The closeness that all the adults have with the children, showing trust and respect.
- With it being smaller the kids get more one on one time with the teacher. They get the help they need to succeed in all subjects.
- Small tight knit community, communication is wonderful, support for athletics.
- The positive atmosphere and the friendly staff. I also like that every student can be reached because of the small size and the dedication of the staff to do so.
- Small classes. More one on one time with the teacher.
- I love how this school feels like a family and I know they are actually cared for
- Small class sizes
- It's one big family!
- I like how caring teachers are and also the new administration. Mr. Mindt is always friendly and my kids like him even though they have been in trouble it is not held against them. The new principal this year has been a good change to our school. She is really great with kids and parents with the online newsletters, Remind app and school Facebook page have all been good to keep us knowing about what our kids are doing in school. I've had kids in the school for a long time, and this is the first year I feel like the school wants parents to know what is happening. MPS keeps up with technology and our kids are lucky to go to a small rural school that cares about my kids.
- The staff sincerely cares about each and every child
- Great school all around
- Welcoming. Loving the changes that have been made around the school.
- It's one big, happy family. I feel like my children aren't lost in the shuffle.

## **What do you like least about our school?**

- Bullying seems to be an issue. I haven't had an issue about the school handling it when it's brought up, but bullying is an issue. Not the school's fault.
- Size of gym
- Wish there were more activities for kids such as sports, music for all ages such as piano lessons or music lessons for all ages.
- Lunch time should be a time to visit and have a little fun...
- Peanut free policy and school board members think they should get special treatment
- No breakfast options available in the morning.
- Having same teachers all the time for years can be difficult. If you struggle with one teacher it shouldn't affect your relationship with all teachers
- Nothing
- That it ends at 8th grade
- A painting on the wall doesn't stop bullying.
- Only goes to 8th grade
- Will hire anyone that walks in off the street
- They hire anyone...
- Old building
- The school board has hidden agendas and they got rid of our sports.

## **What is one suggestion you would like to offer to improve our school?**

- Another gym to accommodate events, indoor recess, etc.
- Having a school counselor everyday
- Be a little more selective and thoughtful on who you hire.
- Does not take safety of the children into consideration when hiring.
- Nothing. I am so pleased with Manvel Elementary. Such a great school!
- It may be a good idea to work on Parent Relations.
- I'd love it to be preschool through 12th grade.
- I would like to see more choices for electives.
- Work with teachers to understand that each kid is different and will respond to situations different than others--doesn't mean it's wrong. A really important thing I would like to have teachers realize--being quiet and shy doesn't mean you are not a leader. You just lead in a different way.
- Have breakfast foods such as fruits and juice available in the mornings to promote healthy beginnings and brainpower.
- Keep the administration and teachers for a long time
- I have nothing to suggest
- Gym addition
- I don't know what can be done to help with the bullying.