



# Happy Valley School

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Thank you to all of the students and parents who completed surveys. This year, 88 parents and 91 students responded. The information gathered from your responses helps the HVS staff, School Site Council, Parent Club, and the Board of Trustees evaluate how our school is doing in a number of areas as well as identifying areas needing improvement.

Parents who responded to this year's survey had many positive comments about their child's experience at HVS. Among the statements receiving very positive responses were the following:

- The office staff is helpful – 100%
- My child feels safe at school – 92%
- The principal is available and accessible – 95%
- The weekly parent calendar and newsletter are useful to me – 98%
- The school is well maintained – 94%
- The Parent Club is important because it helps provide funds for classroom activities, life lab, and the computer lab – 93%
- I am satisfied with our overall experience at HVS- 97%

Parent responses in the academic areas showed that 94% agreed that they understood the teacher's academic expectations, 93% and felt that teachers address their child's academic needs.

"The Code of Conduct is followed by everyone at HVS" is a focus area for the staff at HVS in the coming year. 71% of parents agreed, with 13% in disagreement and 13% responding NEI.

Many of the student responses to the survey were also very positive. 100% of the students reported they are respectful to teachers and other adults at school. 93% reported their teacher care about them. Other responses included:

- I am kind to other students – 92%
- Following the Code of Conduct is good for our school – 94%
- I do my part to keep the school clean (93%)
- I do my part to keep the bathrooms clean (98%)

While 92% of the students reported being kind to other students, only 63% of the same students reported being treated kindly by other students. This is an area the staff will look at diligently in the upcoming year.

The HVS staff, School Site Council, and the Board of Trustees appreciates the positive feedback and strong support from the parents at our school. However, we also want to improve every aspect of our school, and we invite your suggestions for improvement. Parents' comments and constructive criticism will be reviewed by the HVS staff and considered when we establish our future goals. We encourage you to contact teachers or the principal if you have a concern, and we would welcome the opportunity to discuss any issues or suggestions with you.

Sincerely,

Michelle McKinny  
Superintendent/Principal