

Parents,

Every year our Parent Liaison, Mrs. Betty Webber, calls fifty parents from each grade and asks several survey questions. The idea behind this task it is to have a quality person to person interaction to discuss key areas of Harmony Middle School. Calling this many parents in this manner is NOT typically done at any other school and is NOT required by the county. We just think is it good practice. We think it yields excellent feedback to our school administration and staff and helps us make positive changes.

Last month she called her 150th family of the 2017-2018 school year and shared her findings with the school administration. **If you would like additional details, please call her or the principal.** A summary is below.

Question 1 – Are you pleased with instruction?

- Summary - Of the 150 comments, 148 parents (or 98.7%) are pleased with instruction!
- Suggestion – Continue the excellent progress on consistent communication about instruction.

Question 2 – Is there a teacher or staff member your child has been impressed with?

- Summary - Of the 150 phone calls, almost everyone discussed a staff member who inspired or impressed their child or family. Every single school department at every grade level had a teacher mentioned in a positive way.
- Suggestion – “Keep the teachers smiling and showing kindness towards our kids. Sarcasm does not work.”

Question 3 – Can you tell us two things we do well?

- Summary Highlights – (Parents appreciated... summer orientation, Phoenix gradebook, staff email communications, that we know each child well, informative newsletters, the principal emails, Back to School Night, that teachers are positive, Battle of the Books, that staff is kind, awards night is awesome, that we have hands-on learning, our annual Name Game, strong School Counselors, lots of clubs, and MANY others.)

Question 4 – What area would you like to see improvement or have questions about?

- Suggestions to improve – the bus situation, after school pick-up line, please have more consistent locations for teacher resources, need more HW, wants an art club, wants middle school sports, wants more hands-on learning, doesn't like 7/8 split lunch, never knows if it an A-day or B-day, give kids more freedom, give kids less freedom, likes old way of a split BTSN, and a few others.

Question 5 – (new question asked only of the 6th grade – Where do you go to find out information about the school if you have a question about something?)

- Priority of where parents go for info - School Website, PTA Facebook Page, Call Main Office, Friends
- Suggestion – Keep the school website updated and user friendly