

Principal's Report

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Students:

492 Students

Students will be engaging in a few end of the year assessments.

- AK STAR / MAP (State / ASD reading and math), end of March and beginning of April
- German A1 / A2/ B1 exams (language proficiency exam), beginning of April
- mClass / Dibels (foundational literacy), end of April

Lottery Report - 123 kindergarten students have signed up for the lottery as of 3/10/26. There are a total of 72 available spots for incoming kindergarten students.

Students participated in the Rilke Schule Declamation Contest at the end of the third quarter. It was a very successful event that was well attended in-person and online.

The student council spent some time reviewing the proposed dress code and provided feedback to the APC.

Staff:

40 Staff Members.

The leadership team has been reviewing the drafted Rilke Schule Community Handbook and focussing on the dress code. Once the draft handbook has been finalized by the leadership team, it will be shared with the APC for approval, likely in March.

[Drafted Rilke Schule Community Handbook 3/10/26](#)

Parent - Teacher Conferences were well attended. We always appreciate the opportunity to collaborate between students, staff, and families.

Curriculum and Instruction:

Rilke Schule has begun the process to review and explore math curriculums in light of the current math curriculum, Ready Mathematics, coming to an end of its contract at the conclusion of the 26-27 school year. This vetting process is outlined in the document below.

[Rilke Math Curriculum Exploration Process](#)

Rilke Administration is working on a student chromebook needs assessment to review how students and teachers are using chromebooks during instruction and how often. Each school year, a certain number of chromebooks expire, and we take some time to review the school's needs so we can plan accordingly.

Administration is accounting for curricular materials to place an order for next school year. ELA and math curricular materials will be ordered through ASD as they bundle the order together and German materials will be ordered directly through Rilke. We plan to place the order this spring so we can receive materials and organize them before school lets out for the summer.

Facility:

The ASD School Board has offered the Lake Otis facility to Rilke Schule to occupy for the foreseeable future. The Rilke APC and Administration have been gathering Lake Otis facility information and feedback from the Rilke Schule community to make an informed decision.

[Lake Otis Frequently-Asked-Questions Document](#) [Lake Otis and Abbott Loop Comparison](#)

Budget:

Refer to Herr Truog's treasury report.

Rilke Schule received its actual 25-26 school year funding revenue based on student enrollment, the OASIS count. The actual 25-26 school year funding is very close to the projected 25-26 school year funding with Rilke Schule receiving \$36,000 more than projected for this school year. This means that Rilke Schule received an additional

\$36,000 for this school year than was anticipated when the 25-26 school year budget was approved in December 2024.

Rilke has collected \$104,000 in activity / supply fees this school year out of a potential \$111,000, which means we have collected from over 93% of students. The account currently stands at \$37,000 on 3/10/26.

Community:

School tours have been well attended with 6-12 parents showing up each Wednesday morning.