

Spring 2015 Parent Survey Open Ended Responses:

What do you like best about our school?

- That all the teachers take the time to ensure the kids get all the help they need
- Being a smaller school and having more of a one on one interaction with the students.
- Small, good teachers, feels like a family
- Small, personal learning environment with a big focus on academics
- I like the smaller school feel and the fact the kids progress from grade to grade with the same class of students.
- The wonderful staff and how they interact with the kids.
- I like the small classes and that our children get individualized services.
- Smaller school and more teacher involvement with the class.
- The staff.
- It's small and welcoming.
- The caring and guidance given to the student as well as the student's family.
- The size of classes and the cohesiveness of all the teachers. are fantastic It feels like everyone pitches in and is aware of a child's progress and areas they need help in. It's like the entire school works as a team that acts with the children's best interest at heart.
- Friendly, helpful staff. Excellent curriculum. Overall good learning experience.
- I like that all the staff take care of the kids in the school and watch out for their best interests.
- The administration is dedicated to quality education.
- It's a smaller school that cares about all the students and their success.
- Everything!
- Communication between educators and parents, individualized teaching, smaller school/smaller classes.
- It is a pillar in the community that allows use of the building to any party that needs a common space.
- That is has a smaller setting
- Marvel provides opportunities for all students to succeed and doesn't allow students to fail. The attention the teachers/staff provide to my children is great!
- The positive attitude. The small size. The cooperation and teamwork of teachers. The hands on involvement of administration in students' school lives. The relationships between students and teachers.

What do you like least about our school?

- The lack of individualized and/or challenging work for students who are ahead of standards/grade level. The lack of individualized support and/or para time for gifted students' expanded learning opportunities.
- I do wish there were more chances for sports but understand that is difficult because of student numbers.
- No lunchroom
- All the fundraising--seems like you ask parents for a lot of money.
- Everyone knows everyone which can have it's drawbacks.
- There is not one thing that I don't like about this school.
- One teacher that doesn't seem to give reason for the way that he/she does things. I just feel very uninformed about my child's progress when i speak with her.
- The curriculum is good. The facility is aged!
- I'm not sure about how bullying and meanness from other kids is being handled. At times, I feel that things get swept under the carpet.
- Sometimes the small nature of the school has a tendency to develop more student alienation. Fewer kids at each age group to correspond with if one is not quite fitting into the main group.
- I can't think of anything negative about the school.
- Have not found anything to not like.
- There aren't many extra-curricular activities offered within, especially in academics.
- Salad Bar twice a week, and need more sports.
- Nothing, my kids ,wife and I enjoy this school and always feel welcomed.
- n/a
- n/a
- Range of opportunities is less than what you would find at a big school, but Manvel does great with what they have
- Need to realize that things aren't always perfect---its ok to admit that. Dont always paint a picture that things are perfect in school and there are no problems
- Nothing

What is one suggestion you would like to offer to improve our school?

- Unsure at this time
- More parent involvement
- n/a
- Improving school safety, keeping doors locked during school hours and limiting who can come and go during the day.
- Nothing at this time.
- More sports.
- Offer more academic extra-curricular activities.
- At this time I cannot offer any improvements.
- Better parent knowledge of school extra curricular events. A signup sheet is sent out, but that gets missed sometimes if kids don't bring them home or if they get lost in school papers. Maybe an electronic memo to parents of some sort?
- We've heard from kids in the class how teachers sometimes call students out on things, like a bad grade on test or assignments. I know more grades for other kids than I should so I would say keep it more private and not announce or discuss other grades in class.
- Healthier lunch program and optional breakfast program.
- Seems to be working great right now.
- Wish the gym was bigger!
- None- this is a great school.
- Revisit the behavior expectations and make the old ones new again--new posters, banners, etc. I like the expectation language but it needs to be "brought to life"
- Maybe in the spring or fall have classrooms move outdoors for a few classes to get them outside throughout the day
- Please continue to support the use of technology in the classrooms. I think it's important for today's students to have an overall understanding of how to use computers and other devices in order to do well as they continue in their schooling.
- The ability for students to advance to a higher grade levels' curriculum for more subjects, not just math. I would love to see students placed in curriculum/classrooms determined more by their ability group versus age-based groups, then return to their age-based peer groups for specials.