

# Principal's Report

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## **Students:**

468 Students.

Many classes celebrated the successful completion of the first semester.

Additionally, students completed winter assessments over the last couple of weeks in order to monitor academic progress. I plan to share results in January after we have some time to analyze and review the data. Initially, results look promising, but we will have more details next month.

## **Staff:**

45 Staff Members.

Grade level teams met this week to go over student assessment data and form new intervention groups which will begin in January. So far, the interventions have resulted in desired student growth.

Herr Jones, the school counselor, is leading in house professional development beginning in January using the book, *Conscious Discipline*. The goal is to provide staff with methodologies that promote classroom management and positive discipline with students.

We are beginning to plan for our 24-25 school year German interns through the Amity program. This process begins by considering how many intern positions to open and revising their educational plans for the next school year.

An “intention to return” survey has been sent out to staff so we may begin planning for next school year. The hiring process in ASD begins at the end of February.

**Curriculum and Instruction:**

No updates.

**Facility:**

Big shout out to the community for help with the icy parking lot. During this time of need, many community members volunteered time and materials to make the parking lot safer.

In January, we will begin looking into lease renewal and other facility options. The current lease expires in the summer of 2025, which gives us time to thoroughly explore our options.

**Budget:**

The FY25 budget has been submitted to ASD for review. At this time, we have not received any feedback from ASD. Furthermore, I have received little feedback from the community regarding the FY25 budget communication.

The Rilke Grants Committee will be meeting in January to begin exploring other avenues of funding for Rilke Schule.

**Community:**

Christkindlmarkt was a great success and we really appreciate all the time the community dedicated to making CKM such an amazing event.

**Marketing:**

The ASD Lottery Application opens in February, and we will begin our marketing campaign after winter break. We plan to hold school tours every Wednesday morning at 8:30 in January, February, and March for interested families to learn more about Rilke Schule. We will also use social media like Facebook and Instagram to spread the word about Rilke Schule. Additionally, there are three school fairs in February that Rilke will attend to meet with interested families.