



### *What do parents say about CAPE?*

- We like CAPE because of how it caters to every child's individual needs.
- I was unhappy with my children's progress in math while attending a public school. At CAPE that problem was solved and we got so much more than expected.
- Coming from a unique view from multiple perspectives, I can honestly say I am impressed with all facets of CAPE school. As a parent I feel good knowing that my child is treated as an individual with a voice, who is challenged to achieve new levels. CAPE has been a fantastic experience for both my son and myself.
- The staff at CAPE School is very caring and helpful. The teachers and support staff always ensure that our children receive a good education and full attention due in part to the small class size.
- I am a mother of four children, a 26 year old girl, and three boys ages 23, 16 and 11. Our three boys are on the Autism Spectrum. We were fortunate that our two boys and daughter attended CAPE. I call CAPE my second home. It had a great comfortable environment for my children. The teachers were always there to support us no matter if it was academic or a personal concern. As the African proverb goes, "it takes a whole village to raise a child". The whole school staff, the superintendent, the principal, the teachers, the psychologist, the receptionist, and the janitor were there to help and support my children. Our 16 year old son graduated two years ago from grade 9 and he still goes back to CAPE to see his teachers on a regular basis. He has a close bond with the teachers. They are very supportive and nurturing even after his graduation. There was no other better place for my kids. My daughter has become a teacher and is currently working in the UK. My 23 year son is enrolled in an IT program at the college and my 16 year old son is in grade 11. The teachers molded and nurtured them to become responsible and respectful and kind human beings. When we started this academic journey in 2004 we never knew we would last in CAPE for 19 wonderful years. Thank you very much CAPE school. Our children were honoured to be students of CAPE.
- Cape has good discipline. They encourage academic focus in kids. They keep the kids occupied. And, for sure, the teachers do put a lot of effort in kids.
- I just want to express how happy and thankful we are for CAPE school. The teachers have all been fantastic. I can see a HUGE improvement with my son's literacy already, he goes to school without tears!!!!!! There are no nervous tummies, everything is about 5000 times better than last

year. I have never seen our son excited to learn how to read until now. Thanks for truly being great and taking a lot of worries off of this tired mama's mind.

- I would like to tell everyone how much the wonderful 5 full days of kindergarten has helped my son. He didn't know how to spell his name or how to print, he didn't even really know how to hold a pencil. Less than 6 months of full day kindergarten later, he can count to 100 and recognize every number, he can print and spell his name with no help. He knows all but 4 sounds and can now start to read. He is always very excited for library day so he can get a new book. He has learned how to use his own imagination to draw and create things, which is great for a shy little boy. He loves coming home and practicing on his own little white board. I am so thankful for the wonderful teachers that have taught him so much and for helping us as well. Without full day kindergarten I am very sure that he would have lost interest every other day.

- Love the classroom website and blogs, I check every day.

- I like the personal comments on the report cards, However, I do think that a grade and a personal comment would be sufficient unless there are some issues. In that case, a conversation with the parent could suffice. It seems like a lot of work for the teachers that I know I just skim over.

- Fine arts studies seem pretty weak, but academics are strong.

- Making small classroom sizes a priority and hiring teachers with great commitment to the mission of CAPE made the decision for us. Teachers can't do their best if the classroom environment isn't the priority. The community of a school is important. Students are spending as much time there as at home, so it was important to our family that our kids learn how to be members of a community that celebrates each of its members and asks their best of them.

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- Great experience for children in all areas. Thanks for the good work.

- Teachers are very committed to their students.

- When I compare the instructions at other schools against Cape, I feel very satisfied about the level of instruction.

- We have lived in Medicine Hat for 5 years and our children have attended CAPE during this time. Sincerely, if we didn't have this school in our lives, we would have to create one using our own pocket money. If we have to move to another city, we would love to move the entire school and staff with us. We have only great things to say about our experience. The teachers are amazing, the curriculum is second to none and each child is treated with care, dignity, compassion and mutual respect. Our children fight with us if they have to miss a day of school.

This school is a blessing. Our children absolutely love the school and the staff. From the teachers, to the students, to the challenging curriculum, their program integrates compassion into their teaching standards. They emphasize the importance of values, and build leaders through each of their classes. We have had many meetings in these years with the staff and they are always fair, respectful, professional, and treat us like family. A unique characteristic of this school is that it encourages academic success and positive life experiences. Thank you.

- After an impromptu fire drill (prompted by a fire alarm) a parent wanted the school to know that she was very impressed with how organized the situation on the field was, and how well behaved the students were, she marvelled that the staff could keep all the students in one area for the length of time it took.
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- Information online is a value to me as it keeps me up to date on homework due dates and upcoming events.
- We are very satisfied with the CAPE program in all areas except for reading we were very impressed. Perhaps we just haven't learned our child's preferred learning style yet?
- Our son's teacher has been an excellent teacher for our son. She is able to communicate with him on his level and as a result has been able to facilitate a marked improvement in his performance.
- Teaching staff is very professional. Low class sizes allows teachers to excel as well as the students through all the independent learning opportunities. The experiential learning coming from the higher number of field trips is also a boon.
- My student/child is very happy with the A stream. The IPP has been a great tool to explain my child's learning.
- The School participates lots in the community.
- I love that the program is tailored to the learner.

- I really like that the teacher will try different things in class to make school a pleasant place to be for ALL.
- I truly appreciate how the staff and administration will listen to any concerns and will answer questions.
- I really appreciate how his teacher and the aides help my son.
- CAPE is the best school in medicine hat .
- We are loving CAPE school. Teachers are very involved and dedicated and show true interest in our children. Our kids love reading and enjoy going to school.
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- CAPE has good discipline. They encourage academic focus in kids. They keep the kids occupied. And, for sure, the teachers do put a lot of effort in kids.
- Amazing School. My Child is always excited to go to school. The Teachers are excellent, caring and professional.
- Highly recommended school in Medicine Hat.
- I'm so absolutely glad that we picked CAPE school for our Kindergartener. When you start your kids off into school nerves run high for not just you as a parent, but also your child. CAPE made our daughters transition into school go so smooth, and made sure we were apart of the whole process. Through out the year you always know what's going on with you child. Teachers at CAPE are amazing, and every class also has a very caring EA to assist the needs of everyone. Academically we have noticed a huge change in our daughter, but we've also noticed how mature she has gotten since starting at CAPE. I also want to say we love the sense of community. We can be out shopping at the mall, and if the kids see any other kid wearing the same uniform, they love saying hi, no matter the age. I love that and think it's so important. Thanks for providing an amazing school for children to attend.
- I highly recommend the school. My son has been very successful at CAPE

- I have one child at CAPE and one child in the public elementary system. The differences are dramatic. At CAPE I know how my child is doing and what they are doing. Things come home and I know what we need to work on. I find that the teachers are very easy to talk to and to communicate with. They are there for the kids!!!
- CAPE school provides educational support for special needs children including those who that need extra challenging task.
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- CAPE school has changed our daughter's life. The positive, safe atmosphere the school creates has allowed her self confidence to grow so much.
- Our oldest son has done kindergarten through grade 6 at this school and the growth he has shown as a person and student is immense! Our youngest son has done kindergarten through grade 2 and the same could be said for him! The support of the teachers and programs are second to none and we are proud to have our kids as part of the wonderful CAPE community!
- Truly the best decision we ever made for our children. Our oldest was "falling through the cracks" in the public system and now is excelling at CAPE
- Since registering at CAPE my son has been thriving! He enjoys school, and loves his teacher. My son's strengths are enriched, and weaknesses are supported. Student to teacher ratio allows for a success that I do not believe he would be achieving in another system .
- Man, it has been a tough slug over several years. Child #1: Before CAPE, I was unaware that she had been traumatized, picked on daily, sometimes physical abused. She went to CAPE afterwards, and temporarily healed in CAPE's environment. However, high school and life became tougher and tougher for her. As a mature student, she attended and was granted a high school equivalency. She took out a student loan, and enrolled in College, Education Assistant program. She graduated with a college Education Assistant Diploma. She has now gone from a high school drop out, to one with a College Diploma, having post-secondary education. Child #2: always hated school and education was an uphill battle year after year, struggled to graduate

from Grade 12, left college twice but last August graduated from College/University with a BAA in Visual Communications. Life has been cruel to my children, they both have been traumatized. However, I truly believe that in the time they had been at CAPE School, they healed enough so that they had the "education bug" in their souls. my 2 children were surprised at how positive graduating has impacted them. They told me they no longer consider themselves "drop-outs" , "losers", "lower class". They feel it in their souls now that they have "post-secondary education" and have "a university BAA or College diploma., they are winners, and they now have a pride in themselves. Take care and THANKS! "You done good!"