

B.T. Kids' Survey 2018

Put a check in the box by your answer. You may tell us why after each statement. If you check any boxes for **Not Really**, what should we change?

1. I feel safe and included while at Blazing Trails.

Mostly: 75 * I do feel safe, but... * I pretty much always do at BT. * I do but sometimes I feel not included at recess sometimes. * I always feel safe but sometimes I feel excluded. * BT is Great * I think that the BT staff keep a very close eye on us, by using radios and drills.

Kind of: 12 - Make a rule that everybody can join. **Dena - BT has a no- exclusion rule, but it's tricky. Some kids join a game and then dominate it or change the rules. Kids might try to exclude that person. It seems logical, but feelings get hurt. So we encourage kids to insert themselves into game appropriately, and we might say everyone can join if they're willing to play without changing the game. Then kids come up with rules that are somewhat exclusionary (there can only be three kittens, if you want to join you have to be a dog) or advantageous to taller or older kids as in foursquare. When we intervene too much some kids will just quit the game, and say they're just hanging out.**

We want to teach kids to get their own needs met while also considering the needs of others. Our strategy is to help kids share their feelings about each other's behavior, and learn to problem-solve/negotiate/compromise. I will encourage staff to pay close attention to the group dynamics of the various games happening during free time, especially at recess. Please encourage your child to talk to a teacher if they feel they're being left out. And if the problem continues, come and talk to us.

Not really: 3 - I get hit in the face with the ball a lot. **D - The balls Blackie uses are not the hard rubber balls used for four-square, but they do sting. Many kids are happy to discover that they survive the sting. In dodge-ball the first skill kids learn is how to stay far away from the ball, then how to dodge the ball when it's thrown at them. Then they learn how to throw the ball, and finally how to catch it, which is a great accomplishment and we all celebrate.**

2. If I am upset, I feel comfortable asking a teacher for help.

Mostly: 56 - Also, friends. * Christy, Mckinsey and Rita. * Totally, and I feel comfortable asking any teacher. * Teachers at BT help me. * I do unless it's a problem with Ava 'cause she always tells on us for no particular reason. * Everyone is very nice and helpful when I get hurt socially and mentally.

Kind of: 25 - I get kind of embarrassed. * When would I do that? * I think I should leave this to my peers.

Not really: 8 – **Dena - We encourage kids to tell us when they're upset. We also try to notice if a child is sitting alone or behaving differently, at which time we will ask what's wrong. If your child is not comfortable asking for help, see if you can figure out what we need to do differently. And please talk to us if your child is expressing discomfort about BT.**

3. Teachers help me when I ask a question or need something.

Mostly: 74 - I don't ask much. * It depends... * They always can help me. BT is Great * When I need help with a word in my book or help with homework there is always a teacher to ask. * They always, always do.

Kind of: 13

Not really: 2

4. I get a chance to use or share my strengths.

Mostly: 56 - Drawing. * Like math and Blackie's games. * I feel proud of what I can do and I like sharing that. * It does get sweaty, though. * In sports. * BT is Great

Kind of: -What strengths? **I must have lost the count here. If 90 kids answered, this number would be 28.**

Not really: 6 See next question.

5. I get a chance to help others.

Mostly: 59 - If someone is sad I have a chance to help them. * Play * I can always help others.

BT is Great.

Kind of: 26

Not really: 3 - Chance is the key word. * Other people do it before me.

Dena- I will push for a program quality goal that addresses questions 4 and 5. We want all kids to know their strengths and have the confidence to share them, and use them to help others.

6. I spend the most time with _____ (B.T. Teacher) because...

All of them. (5) - They're fun. - They're all nice. **D – I apologize for making kids feel like they had to choose one teacher. This question will be different next year.**

None - I am like a cat. I do things by myself mostly (like, I read a book.)

Andrew - He can help me with a magic deck * I really like him and he's fun. * He has pokemon and magic cards and he is funny.* He is a nerd like me and likes what I like. * I ask him magic questions. * He is always doing fun classes.

Chelsea- She is kind. * I come on the bus so I see Chelsea, & she's the one I ask most of the questions. * Fun to talk to and helpful. * She is always at homework time and outside, she is kind, loving, nice, awesome and friendly. * She is nice and funny. * She does fun stuff. * I really like independent Study and she is a nice BT teacher.* She is really funny, understands ginger language and knows what "out of a bean" means and responds – "Wha' you talkin' bout?" * She does quiet study, of which I go to most of the time. She's also really nice.* She gives me cereal every morning and we like talking to each other. * She is easy to talk to and plays music. * She makes good cereal in the morning and reads good stories.

Jasper – He is really funny and can be strict and he has special names for everyone like Blackie does and he is awesome, kind, friendly and nice and cool. * He hosts the games and asks for input into which games are played. * We both like the same things and he is funny. * He teaches me things like chess, guitar and other games. * He's funny.

Molly- I learn things from her. * She plays Mancalla with me.

Christy - She is kind and I love her projects and I feel the most safe with her. * She is nice and I feel included and special when she is around. * She understands me, and the other teachers don't. * She is really nice to me and always wants to help. * She always has something I want to do. * She is kind and funny. * Raccoon Reading(x6) I like to draw. * I like the stories she reads. * She does art! * She is really nice to me and always wants to help. * She reads to me and we do our nails.

Justina - She does lots of sewing, and I like to sew. * She's also really nice. * She is funny and nice. * She is really nice to me and always wants to help. * I like her activities. * She does sewing.

Blackie – I love the games. (x3) * He does the movement options. * We both like the same things and he is funny. * He does fun games. * I like to play the games almost all the time. * His game is so good I can't resist. * He does all the sports and I love sports. * I am in games. * He has baseball games. * I like his games(x2)

Mckinsey - I am a Lynx(x8) * I am a Lynx, and I also enjoy playing card games and other games with her. * She is really nice to me and always wants to help. * She always tells me to tie my shoes.

Dena – She has fun clubs!

Morning Program

- ✓ Check the column that best answers each statement, then tell us why, or if you check the column for **Don't do**, what would it take for you to try it?

7. This is how I feel about:	Good 😊	OK 😐	Bad ☹️	Don't do
A. Free Time in the Den	26	10	1	3
<p>Good - Awesome. * I get to play games. * & I like it. * We get to do a lot of things. I get to do whatever I want! * I get to spend time with friends. * I have fun talking with my friends.* It's fun.</p> <p>OK – Morning I am late. I read. I don't go much.</p>				
B. The Movement Activity	24	8	1	5
<p>Good - Awesome. * I already love it. * I love getting exercise. * I like running. * I can get the wiggles out. * It's active.* I have an opportunity to win the games. * You get to do cool stuff. If you mean dodge-ball I'm in! * Because not too many people are in the Den (main classroom).</p> <p>OK - I like to jump rope (I do in summer). * I get tired easily. * Sometimes I do it.</p> <p>Don't do – because of the games.</p>				
C. Teacher-Led Activity	20	7		9
<p>Good - It is fun.* The games are fun. * The teachers are nice.</p> <p>OK - I like to do new things. * Mostly fun. * It's fun. * It depends on what activity.* What is this?</p> <p>Don't go – In my opinion, boring. * Doesn't sound fun.</p>				
D. The Meeting	11	17	5	4
<p>Good - BT knows who goes where.</p> <p>OK - Lots of sitting. * It's a little boring(x2). * Takes too long. (x4) * The waiting is not fun. It's fun. * I don't understand.</p> <p>Bad - Teachers release us ten minutes late. * Too long, it is stretched out too long. * Boring.</p>				
E. Snack	25	8		5
<p>Good - Because I am especially starving on Wednesdays. * Tastes good! Usually really good. Likes them a lot. * I like snacks, especially the Star Wars pancakes!</p> <p>OK -Good when good food.</p> <p>Don't go – I would rather go to the gym.</p>				

8. Are there other activities that you would like but don't get a chance to do here?

Dena - I forgot to add this question to the Afternoon Program Survey.

If we could have guitar in the mornings I would make it to that program.* No (x9) * Games on the big field.* More playing, of course. No trampolines. * Nail polish.

Other comments:

BT is Great! * I love BT! However, I'm not very athletic, and more of a chef. BT should do more cooking, and less athletics. * I feel like we should have projects at choice time again, I did them every time it was available, projects are so fun and I loved them so much, I was sad to find out that they stopped doing them - PLEASE BRING THEM BACK! - lemon bars, sewing pillows, random stuff (this comment was followed by lots of great pictures). **Dena – Our afternoon program is shorter than it used to be, and we have more space constraints since the district reclaimed the Burrow (our north room). We will brainstorm ways to get more projects, including cooking, back into our program.**

Afternoon Program

- ✓ Check the column that best answers each statement, then tell us why, or if you check the column for **Don't do**, what would it take for you to try it?

7. This is how I feel about:	Good 😊	OK 😐	Bad ☹️	Don't do
A. Snack	56	16	1	3
<p>Good – Really like snacks!(x5) * Tastes good.(x10) * So many fun kinds of food. * I want more fruit. * All the food is good.(x3) * It helps me when I'm hungry.(x2) * I get to eat. (x2) Usually really good. * Then our parents don't have to feed us. * Usually I am hungry at that time.(x2) * Good variety and usually tastes good. * Different flavors. * It's awesome. * I like it a lot, probably because I am always hungry, but it is nice and well made. * There is nothing unhealthy. * Usually healthy and great. * I usually enjoy the food!</p> <p>OK – Sometimes too salty. * I'd prefer higher quality like pasta, but the Pita bread is soo good. * It could be better. * Can't have usually. * Does not fill me up. * Snack is always good and healthy. * There's (most of the time) stuff I like. * I like snack, but I wish there were more whole made cultural recipes, instead of stuff like string cheese and fig bars.</p> <p>Bad - Not good for me.</p>				
B. Recess	58	15		
<p>Good – I get to play with my friends.(x4) * Fun.(x8) * You can run. * It lets me get exercise and that's healthy. * Get to move around. * You get to play.(x2) * I talk with my friend. * So we can get our wiggles out.(x4) * Because it's recess. * I always find a really fun game to play. * I get to go outside.* Kids get to do all kinds of things from talk to playing tag. * Lots of playtime. * I want it to be longer. * I get to run and play. * Play time is important. * Soccer! * Fun activities. * It gets you energy. * There are so many people to play with. * I love running around and doing stuff with my friends like dodge-ball, and monkey bars.* It is great because I love to go outside and everyone plays nice and fair. * Should be longer in duration.</p> <p>OK – Sometimes I don't get to climb on things. * Sometimes I don't get included. * I don't have many friends at BT, just at my school. * Too short. * Usually fun. * It's long enough but I think we should have a choice to go in the rain.* Kind of fun. * Prefer to read. * Not allowed to do cartwheels. Dena - Kids are allowed to do cartwheels on the grass.</p>				
C-1-a. Raccoon Reading - 4:00	14	6	1	7
<p>Good – Super! * Really good! * Fun.(x2) * Listen to books and draw on white board. Christy reads books to us.</p> <p>OK - Read exciting books.</p> <p>Bad –Don't really like it.</p>				
C-1-b. Independent Study - 4:00	19	14	3	9
<p>Good – I can do my homework. (x2) * I love to chill out, read my book with tea and music; it's the best. * It's awesome. * Calms me down. * Reading, writing - awesome. * Too long. * All the reading!!!! * I get to study! * I love to do schoolwork, mostly, sometimes. * Time to relax. * Silent focus. * Good tea. * Very quiet. * You get to read. * I love to read and write, and we get tea, which is calming.</p> <p>OK - * It gets windy outside. * It is kinda boring. * It's fun. *A little boring but it gives me a chance for homework. * You get to write stories and it's quiet. * There is nothing for 2nd graders to do. Kids are encouraged to journal, write stories or read, and are offered word searches, cross word puzzles, math puzzles, etc.</p> <p>Bad – I wish we could sketch and talk.</p>				

C-2. Blackie's Game - 4:00	36	11	2	21
<p>Good - I really, really like it. * Variety of choices. * Fun. (x3) * You can run. * Always go. I like being active. * I feel like I am free. * Gets energy out.(x2) * Dodge-ball!!! * They are awesome and fun, Please try to convince more girls to play. * It's good. * Lots of time to run, fun games. * Dodge-ball always. * Love it.(x2) * It's the only place I can move around so much. It's sports. * I like dodge-ball but usually I go to Lynx time.</p> <p>OK- Sometimes I don't know how to play. * Sometimes I get hurt. * Sometimes I do it. * Good, but a lot of running. * Sometimes I don't know the rules. * It's fun and gets your energy out like recess. * When we do stuff I know, it's fun, but, sometimes kids get competitive and harm players. * I love Blackie's games, I love them. I go to them most of the time.</p> <p>Bad - So tired! (Still like Blackie all the time.)</p> <p>Don't do –If more of my friends were willing to go with me I would go. * If it were a new game and other kids didn't know how to play either then I would try. * Rather do Raccoon Reading. Not my thing. * It's usually dodge-ball and it might hit my face. * ?</p>				
C-3. Lynx Time - 4:00	7	5		26
<p>Good - Sometimes I feel like I don't belong with the other Lynx. * I'm a Lynx and it's really good and chill. * I like how we choose a drink we like and Mckinsey is nice. * People like it.</p> <p>OK – The Lynx chat a lot. * I don't usually do lynx time; if you want to draw, you have to write first, I don't like that. * It's nice to hang out with Lynx, do homework and read. * I enjoy it but sometimes people can be <u>very</u> chatty.</p> <p>Don't do - I sometimes get kind of jealous of the things they do.</p>				
D. 4:45 Meeting	25	32	14	
<p>Good – Let's us go to choice time. * I like them. * I usually like the options. * Because: it's a little pause/transition. * New choices. * I like to see what the choices are. * Lots of choices. * Good classes. * Helpful. * Kind of boring.</p> <p>OK- Kind of boring.(x3) * Too much sitting. * I get to make choice. * Maybe a little too slow. Most of the time I like that I can change what I'm doing. * Too long usually, just say thanks to everyone all together, not individually. * Good. * Good, but a lot of sitting. * It is a little long.(x2) * It takes a long time and is boring –also, you cram yourself into a square, and clap a lot. * I like how you get all the kids' attention. * It can get boring but it is fun when the Raccoon Readers do a little show.</p> <p>Bad - I get distracted. * Too long.(x4) * Boring.(x3) * Takes a lot of time; people talk a lot during the meeting.</p>				
E-1. Choice Time/4:45 - 6:00	54	14	1	4
<p>Good- Sooo fun. * Super cool. * I like the art stuff, different kinds of pens and animal print things and you press it on the paper. * Exciting things happen. * EPIC! * You can play games. I get to do a bunch of things. * It lets kids be creative. * You get to make stuff. * I like drawing. I like art. * It's fun. (x5) * Fun if there is a project. * It's really cool. * There's a ton of fun stuff you can do. * LOTS AND LOTS OF PLAYING!!! * Don't ask me because everyone knows it's awesome. * You can do a lot of stuff. * If you're talking about Gym choice time, I'm in! * Free time. * It's anything you want time. * I feel free.* I really like it. Sooooo good!!!!* Lots of different games. * I would talk with my friend. * We have options that I love. * I like doing my own choices, if I don't come to the other groups.</p> <p>OK – Choice, I like projects like art. * I miss projects. * I don't actually know when choice time is. * I am bored. * Fun. * Not fun. * It depends what's happening and if I'm with my friends.</p> <p>Don't go- ?</p>				

E-2.Blackie's Game - 4:45	40	14	2	18
<p>Good*- Amazing * They are awesome and fun, Please try to convince more girls to play. * Fun!(x5). * I like team games. * They do slightly more fun stuff in the afternoon. * I like to play with friends. * Lots of different games. * Lots of balls. * It's sports. * Dodge-ball!!! * Gets a little bit more energy out. * Best ever. * I feel free. * It has "Capture the Pins" a lot. * I love the game "Ga Ga Go"! It is my favorite. * Depends on the game.</p> <p>OK- Hide and Seek. * I get kinda tired after the first game. * Sometimes I do it. * Sometimes the teams are unfair. * Too much running. * Not always dodge-ball. * Sometimes I get hurt.</p> <p>Bad- So tired.</p> <p>Don't do- Not fun. * Choice time instead.</p>				
F. Wednesday Clubs	38	15		17
<p>Good- Feel good.* Exciting. * Like a lot. * Dena's clubs are fun. * Fun. (x7)* I get to do sewing. You can do cool stuff. * Love! I can go to mystery tree. * Super fun. * A chance to get Crafty. Do it more. * So much choices! * Lots of fun choices. * Andy does good stuff. * Depends. I like going to nature, sewing, and playing stuff like "sardines." * Andy does card games and I love them. * It is OK, but some more fun options. * I LOVE SEWING! (x3) * I get to play with my friend.</p> <p>OK-Not very fun.* Not sure, I'm not there very long. *Boring. * I don't like clubs that much, but I enjoy sewing.</p>				
G-1. Friday Movies	63	8	1	15
<p>Good- Cool out.* Relaxing. * FUN!(x2) * Love! (x2) * The movies are really good.(x4) * We get to watch a movie.(x4) * I love the movies, it is great. * They're always good.(x3) * Most of the time. * The movie choices are usually really good.</p> <p>OK- Sometimes she gets scared. * I don't really get to see them. * Sometimes people chat. Depends on movie. * I'm not a movie person. * Watching all the time! * The badger movie could be scarier.</p> <p>Bad-They are bad movies.</p> <p>Don't do- Not here, can we have this on Monday or Tuesday? * Boring.* I wish I went on Fridays.</p>				
G-2. Blackie's Friday game	21	12	3	30
<p>Good - It is long.* I usually do the movie, but sometimes I play the game. * Depends on game. I like sports like football. * Chance to be outside for a long time. * It's great because usually we do sports. * Feel free. * It's fun. * If you don't like the movie you can try the game. * They are awesome and fun, Please try to convince more girls to play.</p> <p>OK-I like to go to the classroom. * Sometimes I do it. * I don't really go.</p> <p>Bad- So tired.</p> <p>Don't do- Bikes * Do not know what it is. *Say what? I don't really know what you mean. * I wish I went on Fridays. * Not fun.</p>				