1. What grade(s) do your child(ren) currently attend? (select all that apply)

101 responses

- Kindergarten: 29 (28.7%)
- First Grade: 26 (25.7%)
- Second Grade: 32 (31.7%)
- Third Grade: 29 (28.7%)
- Fourth Grade: 24 (23.8%)

2. School Communication

- Email
- Class Dojo
- Twitter
- Paper reminders sent home with my child

[Graph showing preferences]
3.

How would you rate your current level of satisfaction with the level of communication you receive from Whitehouse Primary?

102 responses

4. Do you have any other thoughts related to school communication that you would like to share?

- Could there be a way to post all forms and emails somewhere to be referred to or reprinted later on?
- I think it is pretty good
- Mostly very good, but I'd like a little more notice on dress-up days to coordinate.
- You are doing a great job. The paper reminders are very helpful in case of a tech overload, lack of service, etc.
- Not so redundant
- Assemblies dates and times on website. WPC site updated
- Prefer email or paper notifications. Remind and Dojo apps can be distracting.
- Facebook? Teacher websites?
- Doing great! I feel there is constant communication with parents about what is going on.
- It has been great. No improvement necessary
- I am happy with the communications
- One way to improve communication is to give specific information regarding negative Dojo points earned. For example, if my child lost a point for talking out, I would like to know if she was talking to a friend when she wasn't supposed to, or if the whole class noisy, and everyone lost a point, because the teacher's nerves are shot. Either way is okay. I just want to be as informed as possible.
- very happy with communication
- Is there a way to send automatic emails regarding the digital version of "Flyer Central" I don't remember to look at it very often.
I would like to see paper communication eliminated. These communications should be readily available on the school's website or emailed. Paper is costly and creates a late of waste. I have more than 1 child at WHP. Therefore, I receive multiple copies of the same item.

- The current communication is good
- I think it is great right now.
- Sometimes giving a little more notice to Spirit weeks :) Sometimes it was just a couple days notice and as a Kindergarten student, we didn't have a lot of the things to wear, so could have used just a tad more time to prepare :) 
- No 
- Delete paper communications 
- Na 
- It is difficult to communicate to the office staff regarding fees/issues. Our online account still shows we owe fees that were paid already.
- Have more teachers reach out and let parents know how their kid is doing. Gym, art, music etc
- Seems like there are too many ways info. is communicated. I want to have communication but with so many options I feel like miss things because it's time-consuming to check them all.
- By making sure parents get information needed, by texting
- None
- N/A
- There are multiple emails a day, and information can tend to get lost in the amount of information.
- You're doing a fabulous job!
- AW district as a whole needs to send less communication to families of multiple kids at the different schools. Very annoying to get three of the same emails with the superintendent newsletter, etc... 
- Nothing! We are more than pleased with school communication!
- I trust your judgement :)
- How about using priority level on email?
- My biggest frustration lies with the grades and homework apps that list due dates and missing assignments. 
- Often the information is auto-driven and does not reflect accurately where the student is regarding homework assignments. Often, a teacher will respond "not to worry", the students are not doing learning that lesson, yet So, how is a parent supposed to hold the child accountable for completed homework in a timely fashion when feedback from these apps is inaccurate?

5.

The amount of homework my child has on a nightly basis is appropriate. 

102 responses
7. Do you have any suggestions or thoughts you would like to offer on how we could improve in the area of homework?

- Nope
- The packet concept or even 2 days to complete would be amazing!!
- No, other than to say there are many evenings where if we have any activity happening outside of school work it becomes very difficult to get everything accomplished. They are kids and should be allowed to be kids instead of a 6 and 8 year old stressing out about getting all of their work done.
- Sometimes there is too much reading on top of spelling words. Makes it hard to do any extra curricular activities.
- I really love that it's "routine" work and basic skill reinforcement. My kids do really well knowing ahead of time what they have to do each day of the week (ie. reading 15 minutes, study spelling).
- Kids are at school seven-ish hours. I can't rationalize daily homework for little kids after a long day. Especially over breaks and during state testing. I don't think the amount is extreme, but there is never a break from it.
- Wish they just had reading for homework. Even though it doesn't seem like much it adds up when they have other projects and extracurricular activities.
- I personally feel with the number of extra curricular activities a 5-9 year old has they should not be expected to do homework/reading nearly every night. They are in school for 7+ hours each day, let them be kids when they get home.
- I would prefer to have homework assigned at the beginning of the week for the entire week. With after school activities, this makes planning easier.
- Minimal homework on breaks
- It is nice to have an email sent home from the teacher explaining the homework if it needs it.
- I think it is age appropriate.
- Nope... my daughter likes it and it gives me a nice gauge of what they're working on. Some friends complain that it's too much for this age but my daughter looks forward to doing her homework so I'm lucky.
- I think an assignment book would be very helpful so parents know what the assignment is as well
- At this point, we have not had a lot of homework (which is what I think is developmentally appropriate for elementary aged children) so we have been happy.
The amount of homework provided to first graders is excessive. It is near impossible to keep a reasonable bedtime, complete homework and give them the appropriate time a young child deserves for extracurricular activities like sports, church, and Boy Scouts for my son. Some nights there are corrections that need done from work completed that day in school, 3 to 5 books to read, spelling words to practice and worksheets to fill out. My son barely gets home before 4 PM from school, and ends up having no time after school to ride a bike or be a kid at 6 and 7 years old. I don't remember having 10% of this amount of homework when I was in first grade myself.

Sometimes a little more communication on how the work is to be done could be helpful to a parent. There's been times that I am not sure what the directions are asking and cannot effectively help him.

My student doesn't really have homework. Just reading and math. He does these easily and reads much more than required.

I love the homework calendar that Mrs. Lehman hands out for the months, it gives options and a little bit of control to the students.

Kindergarten homework load is insane. Homework calendars, book in a bag, site words, math problems, journals etc. With the amount of dual working parent homes or single parent homes it creates additional stress that's not needed at the kindergarten level. I am already worried about how I am going to keep up with 1st grade homework and considering hiring a tutor next year.

I would like a checklist from the teacher (specifically for 2nd grade it could include reading, math, spelling) - this could just be one for the whole year, but in the beginning it was difficult to keep track of weekly expectations. My child listens better when there is a concrete directive from the teacher on a paper.

The teacher did not communicate expectations r/t reading homework to the grandparents. There was alot of confusion. This needs to improve!!!

Allowing parents multiple nights to complete paper homework is preferred but I understand it's not always possible. Nightly reading, spelling, and math fact practice is good.

I feel like my 2nd grader should have a *little* bit more homework than she currently does.

Sending home the weekly homework expectations on Monday is an excellent idea! We always feel well informed.

The amount seems about right. It would nice to occasionally have something fun we can do together.

we like to have the homework on Friday for the week after, so that we can get organised depending on the practices and games. also, we would try to use that to teach our children how to get organised & anticipate or complete some tasks ahead of time.

There should be no such thing as homework. It's pedagogically incorrect to give them homework.

It doesn't seem like there is much homework. I'm okay with that, but didn't realize there was nightly homework.

Accurate feedback of student progress.
Whitehouse Primary creates a safe and welcoming environment where my child is happy to come each day.

102 responses

9. How can we improve in creating a positive environment?

- You all are doing a fantastic job! We have felt very welcome at Whitehouse
- I don't think this needs improvement
- Maybe have a buddy bench on the playground
- You all do a great job. There are some activities that seem to assume that all students have two, opposite-sex parents at home and that all are of a Christian faith. I don't think that anything is done with the intent to exclude others.
- My son loves school and his teacher. I think it has been a very positive experience.
- My daughter is having problems with another student and it is creating anxiety about simple things like recess.
- The most important way you can create a more positive environment for students at Whitehouse Primary School is to emphasize daily that students have positive interpersonal relationships with their peers. Whether students are playing with their closest friends at recess or simply interacting with other students in the classroom, I don't think enough emphasis is placed on kindness. I further believe that only the most kind-hearted, charitable, gracious, and thoughtful students should be chosen to receive the title of Student of the Month. This would require students to be held accountable for their actions in AND out of the classroom. It is frustrating as a parent to see "mean kids" smiling faces on their Student of the Month pictures in the hallway representing WPS. Students' emotional well-being should be protected along with their physical well-being, and I do not think this is something that has been given the attention it deserves.
- Keep doing what you're doing. The character education goes a long way.
- N/a
- It is fine now.
- I think you guys are doing a great job!
- No improvement needed here
- None
- Na
• You're doing a wonderful job. We like the use of Class Dojo/PBIS and especially appreciate everything Ms. Bailin does to help our children develop positive self-image and regulate emotions.
• Keep getting family's involved in anti
• Teacher should not attach labels to children such as "he is a liar". This made us very angry!!
• NOne
• N/A
• Keep up the fabulous work!!!
• Have no issues... children need to be able to adapt to things going on around them. I think too much control over the environment will set them up for failure in dealing with challenging situations in the future!
• You're doing great at creating a positive environment. Whatever you are doing is working great!
• Holding a bully and parents accountable immediately. I should not here about bullying from my child after school or days later.

10. When I have a question or concern, I am able to have that issue addressed in a satisfactory and timely manner.

102 responses

11. How can we improve when addressing parent questions or concerns?
• N/A
• I don't think this needs improvement
• None
• Mrs. Hull has been extremely good at communicating quickly anytime I've had questions or concerns in the past.
• More communication with parents on when the student may have had issues
• You are fine.
• I have excellent and timely responses with my concerns.
• No improvement needed
• Na
• Maybe sending home a quick, brief note if there is a concern, in childs fokder
• My teacher does not check dojo frequently
• No issues
• You have a very responsive set of staff who are very in-tune with what's going on.
• See bullying.
If we offered social-emotional workshops for parents, which topics would you be most interested in learning more about?

78 responses

- Self-Esteem: 36 (46.2%)
- Emotional Regulation: 36 (46.2%)
- Technology Safety: 33 (42.3%)
- Managing Stress: 38 (48.7%)
- Problem Solving: 33 (42.3%)
- Anxiety: 38 (48.7%)
- Helping kids deal with changes in friends and rivalry: 1 (1.3%)

In what areas do you wish you were more informed?

63 responses

- Classroom curriculum: 21 (33.3%)
- General classroom updates: 13 (20.6%)
- Homework policies: 20 (31.7%)
- Discipline policies: 7 (11.1%)
- School counseling services: 12 (19%)
- Using Class Dojo: 12 (19%)
- Technology integration: 4 (6.3%)
- Whitehouse Parents' Club: 32 (50.8%)
- Ways to volunteer at school: 1 (1.6%)
- Nursing services / guidelines: 8 (12.7%)
- Building safety and security: 5 (7.9%)
- Intervention programming: 1 (1.6%)
- I feel very well informed: 1 (1.6%)
- I would prefer a Dojo message to go alo...: 1 (1.6%)
- Other: 1 (1.6%)
13. Is there any other feedback you would like to provide in any other area not addressed in this survey?

- N/A
- For classroom curriculum I’d like to know more about the methods of teaching so we can reiterate at home versus teaching our own way and possibly causing confusion.
- The standards based grade cards are difficult to understand. I don't bother looking because I feel it's so subjective. Quarterly narratives per student would be helpful. All in all, we've been enrolled at all three primaries, and we all agree that we've been the happiest with Whitehouse Primary! You guys are doing a wonderful job. Your commitment and dedication is apparent. Thank you.
- I think there also needs to be a better policy when it comes to celebrating birthdays. While I definitely understand the new policy and the reasons behind it, I don't agree to the guidelines that are now put in place. I think if you're going to eliminate ALL snacks there needs to be better options then pencils and a book... 4th graders don't want to bring in pencils to share for their birthday nor do they want to donate a book to the library. I will be the first one to donate supplies when needed or a load of books to the library, but I believe the whole idea behind allowing our kids to bring in snacks is making them feel special on their special day. Especially for those of us parents who don't have the option of taking the day off of work to have lunch with them. Every kid deserves to feel special on their birthday (without also interrupting class of course). This is just my opinion and it no longer matters for me since my kid will be in MS next year but just a thought for future students.
- Love our school!!
- I wish I could get more information about student interaction, and how my child is getting along with peers
- We think you are doing a great job.
- Thanks for being AWesome! :-)
- you're doing an excellent job:) 
- Fundraisers! Whitehouse needs to pick a few (as in 3 or less) fundraisers for the year and spread them throughout the year. Move Art to Remember for delivery prior to Christmas, so they can be purchased as gifts. Move up the Read a Thon fundraiser to February. Continue the Power House 5k in late Spring.
- This was our first year at this school and I was shocked by the number of fundraisers sent home with my children (who also participate in fundraisers for other extracurricular activities). I 100% believe in supporting the school financially but there has to be a more efficient method of collecting funds.
- I just want to again state that Mrs. Hull has been an amazing teacher for my son this year, and she deserves to be commended for the terrific job she has done. Teaching a bunch of six and seven-year-olds has to be unimaginably challenging on a daily basis, and I definitely could not do what she does, let alone do it as well as she has. Other than that, just re-emphasizing that the amount of homework provided to first graders feels excessive
- No.
- I think that the Whitehouse staff is doing a phenomenal job. We are so blessed to have a staff that is so invested into our students and community. I wish every child had the opportunity to attend a school like Whitehouse! Mrs. Lehman goes above and beyond! She has far exceeded our expectations going into Kindergarten and settled any uncertainties we had with a first-time Kindergartner. You can really tell that she is passionate about her work. We love all of the ways that the school gives back and gets plugged into the community.
- We have been very pleased with Whitehouse primary and every teacher/ employee our son has come in contact with. Can't ask for anything more as we think the school is outstanding! Thank you Whitehouse school !!
- Very happy with Whitehouse schools. Cannot say enough wonderful things about ms Coronado she is the best and very easy to communicate with!
- Our teachers and administration are amazing - I brag about how Whitehouse has the best staff! Everyone truly CARES about the students and does their job with excellence! Thank you!!
- No
- A regular classroom newsletter in some form would be helpful.
- I'm thrilled that my children attend such a wonderful and warm building. The staff, students, and families make Whitehouse a delightful place to be! Teachers and administration are top notch and do a fabulous job!
- Thanks for everything everyone of you do to make a difference in our son's life! We appreciate you! We will miss Whitehouse Primary!!
- The gate at the parking lot exit...I'm afraid the wind is going to blow it into the side of my car one day. Otherwise, no! You are all doing an amazing job. Thank you.
- how about using notebooks so that the assignments and lessons are kept in a book and can be read again later,
- We feel really fortunate to be at this school/district. We don't tell you often enough what a great job you are all doing.
- I also feel that the staff and administration “get it”, and have created an environment with the right balance of fun and structure/discipline. It's not too light (or chaotic) but also not too serious. You've attained the sweet spot. My kids enjoy going to school each day and they are learning. Thanks for enabling that.