

Moms Tell What They LOVE About Their Children's Private Elementary Schools

Description

“Our family is happy with so many things at Wildwood School. The sense of community and understanding for all types of differences creates such a wonderful environment in which to learn and grow. The teachers and other staff are truly interested in understanding each child as an individual and strive to help them learn in a way that is meaningful to them. Questions are encouraged, differences in opinion are welcomed as a way to stimulate deeper discussion of a topic, and alternative answers are readily accepted. While it is sometimes difficult for everyone to see the benefit of a more progressive type of education, the collaborative approach of project based learning will help prepare our children to be successful in whatever path they choose. Teaching children how to think critically, work as a team, and present their ideas is what will set them apart as they begin college and later enter the workforce.”

-Amy, Wildwood Elementary School

“I love that the teachers have such great attitudes and greet the kids every morning with enthusiasm! I also love that the school uses humor. It has just the right mix of being focused, thoughtful and academic while fostering a sense of enthusiasm, joy and love. My kids amaze me not only with what they are learning, but the complexity of their understanding of the material.”

-Gretchen, The Willows Community School

“What I love most about Campbell Hall is its down-to-earth culture. There's an extremely strong sense of community, and I think that comes from the school's philosophy of focusing on the whole child, not just the academic aspect. I like the notion that it's just as important to be a kind person as it is to be a smart person.”

-Lauren, Campbell Hall

“What I love about PS#1 is the fact that all the teachers know my kids, even though my kids have not had all of the teachers. I like the fact that there is a community among the students. When my son was in kindergarten he knew and played with 5 and 6th graders who adored him and took care of him. Now that he is in third grade he has friends who are in 1st grade and friends who are in 6th grade.

I love that my naturally super organized daughter has the structure she needs to learn the way she learns best and the support she needs to stand up in front of the whole school, make announcements and be comfortable doing it.

I love the fact that the kids who come from PS#1 know how to ask for and get guidance from teachers, other adults and peers to help them learn, to me this the most valuable life skill ever!

I love PS#1 because it is truly a community of parents who are different, unique, open and caring.”

-Kim Hamer, PS#1

“What I like most about Mirman is that it has very high, but not unreasonable, expectations in terms of academics and behavior. My child simply thrives in this environment.”

-Jenny Heitz, Mirman

“I like St. James because it’s diverse, the academics are good, and the kids are a little more innocent there as compared to the kids at some other schools.”

-Alison, St. James

“They don’t miss a thing, this school really knows each child.”

“ **Jenny, John Thomas Dye**

I love the fact that Crossroads elementary school has the mantra, “Is it True, is it Kind, is it Necessary?” These words are evident in the children’s attitudes towards others. The children are warm and welcoming, and I have yet to hear from my daughter (who is new to the fourth grade this year) of any type of social strife between the girls.”

“ **Carole, Crossroads**

Is there something you love about your child’s private elementary school? Leave a comment and share with other moms!

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