

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Being able to keep the wonderful small school atmosphere with the limited funding and availability

G5

Thought: Being able to keep the wonderful small school atmosphere with the limited funding and ability to get more student teachers.

T3

Blended classes at Territorial is a challenge for teachers and students

G11

Thought: Blended classes at Territorial is a challenge for teachers and students it is hard for the teachers to teach to the kids when they are coming and going in and out of classes because they are blended. It is a disruption for both the teacher and the students.

T11

Blended classrooms

G1

Thought: Combining grades.

T14

It makes it harder to come up with a form of studies that will include a student in one grade that is behind, and a student in the next grade who is more advanced. Meeting those needs in very different levels.

Thought: The blended classroom have been a challenge in the past

T23

Bullying

G7

Thought: Bullying

T5

My own child, as well as several others that I know personally have been the victims of intimidation/harassment, as well as physical assaults at the hands of other students. While my own child was going through it, I learned that several of the staff at Territorial didn't know district policies/guidelines regarding such behavior. They also weren't clear on state laws regarding bullying. If a student doesn't feel safe at school, their focus will not be on learning.

Class Size

G18

Thought: Class Size

T19

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?
Communication

G22

Thought: communication

T26

I think that our schools, teachers, administration, and parents are great. However, I doubt that we know what the other is doing. It is easy to be nearsighted and only see the hard work that we contribute, or that directly effects us. However, I know there is so much that happens behind the scene to make my job and of my children's education successful. If we could find a way to communicate the positive things happening in our classrooms and within the district, perhaps we would be more grateful to those who work so tirelessly in our behalf, and in our children's behalf.

Economic

G16

Thought: Economic

T17

Having to call and schedule for yard work

G4

Thought: Having to call and schedule for yard work.

T2

We have to put in a work order to get the lawn mowed, where as the other schools get their lawn mowed on a regular basis. The parents having to clear blackberries from the driveway and using our own tools to get rid of the leaves, and other debris from around the school.

Less over protective rules for elementary students

G10

Thought: Less over protective, fun sapping rules at all levels especially elementary

T10

the recess rules at the elementary level go too far. e.g. no running, no tag, no playing on play jungle gym for kindergarten, on and on it goes

Children need to RUN, PLAY, EXPLORE, GET ALONG WITHOUT so much adult intervention - LESS RULES, keep the rules simple and easy to follow and make total common sense. If students had more freedom on recess and at lunch time they would be better able to learn and focus in the classroom. Is there a chance a kid would fall and skin a knee on the blacktop? YES and that's ok. Kids have to learn how to fall down and get back up. The benefits of more freedom and fun on the playground will = better results in the classroom for our kids and the teachers. Many assistants need training on common sense. They should not be totalitarian in their enforcement of excessive rules

Meeting the wide range of student needs

G15

Thought: Meeting the wide range of student needs.

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Meeting the wide range of student needs

G15

Over the last 30 years I have seen our community become more diverse. The students have a wider range of needs that the average classroom teacher may not have the skills to provide. Teachers need more training. Class should be smaller. Planning time for teachers to work together is essential. The needs of students include academic, social, emotional and physical needs.

More room in the kitchen with healthy option

G6

Thought: Building size and accommodations

T4

We love Territorial Elementary! I only wish they could add on to the kitchen there. If they had more room, they could make some more healthy fresh options. It is hard to think about shipping all of the food to the school. It seems we could add on to kitchen by opening up staff room to accommodate a kitchen expansion, and make a staff room else where.

Not enough outside PE time

G3

Thought: Not enough outside PE time

T1

My children come home and complain that when it is nice outside they are stuck inside doing PE.

Removal of kids from the classroom with major behavior problems

G13

Thought: Removal of kids from the classroom with major behavior problems

T13

Students' education should not be disrupted by the one or two students who can't/won't act like a student, it's not right to allow a student to seriously disrupt the learning of other students and the teachers should be able to focus on good teaching and not managing the behavior of one student. There needs to be a separate behavior class for students (K-12 so more disproportionate resources don't go to the special cases) who can't or won't function in the regular classroom

Required Pledge of Allegiance for every classroom every morning

G12

Thought: Required Pledge of Allegiance for every classroom every morning

T12

many of our young people don't know this basic tradition and how to be respectful

What are some of the key challenges you see in our schools?

Small student enrollment

G21

Thought: Small student enrollment

T25

Structure

G17

Thought: Structure

T18

There is not PE for all children

G19

Thought: My children have not been in school long enough for me to really judge the challenges. The one thing I have noticed is that my son does not get a PE class which I thought was unusual. He received PE at his last school.

T20

The school needs some building upgrades

G2

Thought: Building improvements

T8

After we have secured a safe environment where ALL students' educational and transportation needs are met, yes, building improvements should certainly be addressed. At Territorial, the driveway and parking areas are filled with pot holes. There is not a clearly marked path for students to walk from the parking lot to the buildings either and I've witnessed a few close calls because of it. Perhaps a crossing guard would be a good idea. Preferably before somebody gets hurt.

Thought: Enclosed breezeways and better windows.

T15

Update heating/cooling, install thermo-paned windows, and enclose the breezeways at Territorial.

Thought: I see that a number of improvements/updates need to be made to Territorial

T21

Elementary School. For instance the driveway and parking lot are in terrible need of repair/repaving. The heating and cooling system needs replacement or improvement. The cafeteria needs work, the kitchen needs updating, etc. This is important because these are just normal updates/improvements needed to an older building, so there can be a more comfortable environment for our students to be more conducive for learning.

The support staff are not being treated fairly with a fair wage

G20

Thought: I don't believe the support staff are being treated fairly with a fair wage

T22

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The support staff are not being treated fairly with a fair wage

G20

increase. I support all the support staff for their request for a fair wage increase, at least a cost of living increase! They work so hard and are so vital to our schools, they deserve better!!

Transportation needs improvement

G9

Thought: Transportation needs improvement

T7

Over the years, I've had several issues with First Student. When not satisfied with what response/action I got from First Student, I spoke with the school staff. They seemed to feel as helpless as I did!

There is no excuse for bullying on the bus, arriving early at a stop in the morning, then just leaving, and taking one of my children all the way to the bus barn because he feel asleep on the way home. Where is the accountability? Why are my tax dollars paying for this service?

Understaffed schools

G8

Thought: Understaffed schools

T6

After spending several hours volunteering at Territorial Elementary, the need for more teaching staff was obvious. I don't believe that having classrooms with 2 grades is the answer because a lower grade student who is struggling may not get the attention they need to be, and feel successful.

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

At Territorial the staff is doing report cards multiple times

G1

Thought: At Territorial the staff is doing report cards multiple times.

T1

Doing multiple report cards help the parents and kids realize where they are at, and where they need to be at the end of the year.

Bobcat time

G15

Thought: Bobcat time

T16

What fun way to start the day.

Communication to parents

G6

Thought: Communication

T6

We love that we get home weekly newsletters from the class, and monthly newsletters from the school! It keeps us up to date, even when our schedules get hectic!

Core education

G13

Thought: Core education

T14

I like that kids are separated by grade/learning ability for math & reading. This has benefited my children this year.

Excellent administrative leadership

G23

Thought: Excellent administrative leadership

T24

Great parent support

G22

Thought: Great parent support

T23

Making each and every kid feel like they are part of something great

G3

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T3

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

*(continued)***Making each and every kid feel like they are part of something great**

G3

amount of parents helping each and everyday you just don't find in larger schools.

Marvelous Mondays

G14

Thought: Marvelous Mondays

T15

My kids look forward to this activity every month. It is a great way to reward good behavior on a more consistent basis.

New technology

G24

Thought: New technology

T25

I am so excited to hear about the new technology available to our teachers and our students. Even more important, the students are excited and more engaged as a result.

On-line Access to students class work grades and/or missing

G18

Thought: On-line Access to students class work grades and/or missing

T19

Our teachers are doing a great job dealing with blended classes

G2

Thought: Our teachers are doing a great job dealing with blended class's.

T2

Having numbers that are so off balanced in some of our classes, our teachers have adjusted to blended classes so well. Also having another core teacher for the extra class teaching time has helped the kids with a better and more stable teaching environment.

Parent, teacher, student interaction

G5

Thought: Parent, teacher, student interaction

T5

It is wonderful how this school has so many opportunities for parents and teachers to work together to make this a special learning facility! Not only just meeting and talking, but so many extra activities, where parents can get to know the staff and enjoy them as people, whom are nurturing and teaching our children! What a special thing to have for our kids!

Thought: Student parent teacher connection

T8

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

*(continued)***Parent, teacher, student interaction**

G5

I always felt like I was welcome to participate in my children's education as much as I wanted to. I also felt confident that the staff was willing to answer any questions or address any concerns I had.

Staff and Volunteers

G12

Thought: Staff and Volunteers

T13

I think our staff and volunteers are great. I always feel if there is an issue or need, our school will do it's best to provide that. The kids are well taken care of, and I greatly appreciate that.

The class sizes are nice and small

G21

Thought: The class sizes are nice and small at Territorial Elementary.

T22

My daughters 4th/5th grade classroom has 21 students, which is so nice that it is not larger. I believe smaller class sizes at the Elementary level creates a better learning environment for students and a more manageable class for the teacher.

The feeling of community

G10

Thought: the feeling of community

T10

Thanks key parent volunteers and a remote location Territorial is a unique and well supported school. This is a secondary reason we chose Territorial for our child.

The Outdoor School

G11

Thought: Outdoor School

T11

This tradition is well worth the money, time and effort. Students have fun and so they can have very memorable learning experiences. Their minds are opened up to a world beyond their little circle.

There is a great school atmosphere

G7

Thought: Atmosphere at Territorial

T7

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

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There is a great school atmosphere

G7

I have always appreciated the atmosphere at Territorial. It seems like a lot of energy hours into making everyone feel welcome, and like they are part of a big family. The value of teamwork is taught well there.

The staff and teachers are some of the friendliest, helpful people we have

G19

Thought: The staff and teachers are some of the friendliest, helpful people we have met. We felt very welcomed and appreciated.

T20

The staff are great

G20

Thought: The staff at Territorial is wonderful! You have hired great teachers & support staff there. This is important because I want my student to learn from well qualified and caring and supportive people, which she is. And having a new 1/2 time teacher is great for the students to be placed in their grade level for math and reading in the mornings. Way to go there! ANd new part time I.A.s are also great.

T21

Title One

G17

Thought: Title One

T18

We have great teachers that care for the students

G9

Thought: we have great teachers that care for the students

T9

At Territorial we have great teachers that really care for the students and the atmosphere is a family atmosphere.

Thought: Employees care about the students

T17

Wonderful student to teacher ratio

G4

Thought: Wonderful student to teacher ratio!

T4

What are some things we are doing well in our schools?

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Wonderful student to teacher ratio

G4

I love our small school! The ratio between teachers and students is wonderful, and it shows! My children are way ahead of other schools academically, and it is all because of the attention they get, and the care they get from their wonderful teachers!

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Accountability

G2

Thought: Accountability

T2

I love that we teach them respect, responsibility, and safety. It all goes in to making them accountable human beings. They know if they work hard, and stay safe, that they will not only succeed in school, but in life as well! What a great thought!

Correct behavior with peers

G8

Thought: Basic academics, and correct behavior with peers

T8

Math, Science, and Reading I'd like to see more science in the classroom. Encouraging kids to be respectful to staff, and students.

Thought: Getting along with others

T17

Getting prepared for there future so they are not left behind

G5

Thought: getting prepared for there future so they are not left behind

T5

they need the skills to better themselves. some for college and some for jobs.

Good reading, writing, math, grammar, science, social studies, music, art

G15

Thought: Good reading, writing, math, grammar, science, social studies, music, Art

T15

and PE skills are all important skills students should be developing. An all around education is important for students, I believe.

How to learn

G11

Thought: How to learn

T11

Perseverance

G3

Thought: Persevere

T3

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

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Perseverance

G3

To keep trying, even when you make mistakes. Territorial does a wonderful job teaching our children how to work hard, and that even if you get something wrong, you can keep trying and get it right! Not to feel bad for getting it wrong, and giving up, but keep trying until you get it right!

Problem solving

G4

Thought: Problem solving

T4

I'm not just talking about math here. I'm referring to using critical thinking to solve everyday problems, especially when they involve interpersonal communication. For example, if two students have an argument, why not have the two of them sit down and work it out themselves, then let the teacher or other staff member know what they came up with? I believe students are more likely to stick to the solution if it is one they played a role in developing.

Reading proficiency by grade 3

G16

Thought: Reading proficiency by grade 3

T16

Reading, Writing, Math

G6

Thought: the basic fundamentals. more focus on reading spelling and math. but over all doing a great job.

T1

Thought: Reading, Writing, Math

T6

The foundation of all learning MUST be the focus. It's critical students leave each grade with a strong foundation in each of these. Reading, writing, and math should be incorporated in all units, in all subjects

Thought: Reading, math, writing, social skills and history - I know your curriculum supports these.

T14

Thought: Reading and math

T18

Reading and math skills are a necessity for our students. However, it cannot just be reading and math. Many of our students are excited and motivated to come to school because of science, social studies, writing, music, art, etc. Our students need to have a well rounded education.

What are the most important skills students should be developing in our schools?

Real World applications

G13

Thought: Real World applications

T13

Respect

G9

Thought: Respect

T9

I still see some kids that need to be respectable, I know there is no such thing as "perfect children", but teachers/staff/volunteers need to be respected. Uh-oh's are fine, but do parents/teachers really follow through with behavior? Maybe there should be more consequences for these behaviors especially if they are reoccurring.

Thought: Respect

T10

Kids should respect their peers and faculty and their school.

Socialization

G12

Thought: Socialization

T12

The belief that learning is fun, and school is a fun good place to be

G7

Thought: the belief that learning is fun and school is a fun good place to be

T7

depending on the teaching methods school can be fun and engaging or boring and drag, learning MUST be made fun - MORE freedom must be given to student to foster a curiosity for life and the world around them