

STUDENT VOICES

Why is Great Lakes the BEST place for learning ...

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Mr. Isaac's Gr. 7 Class

Get your backpack we are going to Great Lakes. Why is Great Lakes P.S. a great place to come to and learn? Well since I came here last year for grade 6, I have had a wonderful time. I have a lot of ideas why I think Great Lakes is the best and here are a few of them:

- Great Lakes is a great place of learning as it encourages and facilitates a meaningful "Learning Community" that focuses on developing skills. This school instills the core values- caring, cooperation, honesty, inclusiveness, respect and responsibility.
- It provides opportunities for leadership to enhance student success. For example, leadership skills are developed in the students by recreating the Canadian Parliamentary System within the school, whereby students do the role playing of Prime Minister and various cabinet ministers.
- Fall fair was held in our school and students were given different opportunities to show their talents. The diversity, cultural and special needs of individual students are respected and everyone is treated equally and fairly.
- I love the school library as it has a rich collection of the award-winning books, fabulous picture books and other resources. I can also use the "digital library" to do research.
- Along with our curriculum-based learning, we work in other diverse areas such as: music, team building, different sports activities, fund raising and community service.
- Plus, while doing all that we are staying eco-friendly. Being eco-friendly I think we have taken a well needed drastic step towards being socially responsible. We have took care of the environment and ourselves.

Now, I hope my writing has reflected what a great time I'm having at this wonderful school.

- Guragam

Mrs.Fernandez' s Gr. 3 Class

Great Lakes is the best place for learning for many reasons. At Great Lakes, everyone follows rules. They follow them by respecting their teachers and their friends, not running in the halls, not laughing at anyone and much more. Also, all the teachers in the school are nice. The teachers are nice because they care about the kids in the school, they help you when you need help, they explain something to you when you don't understand and much more. These are a few reasons why Great Lakes is the best place for learning. - Aminah

I would like to tell you that Great Lakes is the best place to learn because the teachers help us learn new things like math, science, and language. Our school celebrates all the different festivals including Diwali, Eid, Halloween, Ramadan, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. They like us to have fun learning about other festivals. People are respectful to each other. They are kind and they don't steal things that don't belong to them. Everyone listens to the teacher attentively without making any noise. Overall, I really like my school because all this is perfect and amazing. I really like Great Lakes because it's wonderful. - Hirra

Ms. Greenhalgh's Gr. 5 Class

<p>Great Lakes is a fantastic place to learn because it has great teachers, great rules, a great principal and more. When you are at Great Lakes you feel safe, just like at home. For example, we do practice fire drills to make sure if we have a real one we would know what to do and be safe. We have talent shows, fall fairs and lots more for students to show their talents and that everyone has different talents. When you have fun and there is safety in the environment, this encourages motivation to learn! This is why Great Lakes is an awesome place to learn! - Rehlaya</p>	<p>Great Lakes it the best place to learn, because of its outstanding teachers, students, vice principals and of course, the fabulous principal, Mrs. Punjabi. It is also brilliant because of its field trips, activities, etc. At the beginning of this, the one question I thought about to myself was, why is it the best place to learn? It is because of what the teachers teach the students from every grade. In every grade they teach exactly what they are supposed to teach, and struggle so much just for the students to understand what they are teaching. To explain the fun activities, we have Fall Fair, bake sales and assemblies. As well, the field trips introduce us to new things, and you have fun at the same time. Finally, as you get taught lots of fun educational activities, you go home with your homework. Most kids don't like homework, but it gives you the right type of information to study for tests or skills to train your brain well. This is why I think that Great Lakes is the best place to learn! - Ahmed</p>	<p>Great Lakes Public School is the best place for learning, because of the fantastic sports programs and competitions the kids love, such as soccer, volleyball, basketball and badminton. This is great because the kids can have fun. The education is super because the teachers are really intelligent, and the principal and vice principals take really good care of the school. I have learned about Character Education, that teaches me to control myself and the things that are right and wrong. That is why I think Great Lakes is the best place for learning! - Aashna</p>
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Mrs. Hiley' Gr. 6 Class

Why do we believe Great Lakes Public School is a great place to learn? Let me tell you now. I will give you three special reasons why Great Lakes Public School is a great place to learn. Great Lakes Public School has good resources we can use to learn in our classrooms. Secondly, our school provides opportunities to participate in fun activities while learning and completing our work. The last reason is that Great Lakes Public School has great teachers.

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Great Lakes Public School has good resources and it helps with our learning. Why? Well, Great Lakes has excellent books to learn from such as "Math Make Sense" for which students from grade 2 to grade 8 use on a daily basis. We also have "Nelson Literacy" and the "Casi" books for language. "Science and Technology" are a series of books we use to learn various topics in science. Also, we have a computer lab which helps us find resources to complete projects. Another resource is our big library, which is full of books that provide informational (non-fiction) and literacy (fiction) books for all of us to read and enjoy. This is the first reason why Great Lakes Public School is a great place to learn.

Secondly, Great Lakes offers fun learning activities. They take us on trips for subjects like Math, Science and Social Studies. For example the Kortright Centre, where we are learning about biodiversity. We also get to play educational games, which relate to what we are learning, so we can understand it in a fun way. We also do presentations for projects instead of just handing in our assignments, this allows us to enjoy what other people are thinking about and other students can relate to what they are saying. This is the second reason why students at Great Lakes Public School enjoy learning new subject matter.

Finally, the teachers educate the students in a variety of different strategies which provides us with excellent education. Teachers make it easy by using fun and creative ways to teach the students concepts of the subjects they are learning. Teachers do give homework but homework that students can understand and not too much.

These are all of the wonderful reasons why Great Lakes Public School is a great school to learn. We have great resources to learn with, we have fun learning activities and we have awesome teachers who teach us every day. GO GREAT LAKES!!!!!!!- Ridhi

A story written by a 6th grader to get the inside news about Great Lakes.

Why do you believe Great Lakes is the best place to learn: Live with Bianca from Room 225

Well, some may say one thing about Great Lakes and some may say another but today I'm going into my own mind to see why I think Great Lakes is the best place to learn. From my mind, I would say Great Lakes is a safe and bully free environment for all students to learn in.

Activities at Great Lakes involve school dances, track and field, field trips and many more fun and exciting things to do while learning. Working hard is important, I know everyone likes to see an A on their report card but to get to that goal you have to stay strong and use different strategies to learn in a way that fits you. The teachers are a big part of Great Lakes and without them how could we call this place a school. I enjoy a warm welcome everyday and I'm sure the teachers like that too.

I know if you bring in all your supplies for class you will be just fine but to learn properly you have to have all your supplies in class so you can learn with no interruptions.

Learning is very important and I know with our great principal, Mrs. Punjabi and the rest of the staff, we will always have a great school. – Bianca

Mr. Vozinidis' Gr. 5 Class

Great Lakes is the greatest place to learn because we have lots of events like the fall fair, talent show, musicals, Terry Fox run. We also have track and field and play day. We have Pathways that includes sci-tech and family studies, which not a lot of elementary schools have. Also we have privileges like playing intramurals, after school program and breakfast clubs. Our teachers and staff help us to achieve our goals. We have a big library and computer lab to help us learn. The gym is big and has a lot of sports equipment and we learn how to be healthy.

We have learned many things in the first month of school. Our first test was based on patterning. Now every day we have a choice to read to someone, ourselves or writing for 45 minutes. There are many other great things we do. It is going to be a fantastic year at Great Lakes! – Vinay

Ever wonder where you will find a school filled with smiles, joy and where students can make their future better? I know. How about Great Lakes Public School. Your eyes will pop out when you see the kind and caring staff. They will always be by your side and you will not be left out. There are also going to be mind blowing field trips; for example, last year we went skiing and ice skating, and, don't you worry, you're going to get a lesson before you start.

If you are ever running late **DO NOT WORRY** Great Lakes offers a before school program called the Breakfast Club, the only things you need to bring is twenty five cents and a hungry tummy. The Breakfast Club will serve you mouth-watering dishes like, pancakes, waffles, yogurt and much more.

Another great advantage is if you are in grade 7 and 8, you can become a spectacular leader by running for the student parliament, and you get to work with our encouraging principal to make our school better. Years ago an inspirational person, Terry Fox, took action against cancer research. Now, every year, Great Lakes goes for a community walk, and in school everyone tries to donate money. You now have a chance make a difference and make your future better for you and all. Come to Great Lakes and make a difference!! – Dhavani

Ms. Pagniello's Gr. 8 Class

I believe that Great Lakes Public School is the best place for learning because the teachers care for the students and always go out of their way to help us. The teachers help us reach our goals and are always there for us. The teachers at our school are very **nice to all the students and they are the reason why this school is such a great place to learn.**

Not only are the teachers at our school great, the subjects we have also help us with our learning. The school teaches all the academic subjects that we need to learn to be successful when we are older. Most schools do not support the Pathways Program. Wood shop and cooking are great subjects and are gateways to getting a good job because you have experience. The students at our school are very grateful to have such an opportunity to learn.

Also, our school has student parliament, which is another great opportunity for all the students. Student parliament is great for students that want to lead. We can learn so much and get a lot of experience from student parliament that will help us so much when we get older.

I strongly believe that Great Lakes Public School is the best place for learning because we have caring teachers that help with our learning, opportunities that will help us with our future, and leading roles. Great Lakes is the very best place for learning. - Aaron

I believe that Great lakes is the best school because it offers plenty of programs that can improve your health and knowledge. The programs that are provided to succeed in life are: are wood shop/ Sci tech, family studies - Pathways, intramural, student parliament, DPA Leaders and many more. Secondly, we are so grateful to have highly qualified teachers, who teach us subjects that we need for future references. They teach us to relate text to text, to ourselves and to the world. Thirdly, I believe that our gym teachers also try to encourage us to stay healthy and fit. Last, but not least, we probably all think that Mrs. Punjabi is a wonderful teacher, friend, and principal. Mrs. Punjabi is also trying her best to help us all succeed. Also with our administrative staff; secretaries, custodians, Vice Principals (Mrs. Lad and Mrs. East) the Principal and teachers, Great Lakes wouldn't be so successful because of their hard work and effort. Great lakes public school is one of the finest public schools in Peel.- Maureen

Mr. Hudson's Gr. 5 Class

Great Lakes is the best place to learn because it has an amazing staff. All the teachers are really nice and helpful. They want all students to be safe and have fun and learn. All the students are very helpful. If you need help they are there for you. There is always a fun activity to help you learn a lesson, plus you get fun projects and assignments. It's great you have fun and learn at the same. In Gym the teachers are really nice and they teach you ways to keep fit and stay healthy. At nutrition breaks you can have a chance to eat and power up then go outside with friends to talk and stretch a bit.

The classrooms have all the equipment you need to learn overheads, projectors, computers and if you are having a tough time and don't understand something the teachers try all they can to help you. The music room has a very nice teacher who shows us how to play different instruments teaches us how to sing different songs. In the classroom you have your own desk to keep personal stuff and you have cupboards to keep textbooks and notebooks. Great Lakes also has fun activities during the year like the Fall Fair where you can let your imagination run wild as you create things and compete with other students. There is also the library where you can find hundreds of books of any kind and have a fun time reading and enjoying yourself. I love Great Lakes! – Urooj

Great Lakes Public School is a great place to learn because it has an amazing staff. They are determined to make sure that the students have a safe and fun learning experience. The teachers make us work but they make it fun. For example, we have fun projects and assignments, time to read and on nutrition breaks when we are done eating we can play some games.

The classrooms have cool decorations that teach us how to become better people. Everything is organized. We have two breaks and numerous periods so we can have at least one period on each subject. Every room has all the equipment we need. The gym has basketballs, nets, soccer balls etc. The music rooms have pianos, guitars, xylophones etc. It's amazing. The school also runs an intramural program at nutrition break to keep us entertained. All these extras are why I love Great Lakes. - Khadija

We all have different faces, we were born in different places as our school song suggests we are one at Great Lakes, it is truly the best place to learn. Our great staff work so hard and come to school early to prepare so we can achieve our goals. They encourage us with positive messages and are always ready to help us. The custodians work so hard to keep our school clean and neat and we should do more to show them our appreciation. It is our school and keeping it clean should be all our responsibility. We are blessed with a wonderful library filled with interesting books. Our librarian keeps everything organized and has books sorted by themes. It is very easy to find new books and we all have access to computers there. Once again I feel we should do our part in keeping the library neat so everyone can enjoy a nice quiet place to read and research. It's a pity that old faces leave Great Lakes each year but then new faces join us making this the best school. - Dania

