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Dear Rilke Schule families,

June 2, 2016

As the year winds down, we reflect back on the 2015-2016 school year and all the milestones that have taken place. These include packing up and moving out of our previous location, "Richtfest" (groundbreaking event), first day of school in our new home, installation of our fantastic playground (with swings!), an extensive principal recruitment effort and the hiring of Principal Barr, "Trails for Rilke" kick-off event, retirement celebrations for Frau Schwicht and Principal Ball, and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation of Rilke's very first students.

Although it's been a fantastic year, it's been very busy! Before you and your Sprachmeister jump into summer, we'd like to provide an update on a couple of items.

**Next Year's School Start Time Unchanged**

The APC considered a proposal to adjust the school schedule by 15 minutes to ease traffic (Polaris K-12 starts at the same time that we do) and to enable middle school students to get to after school sports teams at other junior high schools. Thank you to all parents who provided the APC with input via email and public testimony.

The school schedule will remain the same (8:15 a.m. – 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:15 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. on Fridays), and we are in the early stages of planning to institute a middle school sports program.

**A Fond Farewell and an Enthusiastic Greeting**

As you know, Principal Ball is retiring. He will accompany the middle school students and the Rilke Travel Club on their month-long trip to Germany and Austria later this month.

When he returns, he will spend some time working closely with Herr Barr - our new principal - who has purchased a house and very much looks forward to officially joining our Rilke Schule family.

**Danke!**

We wish all of you a safe and enjoyable summer break. Thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff and community. Stay tuned to our Rilke Schule Facebook page where we'll continue to post updates on various topics throughout the summer. As always, we are interested in hearing your concerns, questions or suggestions. Please email us at [apc\\_rilke@asdk12.org](mailto:apc_rilke@asdk12.org).

Happy summer!

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