

## October 2007 Parent Survey (2007-2008)

### Why did you choose to send your child to CVCS?

- **Small size overall / small class size (this was the #1 answer, often repeated)**
- Absence of bullying
- Love the small class size and community feel
- It was his choice
- ...parent involvement ...
- ... the teaching is very good and CVCS is the best in Socorro
- I know Mrs. Momanyi and Mrs. Oates and knew they would be good ...
- The classes are small and the teachers take time to spend with my child
- I like the Core Knowledge curriculum
- I had a friend recommend CVCS to me
- Open outdoor campus, no hallways
- There is a positive, enthusiastic atmosphere in general
- The teachers are great
- A lot of my child's friends attend CVCS
- It's in our neighborhood
- I had heard really good things about the school and had seen in the paper all the academic achievements

### What are some of the weaknesses or areas that need improvement at CVCS?

- **Better classroom/parent communication (the #1 comment)**
- Keep strengthening teaching staff
- Keep looking for ways to ground core curriculum in experience
- Keep looking for ways to integrate core curriculum across subjects
- Keep looking for ways to bring some creativity into major academic subjects
- Older children bullying the younger ones
- Lack of documentation of student progress
- Lack of participation of all teachers in the PLP/parent conferences (middle school)
- Teacher availability for communication with working parents
- Syllabi for history, music, etc.
- Activities are poorly coordinated and controlled by office staff – parents are used as custodians. Boring.
- Spanish or any foreign language (one of the most frequent comments)
- Addressing the needs of brighter students
- More lab & experiments in science (a frequently repeated sentiment)
- A double period once a week for longer science or art activities
- Writing. Science. Art.
- Security
- My child has testing problems that have not been addressed
- Teacher turnover rate is a hindrance to student progress
- I think they need to run an in-house suspension program
- Need to have more communication with the children in class and make sure all the kids understand what they are doing in class

- I would like to see more consistency from class to class (an often-repeated sentiment)
- Facilities
- Classrooms are overcrowded with bookshelves
- Gifted program
- Continuity between grades
- Saxon Math ... by the time the students reach the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade it's so drilled the child gets burned out
- Your SpEd dept needs more staff support
- No counselor on site
- Tutoring after school
- Computer class
- Some procedures such as gifted testing are slow
- We would like to talk with art, music and PE teachers, not only academics
- Tripping hazards on campus
- Lack of supervision at bus stop
- Very little multicultural influence in curriculum
- Up to day play ground for middle school
- More writing programs
- A sports program during school
- The dress code is too strict. Prints and florals should be allowed.

**What are some of the strengths or areas you would like to see emphasized at CVCS?**

- I really like the individual attention my child is getting. It helps him feel special
- Keep looking for art and music teachers who know how to teach the creative process
- One on one involvement
- Dress code
- Library
- The atmosphere is less chaotic with small class sizes and a longer school day
- Things that are happening early in the year like PLPs, parent surveys, and gifted testing
- Math
- More student-run activities
- The small class size of the middle school is a tremendous strength
- PLPs
- I would like to see staff wear the dress code just like the children. They are part of the school too.
- CVCS does very well at giving students ways to excel – would love to see more (literary magazine, competition music, etc.)
- We could do more to highlight what kids are doing in art, music and PE
- Have a teacher of the month similar to the student Super Star
- Teachers are excellent
- Grades interact
- More help with the gifted community
- Garden program
- Excellent student/teacher ratio
- I feel comfortable when I visit the school and I also like the relationships I see between personnel and students