

Chief Tomat Elementary School – Parent survey results

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1. Tell me about some of the ways the school helps your child(ren) feel like they belong?

The majority of responses fell within the following themes:

- Positive, supportive relationships with the staff and families at Chief Tomat (children, teachers, principal, parents, volunteers, support staff, etc.)
- PAC events bring our community together

Some quotes:

"Fostering respectful friendships among peers- Acknowledging positive behavior- Being sensitive to our child's feelings and offering emotional support- Assigning special responsibilities to students. Very caring staff members!"

"Both my kids have felt strong connections to their teachers, so I would say the teachers and staff are doing a great job!"

2. What excites you about where we are headed as a school?

The majority of responses fell within the following themes:

- Knowledgeable, caring staff who design innovative learning and leadership opportunities for students
- Respect for diversity and inclusion
- Strong sense of community which has been nurtured by PAC

Some quotes:

"The community environment is very positive. I'm excited to see some teachers pushing (themselves) out of their comfort zones into some innovative territory (with teaching). I also find the good relationships among the staff very positive."

"I see staff who are passionate about the kids, and leadership who has vision and excitement for making the school a better place. This excites me!"

3. Are there things that concern you that you could tell me about?

The majority of responses fell within the following themes:

- Misbehavior by some students during lunch time (including meal time) Ways to support behavior outside and inside the classroom
- Getting additional help for my child's learning

Some quotes:

"I would like to see more activities for the kids to do in the gym at lunch time and before and after school. Different clubs/groups....."

4. What learning is your child engaged in? Why is it important for your child?

The majority of responses feel within the following themes:

- Subject areas such as reading, writing, math, science, social studies, etc.

Quotation:

"It's only 2 months in but already I see he's improving his counting and letter skills. He is writing his own name on projects now."

"Our child loves to learn and we find that she benefits from all forms of learning (hands on, visual/verbal, experiential, repetition, etc. and that her teacher is doing a great job of incorporating all these methods in the classroom/school outings."

5. What are some things that the school could do to support you and your child(ren) with their learning?

The majority of responses fell within the following themes:

- More communication about the curriculum, how students are doing and ways to support at home
- Extra-curricular activities (spirit days, lunch time clubs and activities)
- More support for students who struggle with learning

Some quotes:

"I would like to see more school spirit days, pep rally's for different sports or intermediate (students) interacting in a leadership role with the younger grades."

"Regular updates on strengths and weaknesses."