

Bellingham Public Schools

Strategic Planning Process

School: Birchwood Elementary

Date: October 16, 2006

- Annual Update**
- Complete Revision**

Strategic Plan Area	School Goals for Student Performance
Reading	At Birchwood Elementary, 85% of students will meet or exceed standard in reading in the WASL
Writing	At Birchwood Elementary, 72.9% of students will meet or exceed standard in writing in the WASL
Math	At Birchwood Elementary, 58.8% 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

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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: 90% of students will meet or exceed grade level standards as measured by the WASL.

Target Objective: at Birchwood Elementary 90% of students will meet or exceed grade level standards as measured by the 4th grade WASL.

Strategies	CI	PD	E	Who	When	Evidence of Implementation	Evidence of Impact
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
Three parent training sessions on helping their children improve their reading will be held during the year			X	Birchwood Staff	Fall, Winter, Spring	Schedule and parent sign up	DRA, DRP, WASL

Action Plan: WRITING

District Goal for Student Performance: By 2007, 90% of District students will meet standard in writing, as measured by the WASL.

School Goal for Student Performance: By 2007, 72.9% 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, 90% of students will meet or exceed standard in writing on the WASL.

Strategies	CI	PD	E	Who	When	Evidence of Implementation	Evidence of Impact)
Birchwood staff will have students write to a prompt three times during the school year	X			All Birchwood students	2006-2007	All writing prompts will be given and scored	Improved scores on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building writing prompts • District writing assessment • WASL assessment

Birchwood staff will use the scored writing prompts to identify all students that are not yet at standard in writing.	X			Birchwood Staff	2006-2007	All writing prompts will be given and scored	Improved scores on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Building writing prompts • District writing assessment • WASL assessment
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	2006-2007	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 2006-2007, 64.9% of District students will reach standard in mathematics as measured on the WASL.

School Goal for Student Performance: At Birchwood Elementary, 58.8% 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, 58.8% of students will be at or above standard on the WASL.

Strategies	CI	PD	PI	Who	When	Evidence of Implementation	Evidence of Impact
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	2006-2007	Small Group Agendas and Note Book Study – Van De Walle “Student Centered Math” “Quick Visit” observations GLE poster displayed and used as a planning guide	WASL, MAP
Staff will refine and use school-wide story problem solving steps and strategies	X			Birchwood Staff	2006-2007	Consistent language and practices posted and used Samples of student work “Quick Visit” observations	WASL, MAP
Teachers will provide regular demonstrations for communicating mathematical thinking using words, numbers or pictures in response to a story problem	X			Birchwood Staff	2006-2007	“Quick Visit” observations Samples of student work	WASL, MAP
A math family night will be developed and presented			X	Consultant	November 2006	Sign In Sheets	Parent participation

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.

Strategies	CI	PD	AI	Who	When	Evidence of Implementation	Evidence of Impact
The 'Good Deed' ticket program recognizing student hard work and respect for others will continue.	X			All staff	2006-2007	Monthly drawing will occur	Decrease in discipline referrals
Birchwood will implement mentor/tutor programs for the most 'at risk' students at Birchwood.		X		Staff, ESS, Big Brothers/Sisters, Fire Department, Ameri-corps	2006-2007	Programs will be in place and student will receive support	Decrease in discipline referrals
The Recess Ranger Program will continue	X			All Staff	2006-2007	Rangers will be identified, trained, and working on the playground	Decrease in playground problems
ESS will continue to provide opportunities to educate parents about available outside resources to help students be better prepared to learn.		X		ESS	2006-2007	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	2006-2007	Staff training and student lessons will be documented	Decrease in discipline referrals