

# Principal's Report

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## **Students:**

474 Students

Stamp testing is approaching which will measure German language proficiency skills for 2nd - 8th grade students. We hope to build on the growth that we have made year to year.

We currently have 93 in-coming kindergarten students signed up for the lottery, however, the goal is to hit 140 applicants by March 20th. At this time, we are planning to enroll 72 kindergarten students next school year.

## **Staff:**

42 Staff Members.

We have hired a new BPO, again.

We have two professional development opportunities this spring which staff members will attend, the Alaska Reading Symposium and the Pacific Northwest Council for Language Conference.

## **Curriculum and Instruction:**

We are placing curriculum orders for next school year.

## **Facility:**

Rilke Schule is continuing to track the ASD Rightsizing initiative and has developed a [Call to Action](#) to advocate for an ASD facility. The facility negotiating team is also

working on a new lease agreement to ensure we have some facility options moving forward.

**Budget:**

Rilke Schule has collected \$92,000 in activity and supply fees and has spent \$52,000 from this fund which leaves about \$40,000 in that account.

**Community:**

Parent - Teacher conferences are approaching and this is the first time we will hold whole day conferences. Afterwards, we will seek feedback to understand how this change has impacted students, staff, and families.

The Fasching Fundraiser Auction and Gala was a very successful event due to the generosity of so many volunteers and involved community members. Thank you all so much for your contribution and generosity which will have a significant impact in our school.

Rilke Schule will participate in the Fur Rondy parade this weekend.

Rilke Schule has wrapped up the school fairs over the last few weeks. The alternative school fair was very fruitful and we were able to connect with many families. Additionally, we are still holding school tours every Wednesday through March.