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<b>10</b>	Every day, she comes home happy and says she has had a great day. She enjoys doing her homework.	The fact that my daughter is happy. The school keeps the parents informed.	
<b>5</b>	Because I believe my son is having a good recovery.	To communicate to parents concern in the development of your child.	I would like to receive the announcements in Portuguese because I do not understand English very well.
<b>10</b>	Everyone at school has bent over backwards to make my son feel very comfortable and happy.	My son is on an IEP and the SPED team has been wonderful. He suffers from epilepsy and had a seizure at school. The school nurse was wonderful.	I really do not like the Innisbrook fundraiser.
<b>9</b>	My daughter loves school in general.	Meeting new friends	More to do at recess.
<b>6</b>	My daughter didn't feel as welcome as she did last year. She didn't have kids in her class she knew (her friends seemed to have at least 2-3 familiar kids/friends in their classes) and also recesses/lunches, etc.	Her teacher is wonderful!	A playground.
<b>10</b>	He is bringing home very good results from homework and tests.	He enjoys going to school every day.	
<b>10</b>	I feel like my child is being challenged and able to participate in many activities such as academics, Gateway, DI, chorus, band, etc.	She is able to be pushed and challenged to strengthen her academics, especially Math, which she loves (Gateway).	Doing a great job.
<b>10</b>	Organized, informative; things seem to run smoothly.	The teachers.	
<b>9</b>	My child is happy and doing well academically and socially at school.	Teachers; communication	More focus on bullying and social issues.
<b>10</b>	This has been the first year that my son has had a positive outlook on school. His grades are excellent and I'm very happy.	My son's teacher's view on homework has completely changed my son's attitude about getting it done, in a very good way.	I can't think of any improvements at the time.
<b>7</b>	?	Teachers; Principal	Too many papers. Send emails.
<b>6</b>	I asked my child. It takes him a little longer to get comfortable w/change and a new routine.	The faculty is extremely genuine and approachable.	Dismissal could be improved but is still tolerable.

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10	She's very happy and comfortable in her new school.	Her teacher.	
10	Based on my son's reported experience, and easy access to teacher via email.	Tour of school for students transitioning from BWB, Open House, meeting with teachers and staff.	N/A at this point.
9	She has enjoyed her year so far and seems to have settled in well with her peers and new school.	Teacher correspondence and the Progress Reports.	It has been a good experience and I don't have any changes for the school at this time.
10	I have been extremely pleased with my son's teacher. I love how she keeps us posted w/the weeks at a glance. My son loves his new school/teacher.	A happy child....A <u>great</u> teacher!	Nothing!!
10	Because my son's teacher has been great with my child and has helped with the transition, as well as working with my child's individual needs.	My child's teacher.	The pick-up is long for those on a schedule; needs better flow.
10	She is learning and having fun.	New friends; new beginning.	I would like for my daughter to get extra help in math and reading.
8	Because I'm still knowing the school.	The communication between parent and teacher.	I don't know yet, but I think it's on the right path.
10	He's learning new things and having fun.	Math class; meeting his Gateway math teacher.	More educational field trips.
9	Everyday, my child looks very happy when he comes back from school. He often says, "this is a nice day today".	We know my kid's new teachers and had a chance to talk with each teacher on the Open House day. This is a very good platform between the school and parent to exchange information about individual students.	
8	It is very early but, so far, he has enjoyed the year and seems engaged individually and socially.	It has only been three weeks but he enjoys his teacher and feels comfortable and safe.	Too early to tell; will we get a survey around Christmas?
10	She's learning, thriving, and enjoying.	The fun way to learning in the classroom. The classroom web site.	

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9	He's happy and getting good grades.	My son's academic attitude and the teachers are great.	Very happy; wouldn't change....
10	Great start to school year; good amount of homework (not too much/little).	Nice transition from 4th to 5th grade. Open House.	Doing great!
8	Seems to enjoy his classroom and teachers. Looks forward to going to school and learning.	School work and activities thus far, in general.	N/A
5	Because there have been both positive and negative aspects to the start of the school year.	My child's teacher is phenomenal. He comes home reporting that she "makes everything fun". He has not always found learning to be fun.	Honor the requests that the students make on the form given prior to the school year. If you ask, "what would make you more comfortable next year?", and the student responds with a reasonable request, why not honor it? If this is not feasible, don't ask.
8	Seems as though everything is going well. My only complaint is the parent pick-up. It takes too long to pick up my child.	The Open House was fun and useful.	More projects using a variety of learning differences, for example 3-dimensional projects -- making maps, sculptures, group projects, etc.
7	I feel there should be a little more communication from school regarding incoming 4th grade information.	My child's teacher has made entering 4th grade a very positive and exciting experience. The staff is very friendly and helpful.	We are used to a weekly newsletter to keep parents informed of all activities and weekly updates. Parent pick-up is very slow if parent in front has to wait for their child. Could you implement name cards and call for students for quicker pick-up?
9	My daughter likes her teacher.	After-school volleyball.	Sit where they want to sit at lunch.
10	BHMCS is great! The teachers and staff really seem to care about our kids!	I can't pick just one!	Keep on doing what you're doing.
7	He has had a hard time with the size of the school and the new school start time and schedule. Feels he is responsible for so much more.	Is very happy with his teachers and that he is studying science and social studies.	Maybe have a group meeting for the children that are having a hard time adjusting so that they realize they are not the only one.

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<b>10</b>	My daughter loves her teachers and is happy doing her homework (even though 4th grade is harder). She tells me that she is excited about her classwork which makes me happy.	Meeting new friends has been great. The feeling that she is now a 4th grader is beginning to make her start to be more responsible at home.	At this point of the year, I think you are on the right track because she is happy and challenged.
<b>10</b>	10 in the classroom; she's loving 4th grade!	She is really enjoying the curriculum....class work and homework, too!	The lunch (hot) experience. Evidently, what she has signed up for is usually not available at her lunch period. :-)
<b>9</b>	The communication between my child's teacher and administration and us has been great! We are trying to balance the homework schedule.	The added extracurricular activities that enrich the overall learning experience are a real bonus.	N/A
<b>9</b>	My daughter liked the Open House/dinner before school began. She loves her teacher and her enthusiasm!	She loves the recognition received and Milestones' events. Absolutely loved ice cream sundae party but having parent present and breakfast, too.	Fix the girls' bathroom locks on doors to ensure privacy. A playground for recess would be wonderful!
<b>8</b>	Because she started off having a good time.	Having a good (great) teacher.	Focus more on one spot!
<b>5</b>	I think everything is going okay.	Your philosophy, Excellence for All!	Smaller classroom sizes. Aides in the classroom. A playground.
<b>9</b>	She likes her teacher. Her teacher made the transition into 4th grade smooth and stress free. Enjoys the specials and likes having chorus.	The Open House prior to school starting was integral in relieving any jitters that she may have been feeling.	Longer recess, and/or more gym classes (2-3 times per week). The kids need a playground. Active minds need active bodies.
<b>8</b>	Everything has been a smooth transition. The staff seem very caring and organized.	The communication.	Get the kids out of their classroom to mingle with their peers. My son doesn't have a boy from his previous school and misses seeing their faces.
<b>10</b>	My student has been very happy since first day of school. He enjoys everything so far.	Positive environment. Reception staff are very helpful and cheerful.	Don't know yet.
<b>10</b>	Because he is reading more and doing his homework independently.	He likes his teacher and his class.	You guys are doing a great job. Thank you!

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10	My child is so happy with her teacher and her new school. Gets up excited to go to school every morning.	Her teacher.	
10	I thought all the staff did a great job at welcoming the students, as well as the parents. My daughter seemed to adjust quite easily.	I love the teachers, the building, and all the information that is sent home or messaged at the home.	Can't think of anything right now.
8	Met teacher -- well-spoken and very experienced. The teacher has a great reputation and we look forward to a great year!	The orientation process and launch to 4th grade.	Too early to tell; still adjusting to new school and staff.
10	All the teachers in Barnstable School System have worked side-by-side to help with any educational issues. It's a great feeling to know you have help.	The teachers, principal, all departments work close with the parents and child. My child feels more confident and this is because of the positive influence and caring everyone has from the kitchen staff to the principal.	Not sure. To date, only been there 5 weeks.
10	Because my son rarely asks for help to do homework, never needs to be told to do his work and the work he brings from school.	My son seems well adjusted and likes both his teacher and school.	Nothing.
7	?	Teachers.	Too many papers - use email.
9	My daughter loves her teacher and the after-school program (so does Mom!). They all are very focused on the well being of my child.	I participated in both "getting to know the school" events -- the cook-out before school started with my daughter, and the Open House for parents. I met my daughter's teacher at both events and learned a lot about what is happening in the classroom.	Parking.
10	My son is very happy with his teacher. He is comfortable and happy to be at school.	Just knowing that he is learning and having fun in a safe environment every day.	

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<b>10</b>	My daughter is so happy and enthusiastic. She absolutely loves everything about BHMCS!	The easy transition from third grade to fourth. The staff at BHMCS did a really nice job making everyone feel comfortable in a larger school.	
<b>10</b>	My daughter had a hard time. I feel like the school has made it very easy for us to deal with. She is doing GREAT!	Each morning, we are nicely greeted walking into school.	
<b>10</b>	He has adjusted beautifully and is happy to go to school every day. He comes home animated and full of positive stories.	My son's daily routines/schedule pleases him. His day is broken up nicely. He loves his specials, esp. music and gym. I know he feels more grown up with lockers and more personal responsibility.	Very satisfied, thus far!
<b>8</b>	I based the rating in part due to my daughter's enthusiasm and expectations.	My daughter has been looking forward to school because there are more enrichment programs she is involved in this year.	Have a system on the website more updated for the school calendar and clearer links on school lunch.
<b>8</b>	My daughter seems to be enjoying school. The building is nice, the staff seems friendly enough. Because of the size, everything seems less accessible. My daughter is an ESL student and I didn't get a lot of information on expectations. I couldn't rely on her to give it to me and wasn't able to attend the Open House so I was left to piece together things by myself.	My daughter's teacher contacted me via email and was willing to communicate with me that way.	I know my situation is unique because my child is an ESL student, but it took a month for someone to contact me about what her schedule would be. Also, the teachers do not have voicemail boxes. It seems difficult to reach people. No one answers after dismissal.
<b>10</b>	The school has been calm, informative, a seamless transition from a small school to a bigger one, and my daughter enjoys every minute of it. She is challenged academically, happy socially, and has been kept busy meeting new friends.	The homeroom teacher and her great working relationship with her pod teacher -- excellent communication.	We have had a wonderful experience. Can't think of any improvements, but still haven't figured out the real purpose of the "agenda book" -- seems like a waste of money and time.

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6	Reason - my son is still not focused. He can do much better. Needs to slow down and pay more attention. I'm trying my best to help him.	I am very informed about what is going on in the school. I feel very secure having my child attend BHMCS.	For now, BHMCS is doing very good. There is always room for improvement. So, I would say, keep up the good work to all the staff members. I am grateful having my child in this institute.
8	Positive: The teacher has really taken the time in getting to know my child. My son feels that he is in a safe environment and he enjoys going to school each day. Negative: -My son has been bullied on the bus (this was addressed). -Cafeteria issues.	Open House: Great opportunity to meet my child's teacher, hear about what's ahead in 4th grade, and see the classroom.	Supervision at Lunch Time: Just about everyday, my son tells me that someone has tried to take something from his lunch or he is being bothered by someone who wants him to give him something. He has had his lunch bag taken and pushed down the table where part of his lunch ended up on the floor. Maybe it could be stressed a bit more that kids need to eat their own lunch and to keep their hands to themselves.
8	My child has had a great beginning to this year (4th grade). He and I are very disappointed in the amount of time for recess and the lack of organized activities during recess. Exercise is SO important.	I am very pleased with BHMCS -- all aspects. It is a great school. Curriculum Night was very informative and helpful.	Give the kids (as they are just kids) some more time outside to play, and get some soccer games or football going out there! Some "down time" during the day would probably be very beneficial to all the kids.
10	So far, so good! My child has adjusted well and enjoys her new school. I like it because the principal communicates everything by phone which is so helpful.	My daughter says she feels safe and is not worried about people breaking in as so many teachers are watching out. (What have we done to kids with practicing safe mode?)	I have two children who have gone to 7 schools here and abroad, but this school beats them all at communication. Please keep it up and thank you for what you do!!
10	My son comes home happy and has stated school is great!	He got a great teacher!	? Recess.
10	My son seems to be very happy and very interested in learning.	Having the teacher send home information about how my son's week went.	?
9	Academically, I would choose a 10. Overall a 9 because of "friend" and "social adjustment" issues.	Extra activities, enrichments, chorus, technology.	I'm told the top lockers are too high. Also, it would be nice to have more fun activities in the homeroom.

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<b>10</b>	My son is very happy.	Teachers and students are treating my son very nicely.	None.
<b>9</b>	Everything went smoothly.	My son's teacher has done a great job communicating with us.	
<b>10</b>	Loved the Open House -- very informative. My son is very happy with his new teacher.	Open House. "Negative thing": School lunch ladies denied my son ice cream (which is seldom an option now) because \$2.00 was owed on his account. They took his dollar cash and made him return his ice cream. Talk about bullying!!	Make lunch ladies/cashiers attend Thursday's district-wide training!!
<b>10</b>	Because my son is loving going to school.	He is very happy with his teacher and he likes his class.	It is a little too soon to tell yet.
<b>8</b>	She seems to be learning a lot and is happy.	The teachers.	Not much.
<b>8</b>	My son is very comfortable with the school from day one. Parents are kept up to date with curriculum, what is expected of students, routine notices, and upcoming events.	I have not come across a negative experience.	
<b>10</b>	My child feels safe and likes her teacher and all her other teachers also. My child likes that it is a no-bully zone.	My child said that the teacher said that she did great in the game at gym. My child said that she gets praised a lot from her teachers.	Nothing. They are doing a good job.
<b>10</b>	Wonderful teacher; easy transition; welcoming staff.	Open House.	
<b>10</b>	My child likes the teachers. Great teacher communication, weekly glance, curriculum guide's folder.	The schedule.	More varieties of lunch.
<b>10</b>	Because my son had a great start to the new year. He also had input into question #1 and rated it a 10.	Everything -- including his teacher, classmates, activities.....	Make the periods longer.

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8	Our overall experience, to date, is above average. I feel we have been given a lot of information from different sources to help us adjust to the new school.	I found the teacher presentation during Open House to be very informative. It was also nice to see the classroom from the child's perspective.	Maybe have a sheet sent now of parent's frequently asked questions (FAQ) as a reference. Little things, like "how do you buy milk", are probably questions many parents have, but they are not so large of an issue that you would write a note to the teacher.
10	Because my child really likes this year in school.	She has opened up and wants to be involved in school activities.	?
8	Most everything went well.	Meeting new friends.	?
9	My daughter is happy, motivated, and loves her teacher.	The teacher she has, the new friends, and the after-school activities.	Lower class sizes. I think 27 is too many in a class.
10	Great communication between student and school.	For my son, he is able to get the extra help that is needed.	N/A
10	He felt very comfortable in his surroundings.	The staff has been very helpful and friendly, especially his teacher.	It would be nice if they had a little more time for lunch.
10	Besides her doing well with work so far, she is positive and happy about the work she is doing, even though it is challenging.	Her teacher; meeting new friends; opportunities.	
8	She is having a great year and loves her teacher but wishes she had someone in her class from last year and/or someone she knew.	She is loving the start of band.	
10	She is engaged, excited to go to school -- good teacher, smooth beginning, Gateway classes, and now Band.	The energy and involvement of the staff at BHMCS. Top down -- principal, teachers, specials, etc.	
10	She is pleased this year with her teacher. I went to the Open House and was pleased with how her teacher conducted her classroom.	Open House.	The fact that it is far away (especially for a Mom with no car).

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1	My child chose the rating. She has gone from 100% loving school in 4th grade, to 100% disliking school. Not a great connection with the teacher or peers in her class.	The Principal's willingness to consider options to help create a positive learning experience. All children should be encouraged to love school and feel safe in such a big school. She seems to encourage that; unfortunately, it is lacking.	Make sure all teachers are enthusiastic about - and dedicated to - their jobs. Offer more afterschool enrichments throughout the year and have enough space to enroll all kids who want to participate. Socialization is an essential part of creating a successful school! Also, is one sheet of homework and 30 minutes of reading enough at the 5th grade level?
10	I think my child has excellent teachers this year. The "fit" is wonderful. Excellent communication, attention to detail, and desire for child to be successful demonstrated. I am proud for my daughter to be in their classrooms. Needs expressed are met with respect and enthusiasm. Teachers well educated and skills excellent, as well as experience to lead child forward successfully.	1) Great bus driver 2) Teachers perfect, as noted earlier (the main thing and most important) 3) Child likes teachers selected 4) I am very happy as needs of child/parent were noted and placed with best "fit" teachers 5) Great two/teacher unity and "fit".	Nothing noted at this time. Thank you.
8	I feel that I chose this rating more so for my child's transition into the school, as opposed to staff involvement. Everyone has been very helpful.	The music programs offered have been a positive outlet, helping my child to come out of her shell and feel a part of something.	So far, so good!
9	Child feels comfortable, happy, and safe in her new school, especially because she was a little hesitant to enter a new, big school.	Teachers support and help. Staff has been very nice.	
9	A good teacher, with cool and fun things to do. She enjoys her groups. Likes art, music, chorus, gym, and Library/Tech.	All the staff has been nice.	More recess time.
8	My child has had a very positive attitude, and has been working very hard at home on her school work.	My child really loves Math and this keeps her interested in her school work. She also is very fond of all her teachers.	I would like to see weekly reports so I can make sure I focus on any of my child's troubled areas.

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<b>9</b>	He is happy with school.	He has a young, up-to-date, well-adjusted teacher this year. Last year, he did not. He still did well with school, but I don't think the teacher did.	Parent drop-off.
<b>9</b>	Open House was very informative and the classroom felt open and like a great place for my child to learn.	I think the agenda book is excellent at facilitating communication between home and school.	Offer more classroom-specific updates on line, such as assignment details and project info. The "clusters" programs at MME were fantastic and encouraged volunteerism and enrichment. A similar offering at BHMCS would be fantastic.
<b>10</b>	Child is happy and doing well.	Open House. Good communication with HR teacher.	Band/chorus could be scheduled after school. Kids are missing class time regularly without the ability to make up their work.
<b>7</b>	It was nice that my son knew what to expect because he had the opportunity to visit the school a few times before school started. The size of the school was intimidating, though.	His teacher, the facility is new and very up-to-date with technology, and he loves gym!	Could have a playground, especially since the school has acknowledged that it's still an elementary school. Hard for my son b/c many of his close friends he never has a chance to see -- not in same class, not at same recess, and don't ride bus together.
<b>10</b>	My child has had an excellent start to the new school year. She likes her teacher very muchj. She has not visited the Nurse's Office once. She was a frequent flyer from K-3.	Getting to know the principal and my child's teacher. My meeting with the teacher was a very positive and encouraging experience.	Nothing that I can think of at this time.
<b>9</b>	Loves his teacher -- connecting with classmates. Agenda -- like this approach to writing assignments for grade 4. Red communication folder -- helps keep my son a bit organized.	Summer BBQ -- Open House.	So far, so good! Parking a bit chaotic at Open House. Stagger times for Grade 4 & 5.
<b>10</b>	My child really likes his teacher and classmates. He's off to a great start, academically and socially!	He's enjoying band -- playing the percussions!	?
<b>10</b>	Smooth and informational transition into the new year.	My son's attitude.	N/A

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<b>9</b>	She had several opportunities to visit the school before the actual first day, which allowed for a very comfortable start.	Being able to join chorus.	Find an alternative for parking cars in area where kids have recess.
<b>6</b>	My son has had a hard start this school year, but he is doing his best and trying hard.	My son loves his teacher.	I have not one thing to say at this time. Thank you!
<b>10</b>	My child loves her teacher !!! She is excited to go to school every day and is making new friends, as well.	Open House was awesome! I loved meeting the teacher and think we are lucky that my child was placed in her class.	Nothing, we have been having a wonderful time this year and have been impressed with BHMCS.
<b>9</b>	She has adjusted well, is excited to go to school, is learning a lot and it shows on her homework and class work, and really enjoys her special education teachers.	She was proud to show her school off at the Open House.	Give more notice about tests and quizzes; check homework assignment book to get the kids in the habit of writing all their homework down.
<b>10</b>	My daughter loves school. She is very social, enjoys learning. She enjoys making new friends and seeing her friends from hockey at the same school.	So far, all has been great!	
<b>8</b>	Bus driver not positive or personable. School is too big.	My daughter loves her teacher. She suggested that the kids are able to read at recess and principal changed the rules.	?
<b>10</b>	The teacher has made 5th grade a very positive experience.	Having a teacher that keeps the kids excited about learning.	A small community feeling within the school. When my child was at the elementary school, you always felt welcomed. BHMCS could be more welcoming. I know it is very different because there are so many children in the building.
<b>5</b>	It's too soon to make a determination.	So far, my child is happy.	Would like to see a "strong" no-bullies awareness for the entire school. What's being done?
<b>10</b>	It has been wonderful! The teacher seems to be a great teacher, with a wonderful style.	My child enjoys going to school.	

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1	Because my daughter felt horrible because she didn't know anybody.	Now she has some friends.	Nothing much.
8	She has settled into her new classroom comfortably and is feeling excited and challenged by what she is learning.	Gateway and chorus.	
9	My child has a great teacher. She is concerned about some students in her class who are quite disrespectful toward one another.	The teachers and their level of commitment. As a PhD in literature, I am impressed by the Folktale project.	The quality of the school lunches -- less cheese, oil, and food coloring.
10	My child loved her 4th grade teacher. She felt secure and loved and that just made the learning easier.	I feel that this school is on the ball as far as student discipline and bullying.	I love how you honor the kids that are doing well, but I do feel that if it is during school, it sends the wrong message to kids that are struggling.
8	My daughter is happy. She likes school, and her teacher.		
9	Because the school actually read the forms we completed in the spring regarding our children's likes/dislikes and placed them with a friend. I love my teacher communication with parents. I love the afterschool activities. The school seems much smaller than it actually is.	My daughter's teacher seems very enthusiastic and open to parent involvement. The staff (i.e., office personnel) are friendly and really are there to help.	My daughter would love lunches to switch once in a while so she could see her other friends.
8	More responsible. Try to be better. Acceptable easily the changes, especially of school. Mean every day is a new learning.	I like the idea of teacher making a schedule for all week, about homework. I think that my daughter is beginning to create a routine of her obligations.	I would like to receive a more personal opinion from the teacher. I know that those graphic and numbers is the method required by school. I would like something more simple and objective.
8	My child likes going to school. She seems challenged and is reinforcing what she learned during the day with her homework at night. I feel her teachers really enjoy what they are doing.	The teachers, the music class, the Open House, and the classroom's learning atmosphere. Not enough gym!	(1) The food is a major weakness. It could be much more nutritious and appealing. Please address this. The kids do not have much time to eat if they buy lunch. (2) Gym should be 2X/wk. -- society needs to focus on improving our children's physical fitness.

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<b>9</b>	So far, very happy with my child's teacher's understanding of her learning level and how she is keeping her challenged. Happy with Gateway program for this year, too. Also loved the trip to CCSO.		More organized parent pick-up.
<b>10</b>	She loves her teacher. Enjoying her class and all the activities.	Been great from the start.	Would love to have a playground.
<b>10</b>	The teacher has made all the difference.	The teacher: excellent communicator, positive, encouraging, motivates children by encouraging interactive assignments/projects, and recognizes individual learning styles and interests. So far, more field trips and outside classroom experiences -- thank you! Special Ed teachers have been great, too!	Use teachers as mentors for others. Longer recess.
<b>10</b>	She loves her teacher and her enrichment teachers as well. She feels safe and happy there.	Very positive and open interaction with teachers. My daughter says she loves her class.	Lunch?? I know that's not really in your control.
<b>8</b>	I chose 8 because the start has been very fun and exciting for my child, but also a bit overwhelming. The size of the school and the amount of kids have stressed her out a little.	My daughter has enjoyed her new school, but especially her classroom.	To lower the number of kids/classroom. (My daughter answered #4 on her own!)
<b>10</b>	I see a lot of happiness in my son.	The help that he receives from his teachers.	Not to have separation or discrimination among the students.
<b>10</b>	Because my child is so happy with her teachers and feels like she has a lot of friends.	Her feeling of being herself and to feel welcome in her new school. Feeling like she's treated with respect. Making her want to do her best and being acknowledged for that.	Only to keep encouraging these children to do the best they can and keep it fun for all along the way.

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7	My child's teacher was responsive to my concerns and provides prompt and frequent feedback and updates regarding homework and behavior. However, my child is having difficulty keeping all his paperwork organized and communicating what needs to be done.	Communication; recorded phone messages are helpful reminders regarding school events.	I was not aware at the start of school that my child had a calendar for homework assignments, etc., in his binder. It would be very helpful if papers could be labelled or stamped "homework" and "to be completed". A quiz/test schedule w/study pages attached would also be helpful. Too many flyers in the backpack. Would it be possible to consolidate activities/events on a monthly flyer or calendar?
8	I did not choose number 10 because my son is struggling with some tasks, but he's working hard!	My son has never been so happy to go to school like now. I'm very happy about it.	It's perfect! Thank you all!
10	My child seems very happy in school this year.	So far -- everything.	I really cannot think of anything. Thank you!!
8	I chose this note because my son does not speak English fluently yet; he also needs to improve his study habits and his organization.	The E.L.L. program is really helpful for the children that do not speak English.	The school lunch should provide more healthy options for the children.
10	She's very happy, doing well, and loves her teacher.	Everything.	
7	Not enough gym classes and no playground.	Painting horseshoe crabs.	Spend money on playground equipment! Children will only "play" outside for so long at school. By 7th grade, they're done with playground equipment. By not providing a playground, you are depriving our youth of a life experience and tons of memories! A hula hoop doesn't cut it!
10	Smooth start; very organized teacher; he is HAPPY and ENGAGED. He is my second child going to this school -- great staff, nice building!	See question 2.	Keep up the good work!

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10	My child is a lot more confident in herself and her work this year. She looks forward to going to school every day this year.	The whole atmosphere has been good this year.	
7	I feel my child can do a little better and pay more attention to her work.	I really am impressed with the teachers. My child has been more interested in her school work.	Have more math or reading help for the students.
10	My two older children had a wonderful experience at BHMCS, and now my youngest is so excited to be there!	My child has made new friends easily and has adjusted very well to the routines.	
10	He loves the school and, so far, I am very happy with everything.	Meeting teacher, principal, and all other teachers and staff. Really, everything has been great!	So far, nothing.
9	Teacher and support staff have been very open to my child's IEP and have been communicative with me ongoing. It has been a great start for him!	Teacher and staff responsiveness.	.....not be so big?? Have a real playground area with equipment. These kids are still elementary age and it doesn't seem fair that they don't have this. But, it also might be very scary to think about how many kids would be fighting over 8 swings or 2 slides -- because there are so many.
7	My son had some bullying issues at the beginning of school during recess, but after talking to another parent, it was resolved.	The teacher has been very helpful in getting my son on track and helping him be organized. She already met with us to discuss his needs. The nurse has been great, too!	Build a REAL playground. I feel recess is a free-for-all with no organized play. Walking the track is not enough. 4th and 5th graders are grade school children who need more equipment, playground, or at least an organized, supervised time. Perhaps the PTO can organize fundraisers to pay for it?
8	It's a big school, but with the positive experience he has had with his teachers, it has been a good transition. For me, I'm sad that these 4th graders had to leave their smaller village schools, but they'll be better prepared for the intermediate school.	My child's teachers. Welcoming atmosphere at the school. Teacher willingness to have parent volunteers in the classroom.	If the school is considered elementary, please add a playground for the kids. My child (and others) have specifically said that if there was one, they'd enjoy playing on it. I think it's unfortunate that a playground is in sight at West Villages, but that 4th/5th graders do not get to play on a playground.

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<b>9</b>	He has been very happy since he started school. Everyone in his class is very respectful and kind to others.	Everyone is nice. Teacher has been supportive.	I would have liked to meet his teacher earlier in September.
<b>10</b>	Her teacher is incredible! Made the beginning of school that much easier.	Since it's my daughter's second year, the ease of navigating the halls makes day-to-day classes feel like second nature.	I wish some of the parent coffee times were at a time I could attend, since most parents work full time jobs.
<b>9</b>	So far, I haven't seen any problems with the school.	My child has opened up. She feels more sure of herself.	
<b>9</b>	Because she has been going great so far in school.	Teachers working closely with her to improve her grades.	
<b>10</b>	My child has had an excellent start of the year. I can tell by her school work and overall attitude toward school year.	My daughter is now taking music lessons and she and I are excited. My daughter is happy to go to school every day.	Parent contact regarding fighting on bus. Last year and present, she has had problems on bus and I'm not satisfied w/outcome.

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8	I can sum up the answer with what my son said after he got off the bus: "This was the best first day ever." And, he hasn't had a bad day yet!	My son loves the school and loves his teachers. Pods are great! Would wish that all classes could have this opportunity. Great new experience. Music -- great to start learning how to play instruments.	Was disappointed when, on my son's first day, he came home saying he didn't know anyone in his class. This is a big move, going from a village school to a big building where all come together. "Rumor" (and I know it was rumor) was that the children would be paired up with a current classmate to help make the transition easier. I do want to mention something that I hear a lot of parents talking about -- the students, the parents, and the 3rd grade teachers all filled out questionnaires to help with placing the child with the best fit teacher. This is what we were told why we were to complete the questionnaires. We were lucky; our child loves his teacher. Hearing other families talk, it sounds as though this placement was to make each class as diversified as possible and not necessarily to make the best fit for the student/teacher. Lunch/Recess was the other thing my son mentioned. He went to lunch and out to recess and just walked around the first couple days. Couldn't find anyone he knew to play with. Totally do not understand why the lunch/recess is mixed with both 4th & 5th graders. I don't have an issue with them together but, again, in trying to make this transition as easy and smooth as possible, why wouldn't you keep the 4th graders together at lunch? Then, they would have more of a chance of knowing people. One other question with parent drop off...Seems unsafe with having a "middle lane" where cars can take off once they have their child. This must be a topic each year as a new group comes into the building. Where there are guards out there with walkie talkies, why can't it be done like the elementary schools do it and go to each car and call for each child. Cars continue to move up and move out. I know there are reasons for doing it this way. Would love to understand.
9	We have been kept very informed and my child's transition from WVE has been seamless. Thank you.	Curriculum night. I know what is expected.	?
9	Nothing is perfect - but it has far exceeded my expectations. I was really concerned about the size but, so far, all is okay.	Our HR teacher seems great. Communication is better than I expected. The children seem better monitored in hallways and lunches than I expected. The front office and everyone really has been way beyond friendly. I am thrilled that you say the pledge over the loudspeaker.	Recess for a 9/10 year old on just a track is a little lacking. I understand the school wasn't built for 4th graders but.....Dress code? Spanish full time? Typing?

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8	The lunch program (credit cards, etc.) is the most horrible lunch program that we have dealt with as a family. There are more delays with these cards than cash. I want my son to have ample time to eat and not worry about it.	Projects such as a rock and mineral project that they did recently in class.	LUNCH PROGRAM!!!! CASH IS KING, LOSE THIS SYSTEM!
10	I am happy about the progress.		
	Total Surveys Distributed: 818		
	Total Surveys Returned: 145		
	% Response: 18%		
	Rating (1 = Negative -- 10 = Positive)		
	10 = 68 or 47%		
	9 = 29 or 20%		
	8 = 29 or 20%		
	7 = 9 or 6%		
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