

## Hays 2006- 2007 Parent Survey Comments Summaries

*Comments are noted and tallied based on frequency*

### **34 Comments about Safety (p. 2):**

Parking lot has improved = 3

We don't use the parking lot = 4

Safety is good/not an issue = 4

Campus is too accessible to outsiders = 4

### **7 Comments about Volunteering Constraints (p. 3):**

Work schedule issues = 4

Kids are older, less help requested = 2

### **28 Comments about Connectedness/Respect (p. 5):**

Don't know how child is doing at school/teacher communication problems = 4

Hard being connected because of work schedule = 3

Feel connected or plan to connect more as children get older = 5

Hard to break into parent community/cliqey = 3

Children are not respectful enough = 3

### **21 Comments about talking to teacher about issues (p. 6):**

Teacher was responsive/helpful = 5

Didn't see much improvement/issue not addressed = 4

### **38 Comments about how to improve your child's connectedness to Walter Hays (p. 6):**

Have assigned play groups/clubs = 3

More newsletters/communication from teacher and school = 8

Positive/not a problem for us = 8

Problem because of our work schedule/not the school = 4

More parent activities/education needed = 3

### **35 Comments on balance between social and academic (p. 7):**

Would like to see more emphasis on academics = 9

Need less emphasis on rote and more on creative lessons = 3

Balance is good = 13

Social emotional learning is a good idea but not fully explained/taught sufficiently to children or parents = 3

### **38 Comments on recess options (p. 8):**

Need more structured activities = 4

Need unstructured time for kids = 7

Need a mix = 5

Need better conflict resolution on the playground/more consistency = 4

**32 Comments about my child needs support (p. 9):**

Need to work on bullying problems through education/modeling = 9

Academic pressures are a concern = 5

Child has been well supported by teachers/noon supervisors = 7

**55 Comments on extra curricular programs (p. 11):**

Positive comments about spectra art = 7

Positive comments about perceptual motor = 7

Positive comments about primary PE = 4

Would like more music/bring back chorus = 3

Would like to see more drama = 4

Too much arts/should be optional or part of an extended day = 4

Need second language instruction = 3

**36 Comments on special programs (p. 13):**

Pull-out math program needs improvements or to be dropped = 7

Pull-out math program was great/should be expanded = 8

Literary society is great = 5

Need more information on GATE and GATE programs and classroom modifications = 5

Like homework club = 4

Need more differentiation in the classroom = 3

**11 Other comments (p. 14):**

Want foreign language instruction = 5

**21 Comments about extending skills (p. 14):**

Needed additional challenge = 6

Need help to catch up or stay caught up = 4

Unique needs of child = 3

**22 Comments on improving general organization, time management, and/or study skills (p. 15):**

Organizational skills and time management are over-emphasized = 5

Seeing improvement and appreciate support from teacher/student planners = 8

**14 Comments on needing support for learning needs/styles (p. 15):**

Needed and received support in the classroom = 3

More consideration should be given to this in class placement = 2

**55 Homework comments (p. 16):**

Too much homework is assigned = 5

Should have more homework = 7

Would like to see more consistency in time needed for homework = 5

Homework should be more meaningful/challenging = 8

Homework seems about right = 10

Need to differentiate/personalize homework = 3

**29 Involvement with homework comments (p. 16):**

Child can do homework on his/her own without help usually = 14

Homework that requires parent participation (i.e. math games or signing/correcting work) can be a problem with family schedule = 6

**Other fundraising ideas 15 comments (p. 19):**

Writing a check is easiest, but parties build community which is important = 4

Good ideas now/nothing to add = 4

**15 Ranking comments (p. 19):**

They are all important, hard to rank = 4

Only fund community program if all school needs are met = 2