

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.

North Bellingham Elementary

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Mission and Vision

The aim of North Bellingham Elementary is to form a partnership between students, parents and staff to ensure that all children achieve to their greatest level of abilities in all subject areas and demonstrate personal responsibility in our school community. Every student will become an effective reader, writer, mathematician and problem-solver as measured by district and state performance standards.

A message from our school

North Bellingham Elementary is proud to report to the community the success of our continuous school improvement plan. As a staff, we are accountable for quality instruction, student achievement and a safe learning environment for your children. For the past four years, the nine characteristics of high performing schools have served as the basis of our work.

These characteristics include:

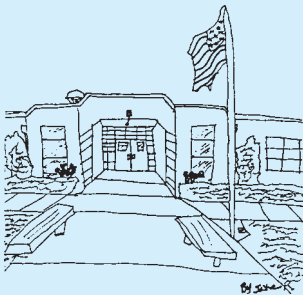
- Clear and Shared focus
- High standards and expectation for all students
- Effective school leadership
- High levels of collaboration and communication
- Curriculum, instruction and assessment aligned with standards
- Frequent monitoring of learning and teaching
- Focused professional development
- Supportive learning environment
- High levels of family and community involvement

In addition to our staff's commitment to quality education through school improvement efforts, our students are also expected to give their best efforts in academic endeavors and to demonstrate respect for themselves and others at all times. As parents, you are also an integral part of our school's success. When parents, students and staff work together all students are capable of reaching their potential.

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	369
Average Attendance	95%
Average Class Size	23*

*excludes music & special programs

Ethnicity

White	81.57%
American Indian	1.08%
Hispanic	8.4%
Asian	6.23%
Black	1.63%
Multiracial	1.08%

Staffing

The teaching staff at North Bellingham Elementary School consists of one principal, 16 classroom teachers, 2.5 reading specialists, two special education teachers, .5 FTE math specialist, one librarian, a .8 FTE P.E. specialist, a half-time counselor, three part-time music specialists, and an on call, part-time speech/language pathologist, psychologist, nurse, and an occupational therapist.

Our support staff consists of two administrative assistants, 16 full-time or part-time para-educators (library, classroom, and playground), two custodians, two food service workers, six bus drivers and one Readiness to Learn coordinator.

There are the equivalent of 25.491 full-time certificated positions and the equivalent of 7.609 full-time classified instructional support positions.

Opportunities for Families

The staff at North Bellingham believes that continuing a strong partnership with parents and the school community will help accomplish the goals we establish. During the year we logged over 25,128 hours of volunteer time. These numbers have grown continually over the last few years. Participation opportunities include:

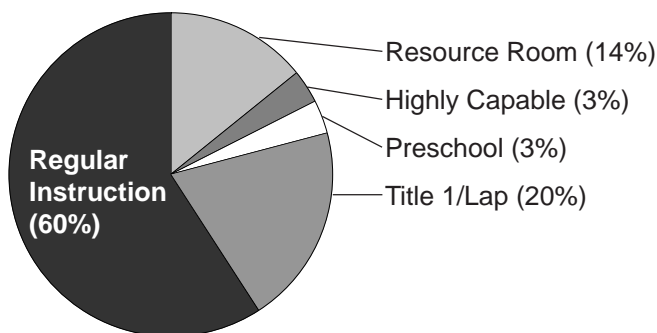
PTO Opportunities: Playground Improvement Project • Class Room & School Volunteers • Student Tutors • Family Activities • School and Home Partnerships • Fund-raising Events

School Committees: School Improvement Leadership Team • Discipline Committee • Instructional Materials Committee • Building Based Enrichment Planning • Family Literacy Project • School Spirit Committee • Class Size and Mix Committee • Safety Committee

Working Together, We Make a Difference!

Participation in Special Programs

Students at North Bellingham School participate in a variety of programs in addition to the regular classroom instruction. These programs address some of the unique needs which some students have. Special programs receive state and federal funding.



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Enrichment Opportunities: Enrichment activities are a critical part of any elementary school program. They provide opportunities for children to add to the experiences gained from the regular program. They are varied and utilize multiple intelligences to enhance each child's educational experiences. Following are some of the activities students participated in during the year:

Math Olympiad Competition • Science Fair • Pacific Science Center Engineering Van • Student Council Leadership Program • School Spirit Week • All-School Talent Show • Chess Club • Newspaper Club • Young Authors' Conference • Whatcom County Library's Book Talks • Read Across America • Motherread/Fatheread Program • Wake Up With Books Before-School Program • Battle of the Books Competition • Summer Reading Program • ReSources Recycling & Papermaking Presentations • The Reptile Man Assembly • *Hot Dog USA* Jump Rope Team Assembly • *In His Own Words* Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly • Donald Davis, Storyteller • Gene Tagaban, Storyteller • Washington State Dairy Princess Presentation • Ferndale High School Marching Band Performance • Vista Choir performance • Whatcom Symphony Orchestra Outreach Performance • Sixth Grade Strings Retreat & Concert • All-District Band Gala • All-district Strings Gala • Allied Arts Dance Residency • WWU's Motley Crew Performance • Mount Baker Theater Performances • Tears of Joy Theatre Production *Coyote Tails* • Milk Makers Fest Field Trip • Whatcom Museum Native American Workshop • Forest Conservation Field Trip • Whatcom Art Museum Field Trip • Tennant Lake Field Trip • Whatcom Children's Museum Field Trips • Bike to School Day • Bicycle Safety Presentations • Walk-a/Jog-a-Thon • Family Fitness Night • Leading Edge Gym • Sixth Grade Sport Night • Field/Play Day • PTO Family Dance • PTO Craft Night • PTO Skate Party

Staff Professional Development: District Grade Level Meetings • Grade and Cross-Grade Level Collaboration Meetings • Literacy/Math Support Groups • Survive & Thrive Mentor Program • Kindergarten Support Group • Zoophonics Training • Annual School Librarians' Conference • Step-Up to Writing Workshop • Early Literacy Conference • Compass Learning Training • CPI Training • Continuous Improvement Conference • SIPTAP Leadership Team Refresher Training • SIPTAP Principals' Academy • LINKS Training • Assessment Tools and Classroom Application in Preschool Special Education • Strategies that Work: Teaching Reading Comprehension Workshop • Summer Reading Conference • Childhood Developmental Disorders Workshop • IEP On-Line Training • Improving Student Performance by Strengthening Writing Instruction Workshop • DIBELS Training • 2006 Children's Literature Conference • Motherread/Fatheread Training • Using the Reading & Math GLEs to Effectively Monitor Student Progress Workshop • Three-Tier Reading Model Workshop • Instructional Coaches Training • Advanced Strategies & Interventions for ADHD and Related Conditions Workshop • Dealing with Difficult People Workshop • Response to Intervention Training • Student Learning Plan Training • Science WASL Orientation • LASER Science Curriculum Planning Workshop • North Cascade & Olympic Science Project Participation • OSPI Mentor Academy • Mentor School for WWU Literacy Practicum students & Student Interns

Achievement Data

Each year North Bellingham 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. Results are made available individually to each parent.

Third Grade WASL

	Math	Reading
2006	87.8	88.1

Fourth Grade WASL

	Math	Reading	Writing	Listening
2003	71.2	83.6	65.8	83.6
2004	70.6	74.5	62.7	N/A
2005	73	79.4	56.5	N/A
2006	72.3	89.4	68.6	N/A

Fifth Grade WASL

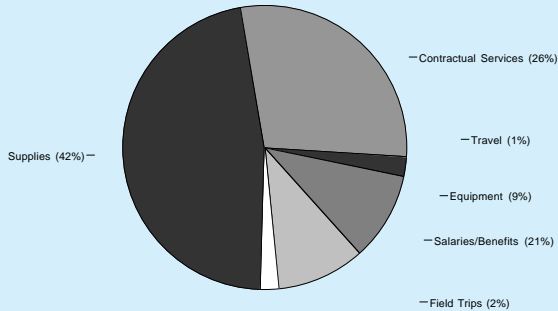
	Math	Reading	Science
2005	N/A	N/A	31
2006	80	82.4	49

Sixth Grade WASL

	Math	Reading
2006	59.6	72.3

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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 also 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.

Financial Information

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

In 2004-05, North Bellingham Elementary School's building budget expenditures totaled \$66,839.36.

Note: 2004-05 is the most current year financial data is available.

Facility Update

North Bellingham Elementary is located at 5275 Northwest Road, Bellingham. The original 13,545 square foot building was constructed in 1938. Additionally, 5,022 square feet were added in 1960, 3,917 square feet in 1965, 20,689 square feet in 1980, 1,308 square feet in 1995, and 4,225 square feet in 1999, for a total of 48,706 square feet. During the past year, we made the following improvements to our school:

Installed duct work in room 4