

**Bellingham Public Schools**

**Strategic Planning Process**

**School: Birchwood Elementary**

**Date: November 20, 2007**

- Annual Update**
- Complete Revision**

Strategic Plan Area	School Goals for Student Performance
Reading	At Birchwood Elementary, 76.1% of students will meet or exceed standard in reading in the WASL
Writing	At Birchwood Elementary, 75.3% of students will meet or exceed standard in writing in the WASL
Math	At Birchwood Elementary, 64.9% of students will meet or exceed standard in math on the WASL
Learning Environment	At Birchwood Elementary, students will have an unexcused absence rate of 1% or less
Technology	Students will use technology for research, problem solving and decision making.

**Principal Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Site Council Chair Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Action Plan: READING**

School: Birchwood Elementary				Date: November 20, 2008			
District Goal for Student Performance: 90% of students will meet or exceed grade level standards as measured by the WASL.							
School Goal for Student Performance: 76.1% of students will meet or exceed grade level standards as measured by the WASL.							
Target Objective: at Birchwood Elementary 76.1% of students will meet or exceed grade level standards as measured by the 4th grade WASL.							
<b>Strategies (include actions related to curriculum and instruction, professional development and parent involvement)</b>	<b>C/I</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>PI</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Evidence of Implementation</b>	<b>Evidence of Impact (include methods of assessment)</b>
Birchwood staff will identify all students not yet at standard in reading.	X			Birchwood Staff	On-going	All students will have updated reading assessments	DRA, DRP, WASL
Birchwood staff will meet monthly by grade level to monitor the progress and adjust the support for students that have been identified as not yet at standard.	X			Birchwood Staff	Monthly	Schedules and meeting notes	DRA, DRP, WASL
Birchwood primary staff will group students for reading based on skill levels / needs	X			Birchwood Staff	On-going	All students are placed in appropriate grouping	DRA, Word Study
Title I reading staff and classroom teachers will identify students NYAS in reading and regularly meet to focus on their needs and progress	X			Birchwood Staff	Monthly	Schedules and meeting notes	DRA, DRP, WASL

**Action Plan: WRITING**

District Goal for Student Performance: By 2008, 90% of District students will meet standard in writing, as measured by the WASL.							
School Goal for Student Performance: By 2008, 75.3% of students at Birchwood will meet standard in writing as measured by the WASL.							
Target Objective: In order to demonstrate improvement in overall writing performance, 75.3% of students will meet or exceed standard in writing on the WASL.							
<b>Strategies (include actions related to curriculum and instruction, professional development and parent involvement)</b>	<b>C/I</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>PI</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Evidence of Implementation</b>	<b>Evidence of Impact (include methods of assessment)</b>
Birchwood staff will have students write to a prompt during the school year	X			All Birchwood students	2007-2008	All writing prompts will be given and scored	Improved scores on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building writing prompts</li> <li>• District writing assessment</li> <li>• WASL assessment</li> </ul>
Birchwood staff will use the scored writing prompts to identify all students that are not yet at standard in writing.	X			Birchwood Staff	2007-2008	All writing prompts will be given and scored	Improved scores on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building writing prompts</li> <li>• District writing assessment</li> <li>• WASL assessment</li> </ul>
Differentiated instruction will occur for students not yet at standard in writing using narrow teaching points, a variety of instructional strategies and groupings, and regular monitoring and assessing.	X			Birchwood Staff	2007-2008	Documentation of student goals Student writing journals	Percentage of students improving their building writing scores District writing scores WASL

**Action Plan: MATH**

District Goal for Student Performance: By 2007-2008, 64.9% of District students will reach standard in mathematics as measured on the WASL.

School Goal for Student Performance: At Birchwood Elementary, 64.9% of Birchwood students will meet standard in Math as measured by the WASL.

Target Objective: In order to achieve improvement in mathematics, students will show progress in communication and reasoning, 64.9% of students will be at or above standard on the WASL.

<b>Strategies (include actions related to curriculum and instruction, professional development and parent involvement)</b>	<b>C/I</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>PI</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Evidence of Implementation</b>	<b>Evidence of Impact (include methods of assessment)</b>
Teachers will use the Math Grade Level Expectations for planning and choose appropriate resources to support student learning in each of the content strands	X			Birchwood Staff	2007-2008	"Quick Visit" observations GLE poster displayed and used as a planning guide	WASL, MAP
A math family night will be developed and presented			X	Consultant	February 2008	Sign In Sheets	Parent participation
Birchwood Staff will implement a Balanced Math Program in all grade levels	X			Birchwood Staff	2007-2008	Coaching Support, Classroom Observations, Quick Visits	WASL, MAP

**Action Plan: LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**

District Goal for Student Performance: The District will have an unexcused absence rate of 1% or less.  
 School Goal for Student Performance: Birchwood Elementary will have an unexcused absence rate of 1% or less.

Target Objective: Birchwood Elementary will have an unexcused absence rate of 1% or less.

<b>Strategies (include actions related to curriculum and instruction, professional development and parent involvement)</b>	<b>C/I</b>	<b>PD</b>	<b>PI</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Evidence of Implementation</b>	<b>Evidence of Impact (include methods of assessment)</b>
Birchwood will implement mentor/tutor programs for the most 'at risk' students at Birchwood.		X		Staff, ESS, Big Brothers/Sisters, Ameri-corps	2007-2008	Programs will be in place and student will receive support	Decrease in discipline referrals
ESS will continue to provide opportunities to educate parents about available outside resources to help students be better prepared to learn.		X		ESS	2007-2008	Presentations held for and meetings held with parents	The number of referrals made to the community resources for support
Birchwood staff will continue the Steps to Respect program		X		All Staff	2007-2008	Staff training and student lessons will be documented	Decrease in discipline referrals
ESS will provide opportunities for students to develop pro-social, leadership, and self-esteem skills by providing the following student activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Leadership</li> <li>• New Kids on the Block</li> <li>• Kids in the Kitchen</li> <li>• Train Your Brain</li> <li>• Girls on the Run</li> <li>• Game Room</li> </ul>		X		ESS	2007-2008	Events/Activities will be documented and students participating will be noted	Decrease in discipline referrals