



Rilke Schule German School of Arts and Sciences

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# **Rilke Nachrichten**

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## **Deutsche Kleidung**

We invite everyone to wear traditional German clothing (dirndl, lederhosen, etc.) or Rilke gear (clothing with the Rilke logo) on the first day of school to build school spirit.

## **2023-2024 Schülerinnen Anmeldung**

Registration for the 23-24 school year is now open and parents can register returning students online to save time by clicking the link below. Please take a moment to complete registration in a timely manner so we can prepare accordingly for returning students. If you have questions about online registration, please contact us at [inforilke@asdk12.org](mailto:inforilke@asdk12.org) or 907-742-0900.

<https://www.asdk12.org/register>

## **Schulgebühren**

As many of you know, Rilke operates on a tight budget as a charter school whereas roughly 80% of the budget goes to staff salaries and the other 20% goes to renting the facility. This leaves little, if anything, for school supplies or activities which is why the activity and supply fees are so important to provide the school with the materials needed to foster an enriching learning

environment. With that in mind, the activity and supply fees are set and Rilke will be able to receive the fees at the beginning of August. Log into your parent Q connect portal to make an on-line payment: <https://parentconnect.asdk12.org/production/parentportal>

**Activity Fee: \$125** - The activity fees pay for field trips, guest speakers, buses, and other special class activities.

**Supply Fee: \$100** - The supply fees pay for classroom supplies like colors, paper, glue, pencils, scissors, folders, containers, and other materials for instruction. It also covers teacher supplies like paper, post-its, expo markers, paper towels, tissues, pens, and other supplies needed for instruction. Lastly, the supply fees are used for school wide supplies for art, P.E., music, and copy paper.

**School Supplies:** Students will still be responsible for backpacks, binders (5th - 8th grade), lunch packs, and other personal items that go back and forth between home and school. Thank you for your support, we could not provide an engaging learning environment without your help.

## **Eis mit dem Schulleiter und Klassenlisten**

We are holding a “Popsicles with the Principal” event on Tuesday, 8/15, from 5:00 - 6:30 on the Rilke Schule playground. This is a great event to visit the school, connect with classmates and parents, and view the class rosters. Furthermore, the APC (governing board), RSV (parent-teacher organization), and RSI (before and after school program) representatives will be on hand to share information about their organization, how they support Rilke Schule, and how to become involved.

## **Rilke Elternabend / Tag der offenen Tür**

Rilke's Open House will be held on Thursday, 8/31 from 5:30 - 7:00. Teachers will be in their rooms to share plans for the school year and field general questions. Student specific questions can be

addressed via email or pre arranged meeting. Rilke parent groups will also be set up to share ways you can help our community.

## **Freiwillige**

One of our main goals this year is to increase parent volunteering and we would love for you to get involved. We have many opportunities such as chaperoning field trips, working the crosswalk, helping at lunch or recess, helping with cultural events, working with students in small groups, joining the APC, RSV, or RSI boards, and many, many other opportunities. To begin, please click on the link below to register as a volunteer so we may run a quick background check to ensure the safety of our students. This must be completed every year and prior to working within the school.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSft2SM758xCY0fkBu7cYj6vdYGO4RRJt7LFAqrCKaQDHMwPMg/viewform>

## **Stellen an der Rilke Schule**

We now have **two positions available at Rilke Schule for next school year**. We are looking to hire one general education teacher assistant and one SPED education teacher assistant. If you know of someone who would be a good fit at Rilke Schule, please encourage him or her to apply for these positions.

## **Vertretungslehrerinnen**

We are in need of substitute teachers for this school year. Substitutes play a very important role to ensure a great learning environment while the classroom teacher is out. If you are interested, please click on the link below to learn more about subbing and follow up by contacting the ASD Talent Management Department at (907) 742-4115. <https://www.asdk12.org/Page/5603>

## **Handy Richtlinien**

Cell phones are part of our everyday life, but they also lead to distraction in an academic setting. Below, are the cell phone guidelines for students at Rilke Schule:

- Students will not use or check their cell phones or other devices (tablets, watches, etc.) between the school hours of 7:45 - 3:15 while on the Rilke Schule campus. This includes in the building and on the grounds during those times. However, a teacher may give explicit permission to use a device for academic purposes.
- If a student does use a device, it will be confiscated and a parent will need to come to the front office to retrieve the item. If this becomes a habitual offense, disciplinary action could be taken.
- Students may be given explicit permission to use the device to communicate with parents only in the front office. Students should not be calling or texting parents on campus without explicit permission to make that call in the front office.
- Parents need to call the front office to communicate with students. Do not call or text students during the school day. This could lead to device confiscation or discipline action.
- Lastly, do not call or text during dismissal time. First, it is illegal to be on a cell phone while driving through a school parking lot. Secondly, your children already know that you are picking them up, it shouldn't be a surprise. If pick up arrangements change, please contact the office and we will relay the message.

## **Abwesenheit**

Students are expected to attend school while in session. However, students may be excused for the following reasons as defined by ASD policy: illness, death or illness in the family, school functions, extenuating circumstances, and religious events. Please note, family vacations and attendance at sporting events are not excused events, even with prior notice. Furthermore, teachers are not required to provide school work before the student is absent or while the student is absent. Instead, students will receive the schoolwork once they return to school. It is unreasonable to add to the teachers workload to prepare academic work days or even weeks prior to the lesson being taught in the classroom so that the student can go on vacation. Below are the expectations for make-up schoolwork once the student has returned to school.

- Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: No schoolwork is required upon return, students will be excused from assignments and activities.
- 3rd Grade - 4th Grade: Schoolwork is provided upon for the sake of learning, but teachers are not required to grade this work. Instead, the assignments and activities will be excused.

- 5th Grade - 8th Grade: Schoolwork is provided upon return and students may be required to complete it as a graded assignment. Teachers may excuse the assignments, but this is the exception, not the expectation.

## **Unterrichtszeiten**

School start times will return to our traditional times for next school year which is cited below.

Rilke has held professional learning communities (PLCs) since the school was founded and will continue to hold them on Fridays from 2:00 - 3:00 for staff.

- Monday - Thursday, 8:15 - 3:00
- Friday, 8:15 - 1:45

## **Kontaktmöglichkeiten**

To contact the Rilke Schule front office, please call 907-742-0900 or email [inforilke@asdk12.org](mailto:inforilke@asdk12.org).

Please use this phone number and email if you would like to meet with the principal or other administrators. However, we encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers to answer many of the questions.

## **Kleiderordnung**

Please review the school dress code and help your children meet the [Rilke Dress Code Policy](#) on a daily basis. Rilke wear can be ordered at the following web address-

<https://www.rilkeschuleverein.com/logo-wear>

## **Mittagessen**

Please make sure your student(s) come prepared with a cold lunch, water bottle, and snacks daily.

Please note, microwaves are not available for student use. Along with adopting a healthy eating [nutrition policy](#), Rilke Schule is challenging families to step away from single use utensils and move toward reducing our daily waste. Please note Rilke Schule does not provide utensils or paper-ware. Please watch for Rilke branded reusable utensils coming to the logo shop soon!

## **Mittagspause**

Recess is an important part of the student day and all students are expected to attend recess daily unless accompanied by a doctor's note. Please make sure your child comes to school prepared for the daily weather changes. Unless there is a downpour or -10 degree temperatures, students will be going outside.

- **Parkplatz Sicherheit**

Please follow all safety procedures and traffic rules for arrival and dismissal:

Safety is the top priority at Rilke Schule. It takes all of us to ensure the safety of all staff, students and parents/guardians during arrival and dismissal.

**SPEED LIMIT IS 5 MPH AT ALL TIMES**

- ALWAYS use the crosswalk and pay attention to the crossing guard for safety.
- Be patient during arrival and dismissal times. Traffic violations have been observed during both times.
- Remember, "Rilke takes Right" - take a right out of the parking lot, as this will help traffic flow and speed up dismissal time. See attached map.
- Do not take a left out of the school parking lot during dismissal and drive on the wrong side of the road into oncoming traffic.
- Feel free to park and walk to the sides of the school to pick up your student(s) during dismissal. This may be a quicker dismissal for many families.
- Do not enter the exit side of the parking lot.
- Please do not use your cell phone while operating your vehicle on school grounds.
- Stagger your pick-up time to ensure a smooth dismissal traffic pattern. Rilke recommends that K K- 2 students get picked up at 3:00 p.m. - 3:05 p.m., 3rd - 5th grade students - 3:05 p.m. - 3:10 p.m., and 6th - 8th grade students at 3:10p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

## **Girls on the Run**

We are in search of a new leader for our Girls on the Run program. This is a fantastic program that supports our female students to empower them and build confidence. If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, please click on this link [www.gotrsouthcentralak.org](http://www.gotrsouthcentralak.org). If you would like to lead the group, please contact Herr Strauch, and he will put you in touch with the program coordinator.

## **Rilke Clubs**

Rilke Schule, Inc. (RSI) operates Rilke Clubs - a before and after school program. This program is operated separately from the school and provides many enrichment opportunities for students. Please use the following link to learn more about this program. <http://rilkeschuleinc.org/>

## **Unfall- und Krankenversicherung für Schüler**

This is a reminder that the Anchorage School District does not provide medical coverage for student injuries. However, ASD has made available an option for families to purchase a low-cost student accident insurance program. Information is available at the school's front office, online at [www.myers-stevens.com](http://www.myers-stevens.com), or by calling 800-827-4695. Bilingual services are available. [Student Injury and Insurance Cover Letter](#).

## **Geplante Events**

- 8/14 Teachers' First Day
- 8/15 Popsicles with the Principal
- 8/17 First Day of School for Students (1st-8th)
- 8/24 First Day of School for Kindergarten
- 8/23 APC Meeting
- 8/31 Rilke Open House
- 9/4 Labor Day (No School)
- 9/25 Picture Day

## **Wichtige Links**

[ParentConnect \(Online Student Gradebook and Information\)](#)

[Rilke Schule Verein \(RSV\) Membership](#)

[Volunteering Information](#)

[Rilke Remote Learning Plan](#)

[Rilke Master Calendar](#)

[Becoming an ASD Substitute Teacher](#)

[Dress Code Policy](#)

[COVID and "When to Stay Home" Information](#)

[Samstags Schule](#)

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[Rilke Instagram](#)

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