

Student Questions Mills Lawn Schools April 16, 2019

Name, grade, how long you have been a student here

Wolf, 5th grade, whole life

Lacy, 7th grade, whole life

Isaac, 6th grade, whole life

Will, 6th grade, came in 3rd

Lilli, 5th grade, 6 years

Rebecca, 5th grade, 6th year

What do you like about the Mills Lawn buildings? What makes it good to be at school?

- Gym
- Cafeteria
- Classrooms big, Comfortable classrooms
- Ok technology, Good enough
- Nice, big playground, not just blacktop
- Separate space for older and younger kids, 2 diff playgrounds for older and younger kids
- Have an art program
- Special classes
- Gardens and trees
- Separate computer labs for different ages
- Don't have to walk thru metal detectors
- Button to allow access keeps students safe
- Able to print own stuff,
- Don't have to ask to go to bathroom
- Library is pretty good with good variety
- Great location – near homes, library, downtown
- Kids can go to library or park after school
- People can access playground any time
- In 5th and 6th grade – our playground includes an open field to run around.

What don't you like about Mills Lawn buildings? What makes it hard to be here?

- Orchestra and band room not good, door does not fit, too small, in a trailer
- Very crowded with kids inside
- Have to leave the building to get there – tough in winter
- No AC in band room – really heats up
- Limited AC in many classrooms
- Lunch food not good
- Lunch lines – you have to wait too long. If you are in the back of the line you only have 5 minutes to eat, no time to talk with friends
- Lunch choices – they run out if you are back in the line
- Few lunch options for kids with allergies
- Windows in lower kids' classrooms – blinds are not that great
- 4th grade classroom – the blinds would get stuck, would have gaps, sun in your face
- Rails are rusting near the blacktop in the back, near the 3rd and 4th grade door
- Lot of graffiti in bathrooms
- 5th and 6th playground swings break really easily.
- Missing some swings
- Slide – you get stuck- kids just don't use it
- Get really muddy – hole at the bottom of it
- Mud and water under the swing when rain, after rain

- On the blacktop part – not a lot of options. Basketball too busy, foursquare too busy, too cramped on the blacktop
 - If the grass is really wet, we all have to stay on the blacktop
 - Garbage water drains from the dumpster to the blacktop.
- Rainy or too cold, nothing to do when we have to stay inside.
- Toilets too low to the ground for the older kids
- In boys bathroom, sink faucet are put on opposite way you expect
- Some sinks just don't work right, Sinks overflow or leak
- Social studies classroom can hear the toilet flushing
- Urinals in boys' bathroom – detector to flush automatically, but also manual flush and kids can overwhelm it and cause overflow
- Drinking fountains don't work well, too little or no water.
- Boys bathroom by 5th grade has mold all over it – don't clean it properly
- Crusty stuff on water fountain
- Gym is too hot – no AC
- Water fountain puts out hot water
- Library and that wing – really leaky roof which causes mold – unhealthy
- Some kids get headaches in library and have trouble breathing
- Ceilings in gym are really messed up – you can knock the tiles out with a ball.
- Some of the tables in 5th and 6th classrooms are not sturdy
- Little kids have real desks but they aren't too good.
- 6th grade science rooms – only have tiny desks – not enough room
- During state testing – no space to write

What would you like to change in the buildings? What changes would make this a better school?

- Better lunch food, more options for people with allergies
- More things to do on blacktop
 - More entertainment when you have to be on the blacktop
- AC in band and orchestra room and in all classrooms
- Fix the door in orchestra and band room
- White boards need to be improved
- Better floors – carpet gets really dirty
- Some classrooms – no place to wipe feet.
- Art room has really nice floors – better than others.
- Floors are concrete with bit of carpet – carpet gets dirty, and it is very hard if you fall.
 - Art room floor materials is much better.
- Fix the tennis court
 - Fences in tennis court not safe
 - Part of fence gone, part broken
 - Need nets on the courts
 - Note that Matt would prefer to use this space for outdoor education rather than returning it to a tennis court
- Lot of litter in playground; We pick up leaves, and the trash bags are torn.
- Have picnic tables again
- Mostly playground sufficient, but not on rainy, messy days
- 5th grade doors leading outside – the ramps get really slippery when wet
- Playground for little kids has a lot of stuff
- Bigger kids playground – does not have much, field is nice, but need more.
 - Rock wall – dangerous – rocks do twist and you can fall.
- Take good care of the trees to be safe
- The yellow slide was just amazing! But it is gone.

- Have a greenhouse with the science room – now unsafe to use. Why keep it, because it tempts you to go in.
 - Would like to make the greenhouse safe
 - Have a key that is locked to protect the greenhouse
- Some doors do not lock, so not too safe for the kids on the school
- Better bathrooms – have some age segregation
- Would like better mirrors