

PARENT/GUARDIAN SURVEY 2012-2013: ORCHARD SCHOOL

Results of the May 2013 survey for Orchard Elementary School

Ridgewood

Public

Schools

Dear Parent or Guardian,

One goal of the Board of Education is to survey the district's parents and guardians each year, alternating a comprehensive satisfaction survey with a brief survey on a singular topic. This May the school district asked its parents and guardians to fill out a comprehensive survey on topics related to their children's schools and education. The results of the survey are presented here.

The results present an important snapshot that the Board of Education hopes will contribute to a dialogue among all members of the school community and become a resource for making your school and the district the best they can be.

Thank you to all who took the time to complete the survey. We hope you enjoy reading the report and appreciate your feedback.

The Ridgewood Board of Education
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How to read this report

The data in this report reflect survey results for your school only. A link to the results for the whole district is also provided below.

Please note that not all parents participated in the survey. Your school's participation rate is noted below, along with the overall district participation rate.

How was the survey conducted?

The survey was conducted via e-mail from May 13-24, 2013. Using SurveyMonkey software, e-mail invitations with private links were sent to all parent/guardian e-mail addresses on file with the district. Survey respondents participated on a secure survey website, and only one response was allowed for each e-mail address. The survey was completely anonymous.

Numerical data were compiled and charts were created using SurveyMonkey. District data were compiled from the individual school surveys by members of the Ridgewood Public Schools Information Technology Department. The superintendent, administrators and school board members reviewed the data and all comments.

What were the results for the whole District?

A total of 2673 parents or guardians filled out surveys, representing a 35.0% participation rate. [Click here](#) for a summary of the district survey data.

How many parents and guardians participated in your school's 2012-2013 survey?

| As of 5.31.13 | # Enrolled Students | # Valid E-mails on File | # Survey Responses | Participation Rate |
|---------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Orchard | 335 | 392 | 154 | 39.3% |
| District | 5768 | 7627 | 2673 | 35.0% |


How will these survey results be used?

Complete survey results have been provided to your school's principal, as well as the central administration and the Ridgewood Board of Education. The data will be used as one of several resources for the ongoing review and refinement of the programs of the Ridgewood Public Schools.


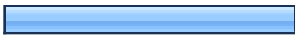


2012-2013 Parent / Guardian Survey: Elementary Schools







Our records show that your child attends a Ridgewood elementary school. The questions in this survey should be answered with this school in mind, for your youngest child attending this school. Which elementary school does your child attend?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------|--|--------------------------|----------------|
| Hawes School | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Orchard School |  | 100.0% | 154 |
| Ridge School | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Somerville School | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Travell School | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Willard School | | 0.0% | 0 |
| | | answered question | 154 |
| | | skipped question | 0 |




I am satisfied with the overall quality of my child's education.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 51.0% | 75 |
| Agree |  | 43.5% | 64 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 4.8% | 7 |
| Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| | | answered question | 147 |
| | | skipped question | 7 |






My child likes going to school.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 55.1% | 81 |
| Agree |  | 38.8% | 57 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 3.4% | 5 |
| Disagree |  | 2.7% | 4 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 147 |
| skipped question | | | 7 |



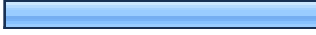


I would recommend my child's school to other parents.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 63.9% | 94 |
| Agree |  | 33.3% | 49 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 2.7% | 4 |
| Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 147 |
| skipped question | | | 7 |




I feel welcome in my child's school.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 57.8% | 85 |
| Agree |  | 32.7% | 48 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 5.4% | 8 |
| Disagree |  | 2.7% | 4 |
| Strongly Disagree |  | 1.4% | 2 |
| answered question | | | 147 |
| skipped question | | | 7 |





I would like to be more involved in my child's school.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 7.5% | 11 |
| Agree |  | 36.7% | 54 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 46.9% | 69 |
| Disagree |  | 8.2% | 12 |
| Strongly Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| answered question | | | 147 |
| skipped question | | | 7 |






My child feels safe at school.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 51.7% | 76 |
| Agree |  | 46.3% | 68 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 2.0% | 3 |
| Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 147 |
| skipped question | | | 7 |






The district has programs and activities in place at each school level that are designed to foster respect and discourage harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB). Examples of these programs include daily announcements, school assemblies and Open Circle at the elementary school level. Do you agree that these programs have been beneficial and constructive for your child?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 38.8% | 57 |
| Agree |  | 51.7% | 76 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 8.8% | 13 |
| Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 147 |
| skipped question | | | 7 |

I am satisfied with the academic progress of my child.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 33.6% | 48 |
| Agree |  | 55.9% | 80 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 4.9% | 7 |
| Disagree |  | 4.9% | 7 |
| Strongly Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| answered question | | | 143 |
| skipped question | | | 11 |

The academic challenge for my child is appropriate.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 22.4% | 32 |
| Agree |  | 58.7% | 84 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 11.9% | 17 |
| Disagree |  | 5.6% | 8 |
| Strongly Disagree |  | 1.4% | 2 |
| answered question | | | 143 |
| skipped question | | | 11 |

2012-2013 Parent / Guardian Survey: Elementary Schools



Please indicate your satisfaction level with the following programs at your child's school.

| | Very Satisfied | Satisfied | Neither Satisfied nor Unsatisfied | Unsatisfied | Very Unsatisfied | Not Applicable | Rating Count |
|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Language Arts | 32.9% (47) | 49.7% (71) | 11.2% (16) | 3.5% (5) | 0.7% (1) | 2.1% (3) | 143 |
| Math | 32.2% (46) | 48.3% (69) | 12.6% (18) | 2.8% (4) | 3.5% (5) | 0.7% (1) | 143 |
| Science (new 12-13) | 24.5% (35) | 46.2% (66) | 16.8% (24) | 5.6% (8) | 0.0% (0) | 7.0% (10) | 143 |
| Social Studies | 21.0% (30) | 52.4% (75) | 13.3% (19) | 3.5% (5) | 0.0% (0) | 9.8% (14) | 143 |
| World Languages | 7.0% (10) | 32.2% (46) | 17.5% (25) | 18.9% (27) | 9.1% (13) | 15.4% (22) | 143 |
| Music and Art | 51.0% (73) | 43.4% (62) | 4.2% (6) | 0.0% (0) | 1.4% (2) | 0.0% (0) | 143 |
| Health and Wellness | 26.6% (38) | 52.4% (75) | 11.9% (17) | 4.2% (6) | 0.0% (0) | 4.9% (7) | 143 |

Please feel free to comment on the K-8 Science program, implemented September 2012.

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answered question

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
My child is encouraged to try new things at school.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree | | 33.6% | 47 |
| Agree | | 54.3% | 76 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | | 10.0% | 14 |
| Disagree | | 1.4% | 2 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.7% | 1 |
| answered question | | | 140 |
| skipped question | | | 14 |



The school gives me ideas and opportunities to help my child do his/her best.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|--|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree | | 26.4% | 37 |
| Agree | | 52.1% | 73 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree | | 15.7% | 22 |
| Disagree | | 5.0% | 7 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.7% | 1 |
| answered question | | | 140 |
| skipped question | | | 14 |





The amount of homework my child receives is:

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Too little |  | 4.3% | 6 |
| Just right |  | 86.4% | 121 |
| Too much |  | 9.3% | 13 |
| answered question | | | 140 |
| skipped question | | | 14 |




I supplement my child's education with professional tutoring in core subjects such as math or reading.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------|
| Yes |  | 26.4% | 37 |
| No |  | 73.6% | 103 |
| answered question | | | 140 |
| skipped question | | | 14 |





I am satisfied with the quality of the physical spaces at my child's school.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 35.7% | 50 |
| Agree |  | 53.6% | 75 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 9.3% | 13 |
| Disagree |  | 1.4% | 2 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 140 |
| skipped question | | | 14 |





My child's school is clean and well-maintained.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 52.9% | 74 |
| Agree |  | 42.9% | 60 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 4.3% | 6 |
| Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 140 |
| skipped question | | | 14 |





The condition/quality of the school's athletic facilities is acceptable.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 30.0% | 42 |
| Agree |  | 46.4% | 65 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 13.6% | 19 |
| Disagree |  | 10.0% | 14 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 140 |
| skipped question | | | 14 |





The condition/quality of the school's visual and performing arts spaces is acceptable.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 28.6% | 40 |
| Agree |  | 56.4% | 79 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 14.3% | 20 |
| Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 140 |
| skipped question | | | 14 |






I feel well-informed about the school's programs, services and activities.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 52.5% | 73 |
| Agree |  | 41.7% | 58 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 5.0% | 7 |
| Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| | | answered question | 139 |
| | | skipped question | 15 |





The school keeps me informed of my child's progress.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 32.4% | 45 |
| Agree |  | 52.5% | 73 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 9.4% | 13 |
| Disagree |  | 5.8% | 8 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| | | answered question | 139 |
| | | skipped question | 15 |






School staff members (teachers/principal) are responsive to my parental concerns.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 54.0% | 75 |
| Agree |  | 38.1% | 53 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 6.5% | 9 |
| Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| Strongly Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| answered question | | | 139 |
| skipped question | | | 15 |












The district administration and/or Board of Education are responsive to my parental concerns.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------------------|---|------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 17.3% | 24 |
| Agree |  | 28.8% | 40 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 51.8% | 72 |
| Disagree |  | 2.2% | 3 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 139 |
| skipped question | | | 15 |

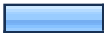



I have sufficient opportunities to express my opinions or concerns regarding my child's school.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 29.5% | 41 |
| Agree |  | 51.8% | 72 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 15.8% | 22 |
| Disagree |  | 2.2% | 3 |
| Strongly Disagree |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| answered question | | | 139 |
| skipped question | | | 15 |


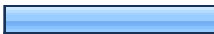
How do you receive most of your school-related information? Check all that apply:

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| School-based e-news/publications |  | 87.8% | 122 |
| School website |  | 50.4% | 70 |
| Skyward Information System |  | 30.2% | 42 |
| District or school e-blasts/robo calls |  | 30.2% | 42 |
| District rps.Enews |  | 10.1% | 14 |
| Board meetings |  | 2.9% | 4 |
| District website |  | 8.6% | 12 |
| District Facebook page |  | 0.7% | 1 |
| Print-based newspapers |  | 4.3% | 6 |
| Electronic news outlets |  | 5.8% | 8 |
| Other (please specify) |  | 5.8% | 8 |
| | | answered question | 139 |
| | | skipped question | 15 |



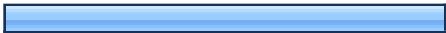



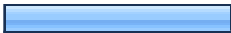
The district website is a useful source for all I need to know about the Ridgewood Public Schools.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 14.4% | 20 |
| Agree |  | 51.1% | 71 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 30.9% | 43 |
| Disagree |  | 3.6% | 5 |
| Strongly Disagree | | 0.0% | 0 |
| answered question | | | 139 |
| skipped question | | | 15 |

Would it be helpful for the district to provide programs on parenting issues?

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--------------------------|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Yes |  | 68.3% | 95 |
| No |  | 31.7% | 44 |
| answered question | | | 139 |
| skipped question | | | 15 |



Please indicate your interest in the following types of programs. Check all that apply:

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|---|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| District curriculum and programs |  | 49.5% | 47 |
| Overscheduling of children |  | 44.2% | 42 |
| Parenting in the age of media and technology |  | 66.3% | 63 |
| Children's anxiety issues |  | 52.6% | 50 |
| Building children's self-esteem |  | 63.2% | 60 |
| Helicopter parenting |  | 23.2% | 22 |
| School safety and security |  | 33.7% | 32 |
| | | Other | 2 |

answered question 95

skipped question 59




What would be the best way for you to participate in district parental programs? Check all that apply:

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|--|--|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| In person at a school or the Education Center |  | 68.4% | 65 |
| Online webinar |  | 55.8% | 53 |
| | | Other (please specify) | 1 |






answered question 95

skipped question 59

When would be the best times for you to participate in district programs? Check all that apply:

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Weekday during school hours |  | 40.0% | 38 |
| Weekday evenings |  | 67.4% | 64 |
| Weekend daytime |  | 14.7% | 14 |
| | Other (please specify) | | 1 |
| | | answered question | 95 |
| | | skipped question | 59 |

I am satisfied with the club and after-school opportunities at my child's elementary school.

| | | Response Percent | Response Count |
|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|----------------|
| Strongly Agree |  | 13.7% | 19 |
| Agree |  | 44.6% | 62 |
| Neither Agree nor Disagree |  | 35.3% | 49 |
| Disagree |  | 4.3% | 6 |
| Strongly Disagree |  | 2.2% | 3 |
| | | answered question | 139 |
| | | skipped question | 15 |