

Exchange Summary

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What excites you and what makes you nervous
about this school year?



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



410
Participants



316
Thoughts



7,739
Ratings



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation




Which grade band most closely represents your relationship to Westlake Academy?



398

Responses

%		Answer <i>(Multi-select)</i>
14%	(59)	Kindergarten to 2nd grade
19%	(76)	3rd to 5th grade
35%	(142)	6th to 8th grade
35%	(142)	9th to 10th grade
22%	(88)	11th to 12th grade
4%	(19)	Administration (i.e., front office, registrar, nurse, etc.)

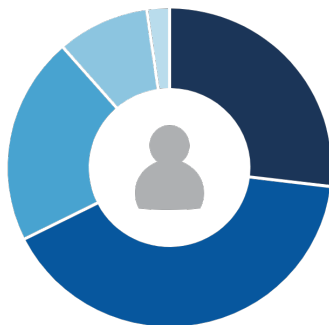



PARTICIPATION

Breakdown of Participation



How satisfied are you with the start of the current school year?



%		Answer
27%	(105)	■ Extremely Satisfied
41%	(161)	■ Somewhat Satisfied
21%	(82)	■ Neutral
9%	(36)	■ Somewhat Unsatisfied
2%	(7)	■ Extremely Unsatisfied



WORDCLOUD
Top Rated





THOUGHTS

Key Thoughts



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4.6 ★★★★★ (37 👤)
Ranked #1 of 316

Portables Health, safety, and welfare of students should be top priority. Lack of natural light, ventilation, and proper exiting requirements is concerning.

4.5 ★★★★★ (40 👤)
Ranked #2 of 316

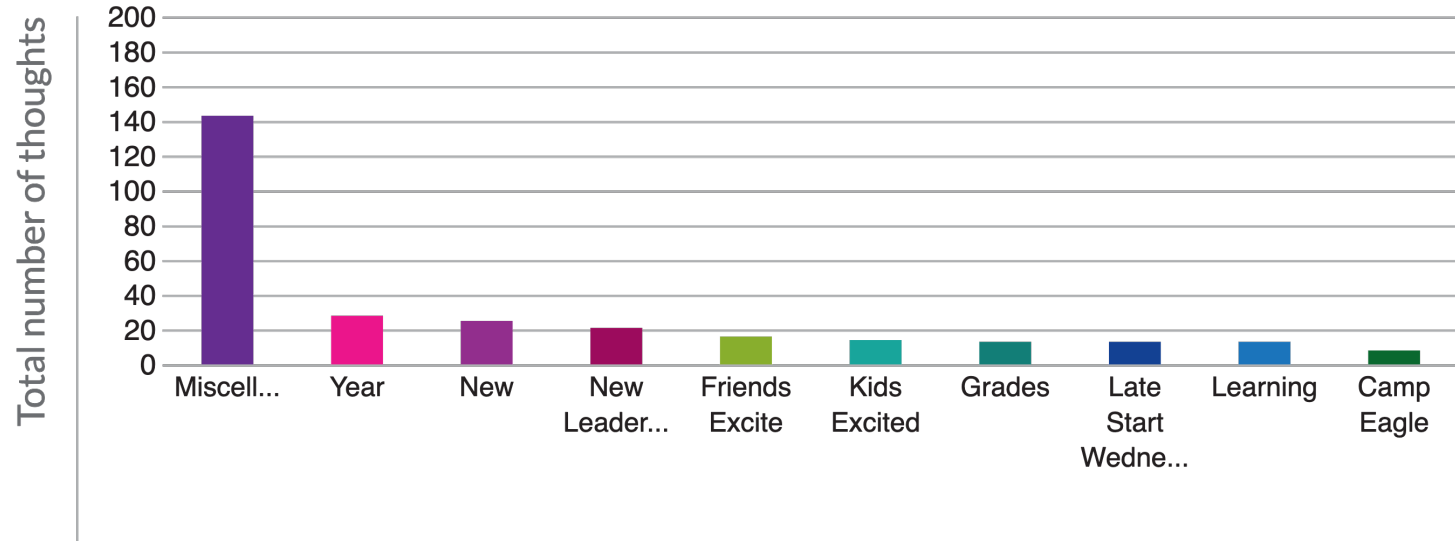
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KEYWORD THEMES

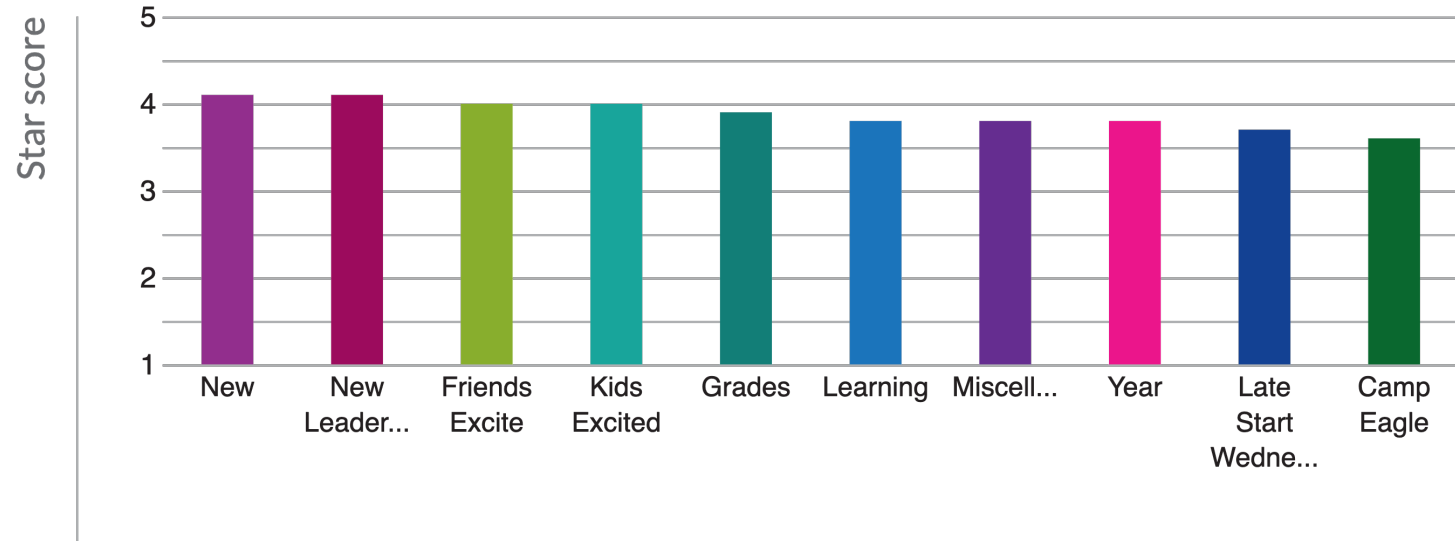
Top Themes by total thoughts





KEYWORD THEMES

Top Themes by star score





THOUGHTS

New



Having new administrators that will hopefully breathe new life into the staff, bring morale up, make teachers feel supported. Teachers need to feel supported and protected by their administration.

4.4  (40 )

Exciting: Meeting new staff members, trying out new ideas

4.3  (14 )

I'm excited to see all the new thoughts and plans put into place Our students thrive off the energy of the staff

4.2  (39 )



THOUGHTS

New Leadership



I am excited about the growing leadership team. Westlake is a growing school and needs an equally growing leadership team who has the capacity to guide the direction.

4.3  (33 )

Excited for new head of school and leadership. I have already heard from teachers they feel so supported and teacher satisfaction is very important. I I want quality teacher retention

4.3  (18 )

I'm excited for the new leadership at WA. It is a welcome and refreshing change for WA. Old leadership was disengaged and unmotivated to do what was best for our students.

4.2  (39 )



THOUGHTS

Friends Excite



I like being around my friends again but I also wasn't ready for summer to be over and I would have to take classes again.

4.2 ★★★★★ (23 👤)

Seeing my friends Socializing

4.1 ★★★★★ (25 👤)

Spending time with friends and making memories Stress of school work and exams

4.1 ★★★★★ (24 👤)



THOUGHTS

Kids Excited



Our teachers! I love knowing that's I can fully trust the people I'm leaving my kids with each day. They truly care for the kids.

4.5 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

I'm excited that my kids will be in school for a whole year and hopeful COVID will not interrupt that. My kids thrive on consistency and I want that for them again.

4.3 ★★★★★ (31 👤)

Collaborating and seeing the kids Because we're here for the kids

4.3 ★★★★★ (11 👤)



THOUGHTS

Grades



Grading I care about my GPA

4.3  (24 )

Nervous: About getting good grades **Excited: To go to high school** I think it's important to get good grades for the current year and future grades/collage. High school is also important especially getting good grades

4.0  (25 )

Grades I need to do especially well this year.

4.0  (24 )



THOUGHTS Learning



I am excited about school life continuing to become a more “normal” experience again. In-person learning and connection with classmates is critical to student success/well-being.

4.2 ★★★★★ (22 👤)

I am excited for my student to continue their learning journey with such fabulous teachers! I am wondering if my students learning will be differentiated with the opportunity for deeper learning, research, and experimentation.

4.0 ★★★★★ (40 👤)

My son learning and entering school. I want to ensure he is getting a unbiased based education. Learning a world view. It is important because we are all connected to each other no matter where you live.

4.0 ★★★★★ (26 👤)



THOUGHTS

Miscellaneous



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4.5 ★★★★★ (40 👤)



THOUGHTS Year



It seems to be a normal year Hopefully no more Covid

4.2 ★★★★★ (33 👤)

I'm exited for the end of the school year Scared for workload

4.2 ★★★★★ (25 👤)

Communication It seems to have improved some from last year. It would be great if a more proactive approach could be applied to all things, like extracurriculars.

4.0 ★★★★★ (38 👤)



THOUGHTS

Late Start Wednesday



I'm excited about some classes but I'm nervous about the late work system. The late work system is very strict this year, and I don't want to get detention.

4.2 ★★★★★ (25 👤)

ATL instead of a study hall Giving the older kids a chance to do their homework would help make up for the late dismissal time

3.8 ★★★★★ (39 👤)

I really like the Wednesday late starts, although I'm not really nervous about much just a few thing I'm not happy with. Wednesday late starts give the teachers time to prepare for their classes, and students time in the morning to catch up on sleep or assignments.

3.8 ★★★★★ (26 👤)



THOUGHTS

Camp Eagle



I'm excited for camp eagle and that we have more freedom I'm nervous about being new to Myp **3.9** ★★★★★ (23 👤)

Camp Eagle and the dances Because I really enjoy those things, and all of our other camps got canceled:(**3.6** ★★★★★ (24 👤)

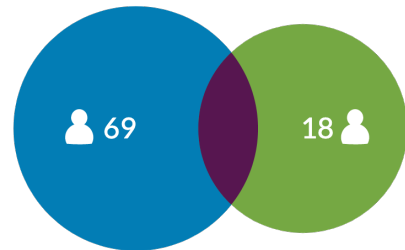
I'm excited about Camp eagle and I am nervous about the exams. Camp eagle is important because you can learn about nature and the exams are important because you get to show everything you learned. **3.5** ★★★★★ (26 👤)



DIFFERENCES

Nothing, Year and Nervous [69 | 18]

Student



Side A

I am really excited for this year because I get to see all my old friends (I left the school for 5th grade due to Covid). My goal is to join the NJHS. I hope to one day go to an Ivy League University (hopefully Stanford) and I feel that being apart of the NJHS may give me the advantage I need.

★ 4.7 ★ 2.1

I am exited for the Washington trip this year. This is important because this can be a chance to help us mature more by being away from home while also being

Side A/B Common (high)

Grading I care about my GPA

★ 4.6 ★ 5.0

Stressful Because of all the work and how it piles up quickly

★ 4.7 ★ 4.5

Side B

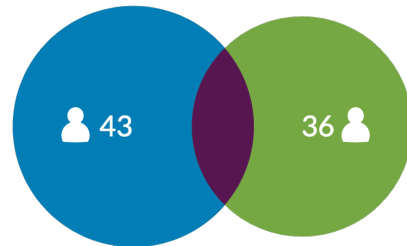
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DIFFERENCES

New | Nothing [43 | 36]

Student



Side A

opportunities to meet new people

★ 4.5 ★ 1.9

The thing that makes me nervous about this school year is the late work and other policies. Also the closet if you're out of uniform What excites me is to learn more and see/make friends

★ 4.7 ★ 2.2

Side A/B Common (high)

Grading I care about my GPA

★ 4.4 ★ 4.9

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★ 4.6 ★ 4.7

Side B

Therapy chicken If we did not have the therapy chicken it would be more stressful in class.

★ 1.3 ★ 4.9

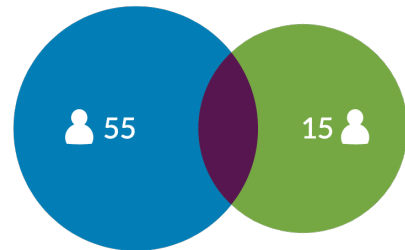
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★ 1.2 ★ 4.8



DIFFERENCES

Camp Eagle [55 | 15]
Student



Side A

homecoming getting asked or not but being able to dance and get ready with friends

★ 4.8 ★ 1.2

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Side B

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WRAP UP Next Steps



Thanks for participating

We'll be carefully considering what we learned and sharing our actions back with you.