

Principal's Report

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Students:

474 Students

Please click on this link to view the [Rilke Schule Student Data Sheet 24-25](#).

Staff:

42 Staff Members.

Frau Tappero is retiring and we appreciate everything she has done for our students over the years. To honor Frau Tappero, we are holding a Pirate theme dress up day for students and staff.

Frau Tarrant is moving out of state after this school year. Frau Tarrant has been working at Rilke Schule since 2009-2010 and has made a significant impact on many students over that time. We really appreciate her work and wish her all the best.

Frau Crawford is returning to Rilke Schule as a first grade German teacher, and we are very happy to have her back on the team.

Curriculum and Instruction:

Rilke Schule is adding two positions to the team next year, a school librarian and a PE/Health teacher. Both positions will enrich the students' educational experience at Rilke and utilize new educational spaces at Abbott Loop. Below is an outline of a student's week at Rilke Schule next school year.

12.5 hours of German (GLA, Science, Social Studies)

12.5 hours of English (ELA, Math)

1 hour of Art

- 1 hour of Music
- 2 hours of PE / Health
- 3.5 hours of Lunch / Recess

Rilke Admin is proposing that Rilke Schule hold whole-day parent-teacher conferences for the 25-26 school year and beyond. There have been two surveys, one to the community with over 100 responses, and one to the staff with 20 responses. The data indicates that 86% of the responding parents are open to whole-day conferences without student instruction in the morning, and 100% of the responding staff members are open to it.

We have begun to work on the Rilke master schedule for the 25-26 school year. Having a MPR has provided flexibility when making the schedule.

The Rilke staff has also met to discuss routines and procedures regarding student arrival and dismissal at the new facility. Further collaboration is needed to work out the details before finalizing the plan.

Rilke admin and the 5th and 6th grade teachers have been working on 5/6 rotation where each student/ class would rotate between the four teachers. This model allows for each teacher to specialize in a content area (math, ELA, GerLA, and Ger Sci/SS), loop with students for two years, provide a dedicated student win time (interventions/ enrichment), and create a team between the two grade levels. 5th and 6th grade students would not be mixed together in a class but rather a teacher would have two 5th classes and two 6th grade classes throughout the day. Communication for this plan has been sent to families.

Facility:

The Rilke Relocation Team met on Thursday, 5/1, and will hold the next meeting on Thursday, 5/15. The team is focused on two big days of packing and staging materials on Thursday, 5/22, and Friday, 5/23. The goal is to have all items moved from the second floor and staged in the gym so ASD can efficiently move the items to Abbott Loop in July.

Rilke Staff toured the Abbott Loop facility on Sunday, 4/27, and classrooms have been assigned to staff members. Every room will be occupied.

Budget:

RSI donated roughly \$30,000 to Rilke Schule to cover the costs of textbooks and new student chrome books for next school year.

Community:

Huge thank you to the RSV for an awesome Teacher Appreciation Week. The Rilke staff definitely appreciated the kindness and generosity demonstrated by this amazing organization that does so much for the community. Thanks again.