

Family Engagement Survey Results Summary

4.19.2023

Aspen Creek PK-8

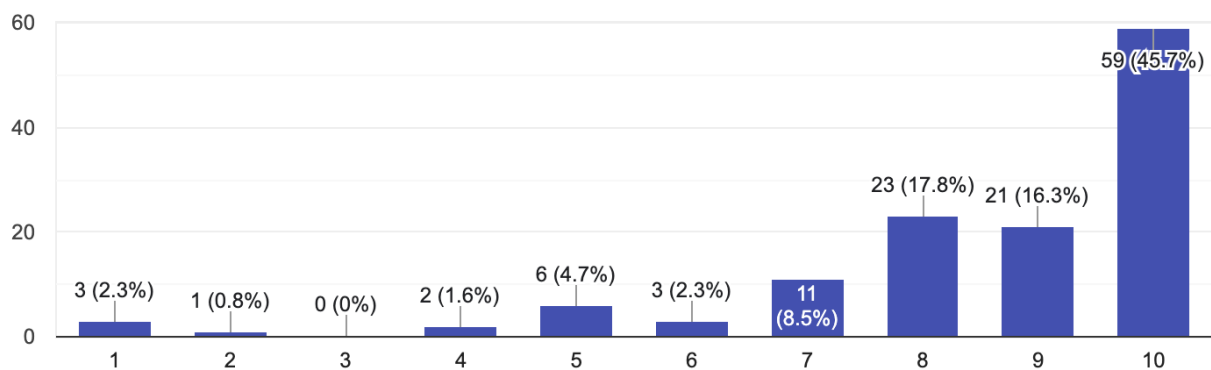


Total responses: 129

1. Survey participation by grade level (percent of total students in parentheses):

PreK - 6 (50%)
Kinder - 17 (28%)
1st - 14 (23%)
2nd - 23 (33%)
3rd - 19 (29%)
4th - 16 (24%)
5th - 17 (25%)
6th - 31 (30%)
7th - 16 (17%)
8th - 36 (27%)

2. Would you recommend Aspen Creek to others?



Average response - 8.53/10

Net promoter score = 50.4 (on a scale from -100 to 100).

*Above 20 is good, above 50 is excellent.

1-6 - 15 responses
7-8 - 34 responses
9-10 - 80 responses

Why? Majority of positive responses mention excellent admin and teaching staff, caring and supportive environment, love the school overall

Why not? Bullying, middle-level differentiation and academic rigor

3. What do you feel should be a priority for Aspen Creek next school year?

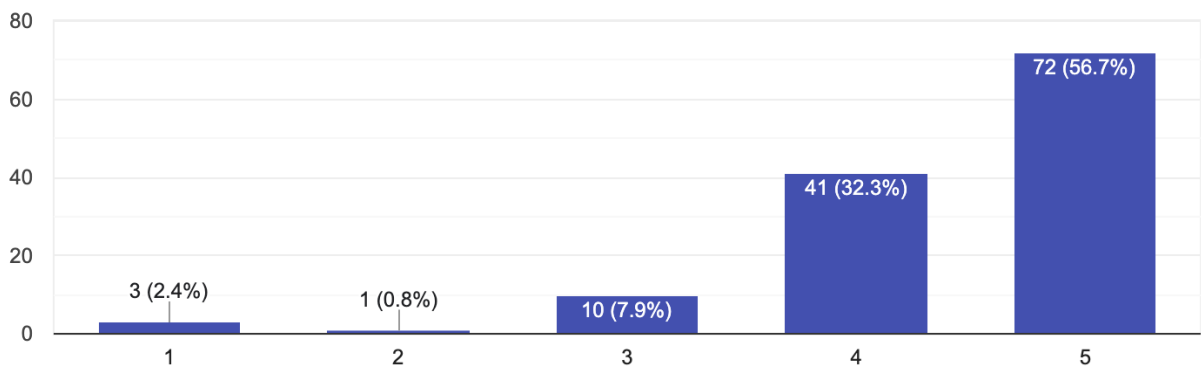
Top three priorities:

1. Academics - including differentiated learning, experiential learning, GT programming, pacing/mastery
2. Social Emotional/Mental Health - including positive school culture and climate, extracurriculars/clubs/sports, social skills
3. Community (connections and activities with those outside the school) - improve the sense of community including family engagement and parent socials

Other important priorities:

- Communication to families, especially in 8th grade
- Coffee chats and information sessions
- General school safety including drop off/pick up
- Bullying prevention and education
- Middle level consistency and separate experiences

4. Does the quality of education at Aspen Creek meet your expectations?



Average response - 4.4 (89% positive)

1-3 - 14 responses

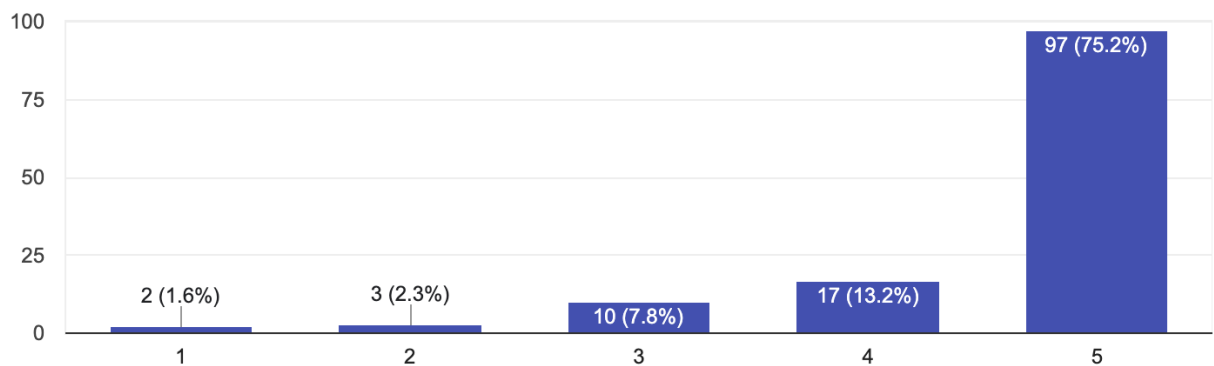
4 - 41 responses

5 - 72 responses

What would make it better?

- Academic challenge, GT and differentiated learning
- Hands on learning, less tech
- Improve middle level including separate experiences
- Playground improvements
- Connecting parents

5. Do you feel comfortable openly communicating with your classroom teacher?



Average response - 4.58/5 (88% positive)

1-3 - 15 responses

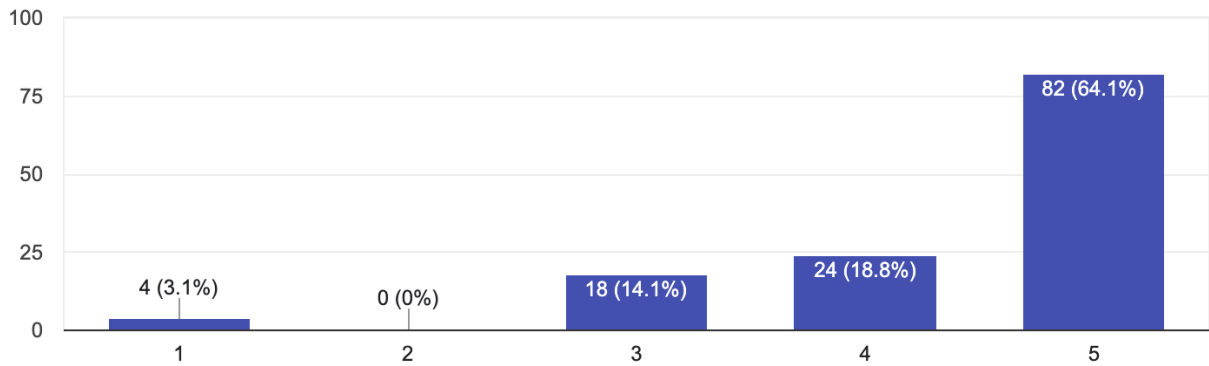
4 - 17 responses

5 - 97 responses

Why? Responses are very similar to previous surveys - parents feel like communication is very open and teachers are responsive

Why not? In-person conversations and conferences are still needed especially for middle level, eighth grade communication needs improvement

6. Do you feel comfortable openly communicating with your principals?



Average response - 4.41/5 (83% positive)

1-3 - 22 responses

4 - 24 responses

5 - 82 responses

Why? New administration is warm and welcoming and open to communication.

Why not? Not sure when to contact principals or how.

7. Communication at Aspen Creek

Ratings key:

1 = Strongly disagree with statement

5 = Strongly agree with statement

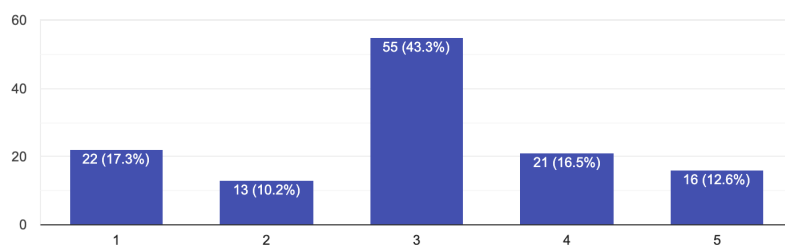
Summary of comments:

- Amount of communication is generally appropriate
- Communication could be more timely
- 8th grade needs improved communication
- Parents want to hear more from specials teachers, support staff and principals
- Short conferences are ineffective

I would like to receive more text messages.

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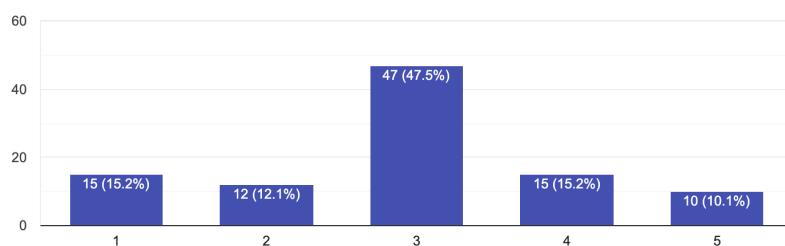
127 responses



I would like to receive more email communication from my PK-5 teachers.

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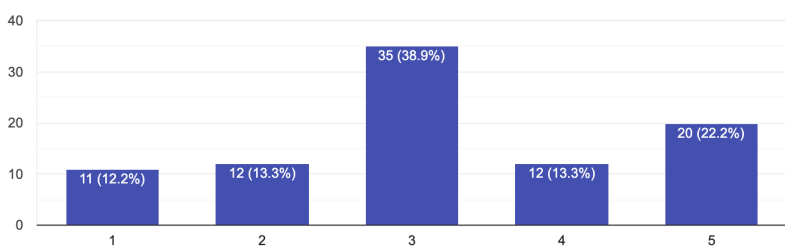
99 responses



I would like to receive more email communication from my grade 6-8 teachers.

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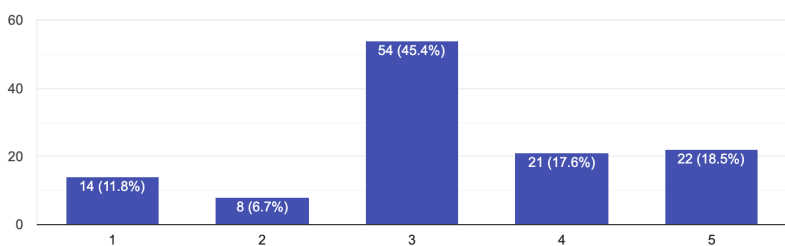
90 responses



I would like to receive more email communication from my specials teachers.

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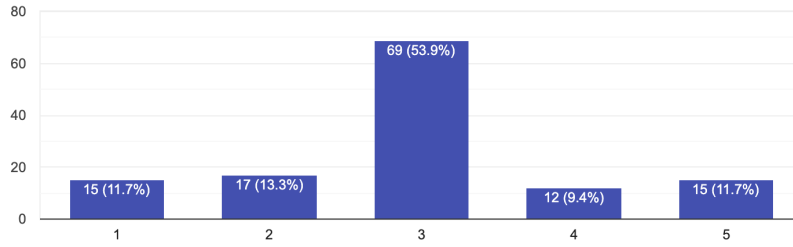
119 responses



I would like to receive more communication directly from the principal.

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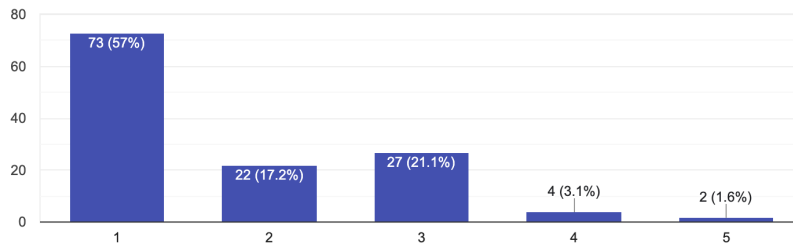
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I would like to receive more paper communication.

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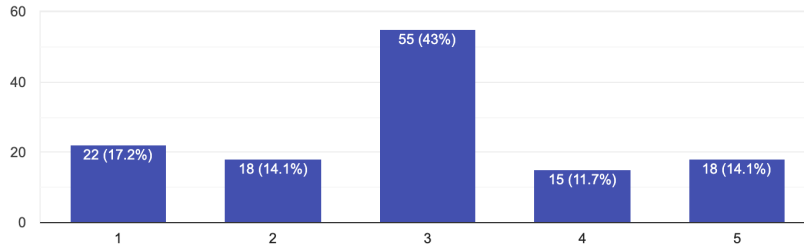
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I would like to see a wider variety of information in the Coyote Connection.

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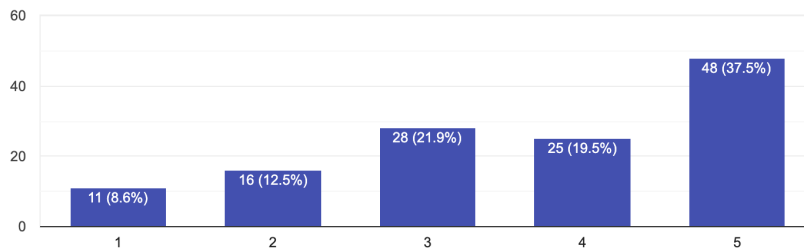
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I read the monthly PTA newsletter.

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128 responses



8. School Culture

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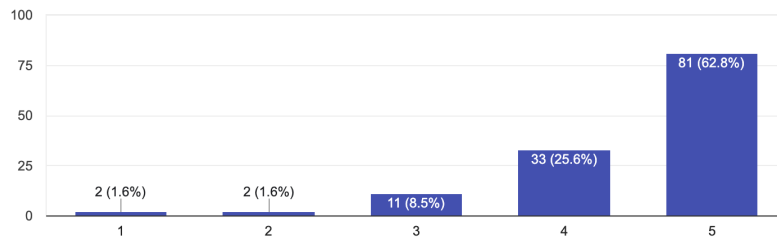
Summary of comments:

- School culture has dramatically improved this year
- More family/school-wide events are still needed
- Volunteering availability and communication is inconsistent
- Middle level families desire more connection
- Need options for working parents to connect or volunteer

The staff at Aspen Creek makes me feel welcome.

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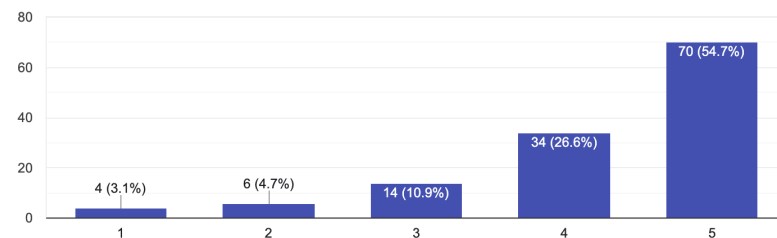
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I know who to contact when I have a question or concern.

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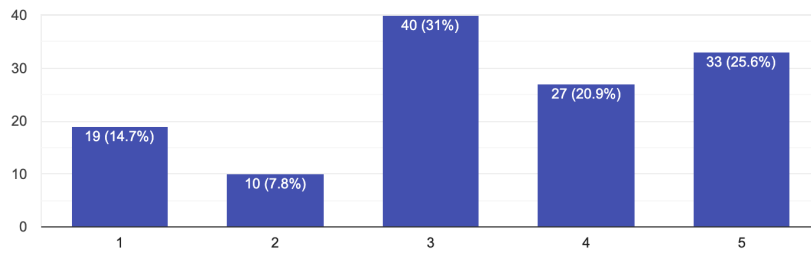
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I feel connected to other parents at this school.

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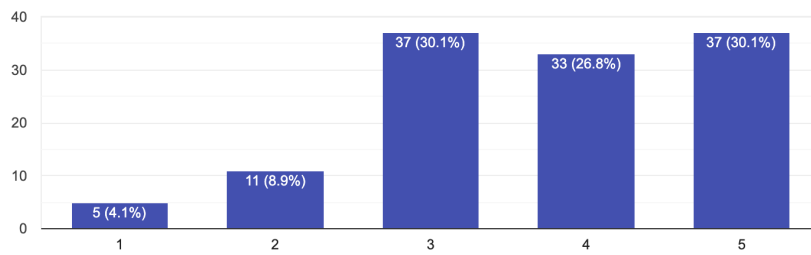
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I feel included while participating in school or PTA sponsored parent/family activities or events.

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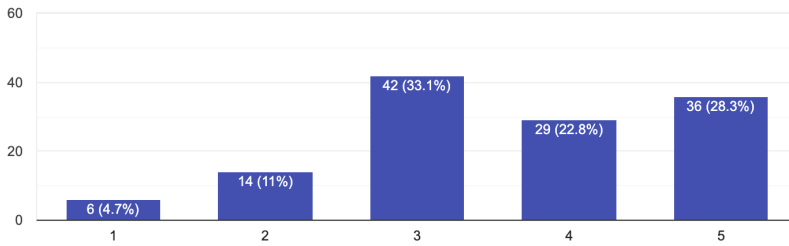
123 responses



I would like to better understand what my child is learning at school.

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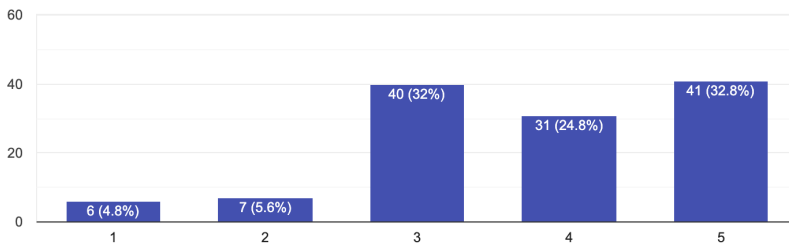
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It is easy to volunteer at Aspen Creek.

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125 responses

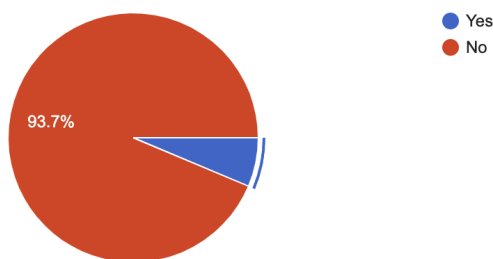


9. Has your child's or family's participation in activities at Aspen Creek been limited due to financial hardship?

While this is a low number, more can be done to communicate availability of scholarships, financial assistance and inclusivity. No child should be excluded from school activities due to financial hardship. This percentage is similar to previous years

No - 118 responses, Yes - 8 responses

126 responses

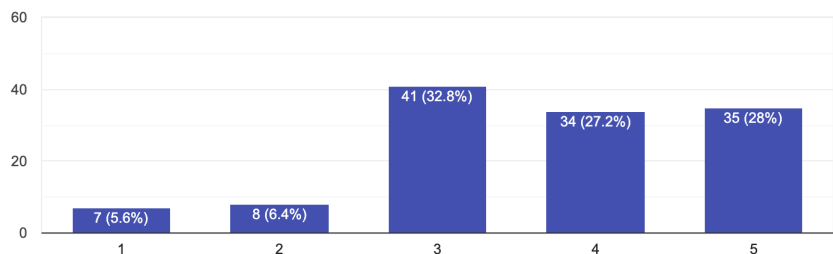


10. Are the school activities and events that are offered at Aspen Creek engaging for your child(ren)?

There are a lot of great, specific suggestions in the comments for this question.

Some general highlights are as follows:

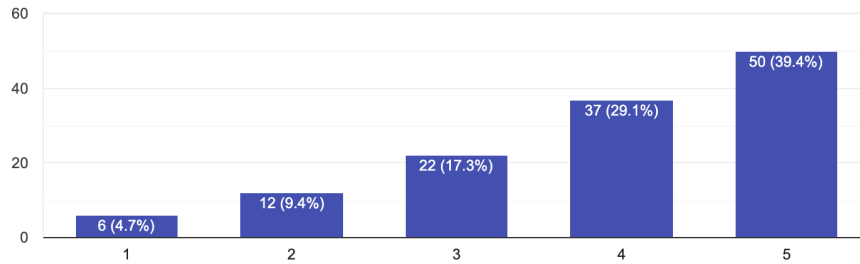
- More sports for all grades, especially PK-5
- New activities and clubs such as chess, Lego, theater, robotics, art, language
- Middle level socials and dances
- GT specific activities



11. Are the PTA sponsored activities and fundraisers (Color Run, STEAM week, Read-a-thon, etc) engaging for your student and/or family?

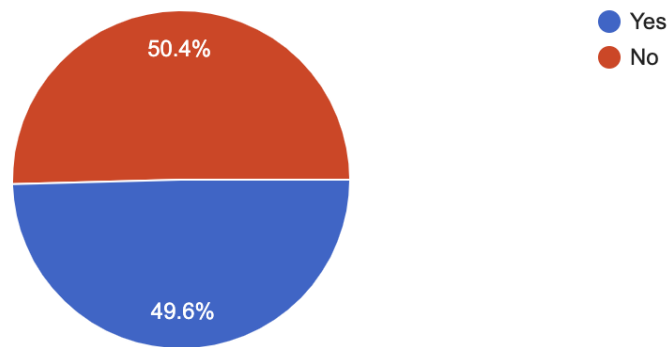
Some general highlights are as follows:

- PTA has improved this year overall
- Read-a-thon and STEAM week aren't engaging for middle level
- Spread out fundraising events throughout the year



12. Would you like to engage in more activities with other families at the school?

Last year, responses were 61% in favor of engaging with other families. Desire for engagement has dropped this year.



Again, there are a lot of great, specific suggestions in the comments for this question that will be considered for next school year.

Activity suggestions:

- Coffee with the principal
- Beginning of the year social
- Food truck nights

- Unique events - casino night, father/mother/child dances, summer activity, gala/parents night/80s prom
- Grade level specific socials for families to meet

13. What can we do to improve fundraising for Aspen Creek PTA next school year? How would you like to see the funds used?

Many said that PTA has done a great job this year. The most common suggestion was the ability to make a simple one time donation and a recommended amount. There is also still a need for clarity and transparency for how the funds raised are used, and ongoing communication on where monies are spent.

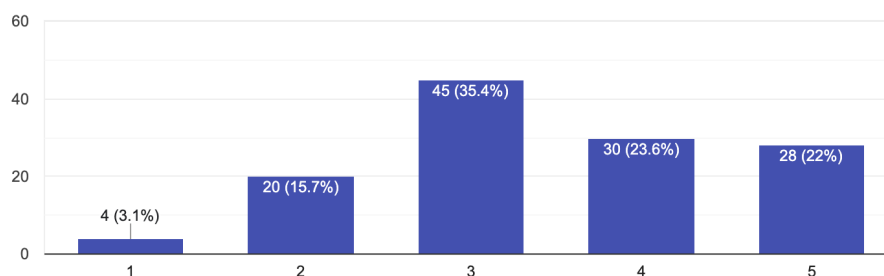
- Fundraising events were effective
- Use funds for classroom needs, teacher wish lists, field trips, activity scholarships, fun events

14. How might we improve safety and awareness at Aspen Creek?

Many said their kids felt safe at Aspen Creek. Of the approximately 38% of responses with comments, common responses were the following:

- Drop off/pick up needs additional supervision including crossing guards at various locations
- Communication with parents about common trends, topics, mental health education, events
- Many wanted SROs back in schools
- Better recess monitoring

15. Do you feel there is enough support or discussion around mental health at Aspen Creek PK-8?



Average response rate improved slightly over last year, but still could use improvement.

Common improvement suggestions are the following:

- Better communication about what children are being taught in the classroom (all grades) so that parents can be aware and collaborate
- Need better explanation of counselor roles and responsibilities

16. Do you know how to access free resources to support your family's mental health needs?

Responses were split to this question which is approximately the same as last year.

50% positive - 62 responded No, 62 responded Yes

Of the small percentage of comments in this question, the feedback was varied. Some ideas to note:

- Need better communication about if a child is struggling
- Some topics need more parent involvement and awareness (sexuality, gender identity, specific mental health topics)

17. Please share one thing you love about Aspen Creek or a great experience your child(ren) had at our school.

There were a wide variety of comments this year: our amazing teaching staff, positive influences of the new administration, caring community, the Broomfield Days Parade, and field trips to name a few.

Below are some highlights from the comments:

"Halloween parade was wonderful and I loved that the principal dressed up and participated along with the students."

"Friendly staff, great resources, well equipped classrooms!"

"Your ILC team has been great."

"My child loves the school. Missing a day is like a punishment to her so the school is doing something right. She's engaged and loves to learn and has a great group of kids in her grade that she spends time with."

"We love all the middle level electives offered!"

"This year's leadership blows the last few years out of the water. My son is engaged and feels proud to attend the school. Learning feels fun to him."

"My children's teachers are great. Snowshoeing with the 5th graders was amazing."