In December 2018, Campbell Union School District engaged their students in a conversation about what they enjoy about their learning experience at school, and how it could be improved. Students were invited to share thoughts, rate the thoughts of others, and discover the results of the exchange. Read on to learn about the Top Themes and Top Thoughts that emerged in this exchange.

### Participation by Gender

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TOP THEMES

Using an algorithm, thoughts are grouped together by topic to form themes. The theme names reflect the key words for each topic as generated by the algorithm. The bar chart below shows the themes ranked by number of thoughts.
FRIENDS TIME/BREAKS

- Students in grades Four, Five, Seven and Eight had a higher average star score in this theme.

I think we should get more recess and lunch time. I want more because kids need time to move around. 4.6 ★ 22

I think that they should increase upper grade lunch time. I need more time eating lunch and recess. 4.5 ★ 21

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

- Students in grades Four, Seven and Eight had a higher average star score in this theme.

Improvement in activities. Some activities are very boring and not fun to do. If all classwork is fun to learn, it would make class much more fun and actually learn. 4.3 ★ 28

It would be really great if we did a little bit more experiments. This is important because I think it is a fun way of learning. 4.3 ★ 23

READING/WRITING/LANGUAGES

- Students in grade Four had a higher average star score in this theme.

I like how we are a bilingual school. It's important because you could learn a lot of Spanish. Also, if you're struggling talking in Spanish, the teachers here at Sherman could help you. 4.3 ★ 28

More books in the school library! I love to read! And there aren't many books to choose from, so if we have more books, then that would be great! 4.3 ★ 25
**ART/MUSIC**

- Students in grades Four and Five had a higher average star score in this theme.

  **I enjoy art and music.** It's important because it teaches us about art and music if we want to be an artist or a musician.  
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  **I really love art.** I love it because I want to be an artist and it helps me learn about art and famous painters.  
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**MATH**

- Students in grades Three, Four and Five had a higher average star score in this theme.

  **I really like math because of all the fun activities.** Fun activities can be the following: competitive money games with a partner, Wheel Decide multiplication, and more!  
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  **I like to improve on my subtraction and my multiplication.** So I can get better grades.  
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  4.3 ★  10  
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**TOP THOUGHTS**

The following thoughts showcase the highest rated thoughts in the exchange.

- **Hot lunch.** The food needs to be a lot better.

- **I think we should get more recess and lunch time.** I want more because kids need time to move around.

- **Expand the locker rooms.** It is really crowded in the locker rooms. Some of the girls spray perfume like it's air mist. Because a lot of people are in there pushing INSECURITIES.

- **More recess time.** So people get more exercise.

- **I like how supportive all the teachers are of you.** They all want you to succeed and will help you until you do. School should be a fun and non-critical place where you can mess up and not feel bad about yourself and nobody would laugh at you.

- **I think that they should increase upper grade lunch time.** I need more time eating lunch and recess.

- **New technology.** It is important so we can do new stuff and it is just fun to have new technology.

- **Field trips.** Because they are fun.

- **I enjoy speaking two languages at my school.** It is important because it will help me later in life.

- **I like engineering in S.T.E.A.M. lab.**

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You can dig into each exchange to discover additional topics that are important to your peers

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