

Stricker Elementary School

Jacob Massey, Principal Victoria Larsen, VP Julie Toberer, Counselor



Kimberly School Board Trustees:

Thank you for taking the time to read this report, and for all of the time and energy you put into our great district. The beginning of the school year is always an opportunity to take stock of all we have with refreshed vision. We are grateful to be in Kimberly, we are grateful for a supportive community, and we are grateful for your leadership and hard work to keep the *Kimberly Way*.

New Beginnings: The start of the school year at Stricker has been very smooth! With about 100 students less than in the Spring, our students have more room to move and settle in. We currently have 479 students enrolled. 36 of those students are new to the district.

Strong Start: All teachers and staff members have been working diligently to make sure that the school year is off to a strong start. Especially at the elementary level, we believe in the importance of teaching positive behaviors and equipping students to be successful from the beginning. We take a positive approach- using the same framework (PBIS) we've presented on in the past. All staff members are trained in PBIS annually and we enjoy the cohesive approach to behavior management and community building around the school.

Academic Structures: This year at Stricker we're building on the momentum from last year and *fine tuning* our processes to increase efficiency for teachers and effectiveness in student learning. One of the processes we have evolved from last year is by refining the master schedule to allow for common intervention times in grades 1-5. During these intervention times, all students will have the opportunity to participate in instruction that is targeted for their learning needs-- whether that is for remediation, enrichment, or otherwise—in *addition to* their normal Reading instruction from their classroom teacher.

Peer Coaching: Another system we are trying out this year is something we're calling "Peer Coaching". Working with our teacher leaders, we've designed a system for teachers to continually be in a cycle of observing their peers. We set this up because we believe that often, the best professional development is the teacher next door. I'm looking forward to seeing the great learning and teambuilding that will take place this year!

As always, I speak on behalf of all of our great staff members in saying that we find it a privilege to serve our students here in Kimberly. We always have much to learn, but we are committed to working hard to ensure that we are providing the best possible education for our students.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jake Massey, Principal

Learners, Leaders, Kimberly Bulldogs!

Stricker Elementary
900 Polk St W
(208) 423-4170 x6