

# Ferndale School District No. 502

## School Performance Report

Ferndale School District, in partnership with families and the larger community, will educate each student to develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to lead a self-reliant, socially responsible life.

## Beach Elementary

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### Mission and Vision

It is the mission of Beach School to respect, nurture and guide children; to help them realize and exercise their individual capabilities intellectually, psychologically, physically and spiritually so they may enjoy childhood and grow to be healthy, responsible adults.



### A message from our school

This eleventh Annual School Performance Report reflects the combined efforts of Beach School staff. It provides us with an opportunity to share with our families and our community information about who we are, what we are achieving and what our goals are for the future.

Our staff provides quality instruction using appropriate grade level materials in a multiage setting. The classroom environments allow learning to proceed on many levels, challenging all students, through writing, math, research, art, and cultural projects and curriculum.

Students are expected to give their best effort in academic and social situations. They are expected to show consideration and respect for the staff and their classmates. As students progress through Beach our expectations rise and they are meeting many new challenges through hard work.

The emphasis at Beach School is to strive for excellence and continuous improvement. Our 2005-2006 goal was to promote competence in reading. Teachers participated in Washington State sponsored *Reading Links* program which focused on developing reading skills through phonemic awareness, phonics, vocabulary, fluency, and comprehension. This was supplemented with the *Read Naturally* curriculum in grades 3 – 6. As a result, all of our students passed the reading portion of the WASL.

For 2006-2007 we will continue strengthening the reading and writing curriculum using the district's newly adopted literacy program (Trophies – Harcourt Brace) which enhances the *Links* and *Step Up to Writing* programs. In addition, our theme is science. This will give our students many different experiences (hands on, tours, assemblies, guest speakers) in science from physics to ornithology, to environmental stewardships.

Parent and community participation is critical to students' success at Beach School. We welcome your suggestions and involvement. We all can and do make a difference in the lives of the Island children.

### Community Support

Ferndale community members and businesses are commended for their strong support district staff and students. Many volunteer hours and monetary contributions are provided to the district in support of a variety of educational programs.

Thank you to our community members for your support!

### School Composition

#### Enrollment

Students Enrolled 2005-06	51
Average Attendance	93%
Average Class Size	14*

\*excludes music & special programs

#### Ethnicity

Caucasian/White	88.24%
American Indian or Alaska Native	5.88%
Hispanic or Latino	5.88%

#### Staffing

The teaching staff at Beach Elementary School consists of three classroom teachers, a part-time school manager and the following part-time specialists: librarian, music teacher, psychologist, nurse and an on call speech/language pathologist.

Our support staff consists of one administrative assistant, four part-time para-educators (library, classroom, lunchroom, playground/P.E.), one part-time custodian and one bus driver.

There are the equivalent of 3.533 full-time certificated positions and the equivalent of 1.430 full-time classified instructional support positions.

### Opportunities for Families

Family and community participation is essential to the continuing success of programs at Beach School. Over 7,200 volunteer hours were conducted at our school last year. In addition to the family and community volunteers, retired citizens assisted with various programs. We welcome involvement in the following areas:

Tutoring	Veterans' Day Assembly
Classroom Assistance	Island Caroling
Field Day	Classroom Liaison
Special Presentations	Explorations Day Activities
PTO Activities	Sharing Areas of Expertise
Jog-A-Thon	School Pictures
Leadership Committee	Chaperoning for Field Trips
Graduation Assembly	Arts/Artists Conference
Breakfast with Books	Health Screening
Enrichment Support	Classroom Setup

### Opportunities for Students

Students at Beach Elementary School have the opportunity to participate in a variety of programs in addition to the regular classroom instruction.

#### Community Projects

Book Drive for Head Start	Veterans' Day Recognition
Food Drive	LICC Pancake Breakfast
Coat Drive	Grange Salmon BBQ
Community Cleanup	Buddy Reading at Lummi Tribal School

#### Enrichment Programs

Math Olympiad	Yearbook	Leadership
Pottery	iMovie	

#### Projects and Programs

Recycling • Sixth Grade Leadership Camp • Breakfast With Books • Welcome Arts Marionettes Performance • Dance Makers Performance • Night of the Notables • PTO Festivities • Field Day • County Library Book Talks • Jog-A-Thon • Performances at Mount Baker Theatre • Grange Tutoring Program • Vista Buddy Day • Volunteer Recognition Tea • Kid's Night Out • Carved Pumpkin Contest • Island Caroling • Vision and Hearing Screening • Curriculum Field Trips • Kid's Art Studio Gallery Walk • Graduation Assembly • Soup & Corn bread Day • Scholastic Book Fair • Seattle International Children's Festival • Character Dress-up Day • Tillicum Village Field trip • Chalk Art Festival • Author's and Artists Workshops and assemblies • FHS Choir Presentation • Kindergarten Community Field trips • Beethoven in the Schools • Iditared Challenge • Imani Winds Performance

**Accomplishments**

Beach Elementary School is proud of the many accomplishments of its staff and students. Some of the major areas we are most proud include:

Curriculum

- Conflict Management
- Reading Links Program
- Writing Instruction programs : Step Up to Writing & Six-Trait Writing
- Multiage instructional groups
- Grade-level specific mathematics and literacy instruction
- Integrated literature/science
- Participation in Aiming High
- Sixth Grade Leadership Program
- Technology instruction: keyboarding, multimedia research, desktop publishing, student creation of multimedia presentations, digital photography, I-movie
- Guest Presenters: Nina Laden, Tlingit Storyteller, Carol Reed-Jones (author), Tom Hunter, Thurid Clark (Book Making, Lee Fodi (author), FHS Choir, Motley Crew
- Art Docent Program
- Library Research Instruction

Student Performance

- Winter Music Program
- Night of the Notables
- Spring Strings' Concert
- Veterans' Day Luncheon
- Math Olympiad Contests
- Yearbook Production
- Watercolor Art Exhibit

**Achievement Data**

Each year Beach School participates in state-mandated achievement testing at the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade levels.

The Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL) is a standards-based test. Scores are percentage of students who meet the standard in each area.

Beach School composite results are not publicized by the state or district due to the very limited number of students taking the test.

**Third Grade WASL**

	Math	Reading
2006	71.4	71.4

**Fourth Grade WASL**

	Math	Reading	Writing	Listening
2003	71.4	71.4	14.3	71.4
2004	100	100	66.7	N/A
2005	87.5	100	62.5	N/A
2006	55.5	100	72.7	N/A

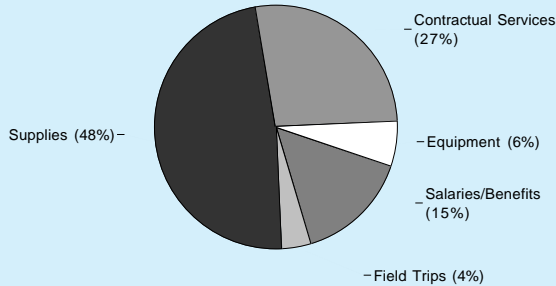
**Fifth Grade WASL**

	Math	Reading	Science
2005	N/A	N/A	100
2006	100	100	40

**Sixth Grade WASL**

	Math	Reading
2006	100	100

**Building expenditures were spent in the following ways**



**No Child Left Behind**

The State of Washington Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction provides on-line access to data required by the No Child Left Behind Act. District and school report cards can be accessed at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us>. Once at the web site, select the school district and then the school. Printed copies of all reports may be obtained at any Ferndale school office or administration office or by calling the district's public information office at 360/383-9207 or e-mailing [tbengen@ferndale.wednet.edu](mailto:tbengen@ferndale.wednet.edu).

**Financial Information**

In 2004-05, Ferndale School District expenses for Basic Education activities were \$5,486.13 per student. Expenses for all activities including Transportation, Special Education, Gifted Education, etc., were \$7,672.68 per student.

In 2004-05, Beach Elementary School's building budget expenditures totaled \$15,948.28.

Note: 2004-05 is the most current year budget information is available.

**Facility Update**

Beach Elementary is located at 3786 Centerview Road, Lummi Island. The original 5,261 square foot building was constructed in 1919. Additionally, 2,809 square feet were added in 1978, for a total of 8,070 square feet. During the past year, we made the following improvements to our school:

- Added top soil and planted new seed on playfield
- Performed general maintenance