

What we heard – Marysville Elementary Community Engagement 2023

1. What are some creative suggestions for things we can do in our school to continue to improve?

Summary of responses: Bring more nature and outdoors to learning. Field trips are really valued. Provide more work for parents to do with students at home. Offer events that families can attend outside of the workday. More connections between schools especially highschool

MES – The fourth goal in our school success plan for every class to have weekly outdoor learning. At this time many teachers make this part of our practice, but we would like to grow it to be school wide.

Field trips are an essential part of school learning. Sometimes they are walking trips and sometimes we take the bus to a location. Field trips need to be tied to curricular outcomes, accessible to all students and affordable for all families.

We do try to offer a balance of times for different activities for the school. The “workday” is different for many people who may work nights or work away as well as traditional work. We host open houses in the evening, and send home recordings of events that are held during the day.

We believe not all learning happens at school, but especially in K-3, most structured learning should stay at school. Some teachers offer reading practice at home but even that is optional as we recognize that not all families have the time or luxury of being able to read with their child every day. Activities like cooking together, writing an email to family or friends, talking about things you watch or read or see outside are all ways to support your child’s curiosity and learning development.

This year we have had Selkirk students help with Christmas Shopping spree, Engagement evening, Take me Outside day, and are planning with the leadership class and Scott Mcinnis for at least two more days next year.

2. What are some examples of key things you appreciate, or think are working well in our school?

Summary of responses: Caring staff. Outdoor learning. Field trips. Communication between home and school. Staff make each child feel like they belong and are important. Inclusivity.

MES – We value all these things as well!

3. What are some examples of things you think our students should be able to experience or accomplish to enhance their learning they currently do not have access to?

Summary of responses: Experiential learning, in community. Technology like ipads to learn games for reading and math. Chick program.

MES – Learning through experiences is something we all strive to plan for. We have experiences in our community and hope to expand those. We have a class set of 22 ipads and a class set of 22 laptops that teachers book for class use when appropriate. We teaching coding to all kids K-3.