

Principal's Report

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Students:

494 Students

The student nutrition department has been working diligently to prep the kitchen and train the cafe manager, Frau Athena, to launch the hot lunch program. The lunch program has been a huge hit with over 200 students receiving food on Thursday, 9/11, for example. Plus, the hallways smell amazing when the food is being cooked.

Wandertag was a huge success with about 200 parents joining the hike in Kincaid Park. Fortunately, the weather cooperated with us at the last minute.

Rilke has been hosting the German exchange students for the last two weeks. Feedback from families and students has been very positive.

Interested 6th grade students have applied for the Washington DC trip and the selection process has been completed. We are looking forward to taking 19 students and 3 chaperones to DC once school lets out in May.

The Germany travel club has also kicked off its application process with a parent meeting on Monday, 9/8/25. The meeting was well attended and we look forward to working with students through the application process.

Staff:

40 Staff Members.

Staff has been collaborating on Fridays through our different structures:

- PLCs (grade level groups: K-1, 2-4, 5-6, 7-8, specialist, and SPED)
- German Cohort (All German teachers and staff)
- English Cohort (All English teachers and staff)

- Leadership Team (meeting facilitators from the PLC groups)

Part-Time custodian position is posted, but no applicants yet. Interviewing is done through the ASD maintenance department, and they will let us know once they have hired someone for the position.

Curriculum and Instruction:

Nothing to report

Facility:

The facility is working really well for staff and students. However, we are coming across a common issue with heating and air flow, which has led to numerous work orders to address the issue. According to my conversations with Rob Holland, a permanent repair for the system would be expensive. At this time, it is my intention to address issues as they arise, but not to invest in a permanent solution since this facility is only temporary.

Budget:

Refer to Herr Truog's treasury report.

Relocation Budget Update

Budget: \$40,000

Materials: \$2,473.52

Warehouse Labor: \$6,802.48

Staff - two days per diem: \$29,283.77

Actual Total Expenses as of 9/14/25: \$38,559.77

Kiska Building Repairs and Cleaning

Budget: \$25,000

Painting and Repairs: \$15,200

Cleaning: \$5,000 (Quoted)

Projected Total: \$20,200

Community:

Huge thank you to the RSI and RSV who do so much for our school and community. Your support and work is very much appreciated and your impact makes a positive difference in our community.