

There were 46 responses from families, down from 55 last year. I'm very sorry that we neglected to consider the Earth Hall camping trip. I'm sure that made it harder for some families to put in the time. Thank you to all who gave us their input. (All comments are listed in bullet points and BT responses to these comments are in blue.)

### 1. Blazing Trails keeps me informed about program schedules and activities.

Absolutely – 33	Mostly - 10	Somewhat - 2	Could be better- 0	No - 0
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#### Comments:

- Emails & flyers sent out accordingly.
- Email bulletin monthly for big day would be cool.

**Newsletters are emailed out monthly (if you marked on your registration form that you wanted to receive them). They are also printed out and put next to the sign in/out sheet. Extra copies are provided for those that would like a physical copy.**

- Maybe some more stories about what you do – your curriculum etc.

**I (Dena) have tried to put up a calendar with our projects listed in advance, including the skills that will be practicing. I have not kept up as well this year. Also, some of our staff members have brains that are most creative in a time crunch. Putting stories in the newsletter about what we *have done* is a GREAT idea. Thank you.**

### 2. Regarding policies and invoice procedures (as described in the family handbook), I get my questions answered in a timely manner.

Absolutely - 43	Mostly - 3	Somewhat - 0	Could be better- 0	No - 0
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#### Comments/Suggestions:

- Very pro-family, and friendly.
- Answers are always prompt.
- Staff is very helpful with questions.
- It would be awesome if there were some way to pay online!

**Jennifer is very conscious of banking safety and the extra cost. For these reasons, we haven't yet found a good way to accept cards or online payments. Most banks or credit unions offer a bill pay system, which can be a good alternative. Jennifer doesn't work on Thursdays or Fridays, so if you need a question answered on those days it's best to email Mckinsey or the general BT email account.**

### 3. Communication between B.T. Administrators and my family is effective.

Absolutely - 36	Mostly - 9	Somewhat - 1	Could be better- 0	No - 0
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#### Comments/Suggestions:

- Couldn't be better. Collaborative and effective.
  - I would appreciate an email about upcoming special days or when to sign up for breaks – Thanks!
- We do include notice in the newsletters, but we certainly could send out an email for each specific occasion. Some people would prefer not to have extra emails, so we haven't been sending them.**

### 4. a. I am greeted by a staff member when I enter Blazing Trails.

Always - 26	Mostly - 19	Somewhat - 1	Could be better- 0	Never - 0
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### b. I feel that the staff is friendly and approachable.

Absolutely – 40	Mostly - 6	Somewhat - 0	Could be better- 0	No - 0
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#### Comments/Suggestions:

- I don't know what I'd do without your help and caring. Thank you!

### 5. I feel I have a positive working partnership with BT Staff.

Absolutely – 43	Mostly - 3	Somewhat - 0	Could be better- 0	No - 0
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#### Comments/Suggestions:

- You're so helpful and compassionate. Very appreciated.
- LOVE B.T.
- Love BT as a resource! Fantastic & friendly. Hours ARE PERFECT.
- I love what you're doing with the Lynx [CoR (**Community of Respect**)]. It's bringing a sense of pride & responsibility to my son! Thank you for all you do!

**6. My family feels safe and included while at Blazing Trails.**

Absolutely – 42	Mostly - 4	Somewhat - 0	Could be better- 0	No - 0
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Comments/Suggestions:

- Safe and secure with everything at B.T.

**7. Blazing Trails strives to support kids in learning life skills. Please rate the following by how well you think BT is contributing to your child(ren)'s development.**

	Extremely well	Very well	OK	Not well	Not at all	Don't Know
Social/Communication	21	20	2			3
Coping Skills/Emotional Management	20	19	3			3
Basic Skills (tying shoes, zipping coat)	13	15	7			9
Quantitative skills (calculations, fractions, time)	8	9	11		1	16
Reading	13	16	8	1		7
Listening	15	22	4			4
Problem solving	19	17	4			5
Cooperation	21	20	1			3
.Responsibility	18	19	2			6
Empathy	19	21				5

**Dena – As partners with parents we try to encourage kids in all areas of growth, while also allowing kids a lot of choice. That means we have to be very creative in trying to encourage academic activities. As far as Math goes, Blackie frequently has kids predict and keep track of their own scores and then asks them to figure the difference. Andy and I encourage kids to play games involving calculations, probability and logic. Mckinsey, Rosie and Chelsea do cooking projects involving measuring. For reading, Christy reads and discusses stories with the Raccoons (K/1) and sometimes asks them if they want to be Star Readers. Then she will have them come in early and practice with her before reading to the others. When I fill in for Christy (rarely) I focus on syllables and sound awareness. The focus in quality after school programs is to encourage problem solving, social emotional skills, independent thinking, and a growth mindset.**

Comments/Suggestions:

- I love that you ask these questions & have this form, but I have no idea if you do this/how you do this. [all items in #7 marked 'Don't Know']
- We feel so fortunate to have this great after school program. Phoenix loves to go and sad when she isn't! ☺ Thank you for all of your hard work and generous care of all our children.
- Both my wife and I, and our two girls love it here at Blazing Trails. We recently moved out of the Pathfinder area and have considered moving them to their assigned school further south in West Seattle. BT is a big reason why we have chosen to stay at Pathfinder. We cannot say enough about the staff and programs here at BT. – Jamie & Melanie Kelly
- Alahn and DJ love Blazing Trails.
- Excellent staff. Always working towards the enrichment and safety of our children. Thank you ☺
- Thank you for providing this forum for parent/child feedback.
- Great job everyone!
- More storage space for backpacks & lunchboxes. \*More blankets for kids that feel sick. Parents can donate items if needed.
- We feel confident these things are happening but we don't often get to witness them. We love BT.