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Dear Families,

Last spring the Wellfleet Elementary School Council conducted a survey that school families and the community at large were invited to take part in. We received feedback from 63 families and 48 community members. Survey results may be found at [www.nausetschools.org](http://www.nausetschools.org) scroll down, on left click on Wellfleet Elementary scroll down, click on Spring Survey Results 08.

The survey serves as a “report card” on our school. For the most part we scored very well! We are proud of the many positive areas the survey points out and thank you for your part in helping them be true. The survey reveals that families feel welcomed at school and are being apprised of homework, staying in touch with teachers, attending school events, involving themselves at school, like class sizes, and take notice of the school’s cleanliness.

We are taking a close look at the questions that generated a positive response of less than 75% and developing plans to address them. An area that needs to be addressed is the responsiveness of the Principal to parents’ questions and concerns. Mrs. Kent will be working with the Council and WES families to improve in this area. We welcome your continuing feedback along the way.

Other areas to be addressed have been identified based on the data. Your additional detailed comments clarified the areas needing improvement and these areas are the focus of our revised School Improvement Plan and newly formed sub-committees. These sub-committees composed of council members, staff, and parents, are focusing on the issues relating to Communication, Discipline, and a Positive School Climate.

Change is an ongoing process. We appreciate your cooperation, patience, and help as we work together to improve. Let’s recognize areas where WES is already excelling and remember how fortunate we are to have a talented staff, involved parents, and the continuing support of the Wellfleet community.

Sincerely,

The Wellfleet School Council

Matt Abar & Katie Sugg  
Community Representatives

Kerin Brodie & Kerry Cox  
Parent Representatives

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WES Staff Representatives

# FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

<b>100% = 63 SURVEYS</b>		Agree %	Disagree %	Don't Know/ Doesn't Apply%
1	<b>Families feel welcome at school.</b>	88.9	11.1	0.0
2	<b>Families feel informed about their child's progress at school.</b>	88.9	11.1	0.0
3	<b>Families know what the teacher expects of their child.</b>	92.1	6.3	1.6
4	<b>Teachers help children be academically successful at school.</b>	95.2	3.2	1.6
5	<b>Families feel their child is academically challenged at school.</b>	77.8	22.2	0.0
6	<b>Families feel the amount of homework is appropriate for their child's grade.</b>	79.4	15.9	4.8
7	<b>Teachers successfully create a sense of community in their classrooms.</b>	87.3	6.3	6.3
8	<b>There is a good balance between academics and arts at school.</b>	68.3	23.8	7.9
9	<b>Families feel a foreign language should be added to the curriculum.</b>	76.2	9.5	14.3
10	<b>Families feel satisfied with class sizes.</b>	88.9	7.9	3.2
11	<b>Families feel teachers are approachable and responsive.</b>	93.7	3.2	3.2
12	<b>Families feel the Principal is responsive to questions/concerns.</b>	52.4	23.8	23.8
13	<b>Families are satisfied with the quality of communication between home &amp; school.</b>	73.0	23.8	3.2
14	<b>Families attend school information nights such as curriculum night.</b>	88.9	9.5	1.6
15	<b>Families feel there are a variety of ways to be involved at WES.</b>	85.7	9.5	4.8
16	<b>Families feel their child is safe on the bus.</b>	71.4	17.5	11.1
17	<b>Families feel their child is safe at school.</b>	87.3	11.1	1.6
18	<b>Families feel bullying is an issue at school.</b>	58.7	25.4	15.9
19	<b>Families feel discipline policies &amp; procedures are reasonable &amp; appropriate.</b>	54.0	28.6	17.5
20	<b>Families feel that WES is clean and well maintained.</b>	95.2	3.2	1.6
21	<b>Overall, families feel the school has a good public image.</b>	61.9	27.0	11.1
22	<b>Families would recommend WES to other families.</b>	76.2	15.9	7.9
23	<b>Families feel students speak in proud, positive terms about WES.</b>	74.6	15.9	9.5
24	<b>Families are satisfied with the after school childcare program WCCA.</b>	39.7	1.6	58.7*
25	<b>What are the strengths of WES?</b>	<u>Response count:</u>		
26	<b>What needs to be improved at WES?</b>	50 comments		
27	<b>Additional comments:</b>	45 comments		
		21 comments		

\* 25 out of 26 families who answered this question agreed. The other 37 families did not have any knowledge of the program

*because their children did not participate in the program.*

# FAMILY SURVEY RESULTS

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Areas of strength at WES

**100% = 63 SURVEYS**

QUESTION NUMBER	QUESTION TOPIC	PERCENT RESPONSE
1	Families feel welcome at school.	88.9%
2	Families feel informed about their child's progress at school.	88.9 %
3	Families know what their teacher expects of their child.	92.1%
4	Teachers help my child be academically successful at school.	95.2%
5	Families feel their child is academically challenged at school.	77.8%
6	Families feel the amount of homework is appropriate for their child's grade.	79.4%
7	Teachers successfully create a sense of community in their classrooms.	87.3%
9	Families feel a foreign language should be added to the curriculum.	76.2%
10	Families feel satisfied with class sizes.	88.9%
11	Teachers are approachable and responsive.	93.7%
14	Families attend school information nights such as curriculum night.	88.9%
15	Families feel there are a variety of ways to be involved at WES.	85.7%
17	Families feel their child is safe at school.	87.3%
20	Families feel that WES is clean and well maintained.	95.2%
22	Families would recommend WES to other families.	76.2%
24	I am satisfied with WCCA childcare program at the school.	39.7%*

\* 25 out of 26 families who answered this question agreed. The other 37 families did not have any knowledge of the program because they did not participate in the program.

## Areas to be addressed:

8	There is a good balance between academics and arts a school.	68.3%
12	The principal is responsive to questions/concerns.	52.4%
13	I am satisfied with the quality of communication between home and school.	73.0%
16	My child is safe on the bus.	71.4%
18	I feel bullying is an issue at school.	58.7%
19	Discipline policies and procedures are reasonable and appropriate.	54.0%
21	Overall, the school has a good public image.	61.9%
23	Students speak about WES in proud, positive terms.	74.6%

If you filled in the survey's comment questions numbers 25, 26 and 27, know that those comments were given to the survey sub committee to analyze for common themes. The majority of those themes fell into the "areas to be addressed" as defined by the charts above.

# COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

## 100% = 48 SURVEYS

		Agree %	Disagree %	Don't Know/ Doesn't Apply%
1	<b>I am a Wellfleet...taxpayer</b> <b>Non resident taxpayer</b> <b>Business owner</b> <b>Other: (Eastham taxpayer, police officer, town employee, former WES employee, volunteer, had children who attended WES)</b>	83.3 4.2 10.4 14.6		
2	<b>I have attended events at WES.</b>	93.8	6.3	0
3	<b>There is a good balance between academics and the arts at school.</b>	31.3	22.9	45.8
4	<b>Foreign language should be added to the curriculum at school.</b>	64.6	8.3	27.1
5	<b>Class sizes are appropriate at school.</b>	50.0	20.8	29.2
6	<b>The Principal is a visible presence.</b>	27.1	22.9	50.0
7	<b>The community is aware of events at WES.</b>	41.7	45.8	12.5
8	<b>There are a variety of ways to be involved at WES.</b>	60.4	16.7	22.9
9	<b>WES is clean and well maintained.</b>	87.5	0	12.5
10	<b>Overall the school has a good public image.</b>	52.1	45.3	12.5
11	<b>I would recommend WES to other families.</b>	58.3	16.7	25.0
12	<b>Where do you get your information about WES?</b>			
	<b>Newspapers</b>	75.0		
	<b>Internet</b>	12.5		
	<b>Friends</b>	79.2		
	<b>Family</b>	20.8		
	<b>Community</b>	70.8		
	<b>Place of Worship</b>	6.3		
	<b>Other: (school itself, other parents, work, highway signs, post office, recreation, volunteering, teachers)</b>	29.2		