



the President's Message Monika Kriedemann

Another successful school year is coming to an end here at the Vancouver Westside German School. A big thanks to all the teachers, students and parents for your continuous effort. Your contribution and hard work has not gone unnoticed and is very much appreciated.

A special thank you to Isolde Winter who again has gone over and above her call of duty to make this an enjoyable experience for all of us.

Registration information for next school year will be updated on our web site shortly. There has been a fee increase of \$45.00 due to rental increase and other revenue/expense changes. Please watch for it and sign up by May 31, 2011 for the early bird discount.

We are also planning another year end BBQ. Tickets will go on sale shortly. We hope that your family will join us for this popular event. I hope you all have a great summer and I hope to see you again in September.

Monika Kriedemann



Klasse G2 Frau Stühler

1. Platz -Sophie Pavey
2. Platz-Clara Beecroft

Lesewettbewerb G 2



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Klasse G3/4 Frau Freytag

1. Platz-Sierra Arn
2. Platz-Anna Woehrl

Lesewettbewerb G 3/4

Die Klassen G2 und G 3/4 haben in diesem Schuljahr wieder einen Lesewettbewerb durchgeführt. Begeistert hatten sich die Schüler darauf vorbereitet und noch schöner war dann die Preisverleihung.

the School Coordinator's Report Isolde Winter

Gerade ist Ostern vorbei und nun sind es nur noch wenige Wochen bis zum Schuljahresende an unserer Deutschen Schule.

Im zweiten Halbjahr wurden in allen Klassen verschiedene Projekte durchgeführt. Die Klassen der älteren Schüler am Mittwoch sowie die Klassen E 5/6 und G 5/6 nahmen an dem Podcasting-Wettbewerb der Fachberater der Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen teil. Die Schüler haben kurze Videobeiträge produziert, teils als Gruppe, teils einzeln. Zur Zeit arbeiten wir an einem Projekt mit allen Klassen, aus verschiedenen Videobeiträgen einen kurzen Film für die Abschlussfeier zusammenzustellen.

Auch in diesem Jahr nahmen Schüler mehrerer Klassen an verschiedenen

Prüfungen teil: Deutsches Sprachdiplom Stufe 1 oder 2, Zentrale Deutschprüfung A2 und KVDS-Deutschprüfung. Wir werden nicht alle Ergebnisse bis zum Schuljahresende erhalten, hoffen aber, doch einige Zertifikate bei unserer Abschlussfeier aushändigen zu können.

Zusammen mit einer kleinen Gruppe Lehrerinnen wurde im Rahmen des Pilotprojekts „Qualitätsmanagement“ an einer Abstimmung des Curriculums mit dem Rahmenplan Deutsch als Fremdsprache der Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen gearbeitet. Dieser Entwurf wird im nächsten Schuljahr eingesetzt und gegebenenfalls angepasst werden.

Informationen zur Anmeldung für das kommende Schuljahr finden Sie in diesem Rundbrief. Sie sind auch auf

unserer Webseite www.vwgs.org zu finden. Die frühzeitige Anmeldung hilft uns bei der Planung der Klassen.

Eine kleine Kostprobe der Schülerarbeiten befindet sich in diesem Rundbrief.

Am letzten Schultag in diesem Schuljahr, Dienstag, 31. Mai 2011, findet unsere Abschlussfeier statt.

Wir beginnen um 17 Uhr in der Turnhalle der Carnarvon Community School mit den Vorführungen der Schüler.

Anschließend findet ein Grillfest im Activity Room / draußen vor der Schule statt.

Isolde Winter

Easter is just past and we have only a few weeks left until the end of the school year at our German School. All classes worked on various projects in the second term. The classes with the older students on Wednesdays as well as classes E 5/6 and G 5/6 participated in the Podcasting Contest organized by the Language Consultants of the Central Agency for Schools Abroad.

Students worked in groups or individually to produce short videos. At the moment we are still working on a project with all classes to put together a short film for our year-end party.

Once again students from several classes participated in a number of exams this year: German Language Diploma Level 1 or 2, Central German Exam A2 or CAGLS German Language Exam. It is unlikely that we will receive all results in time for the end of the school year, but we hope that some certificates can be handed out at the year-end party.

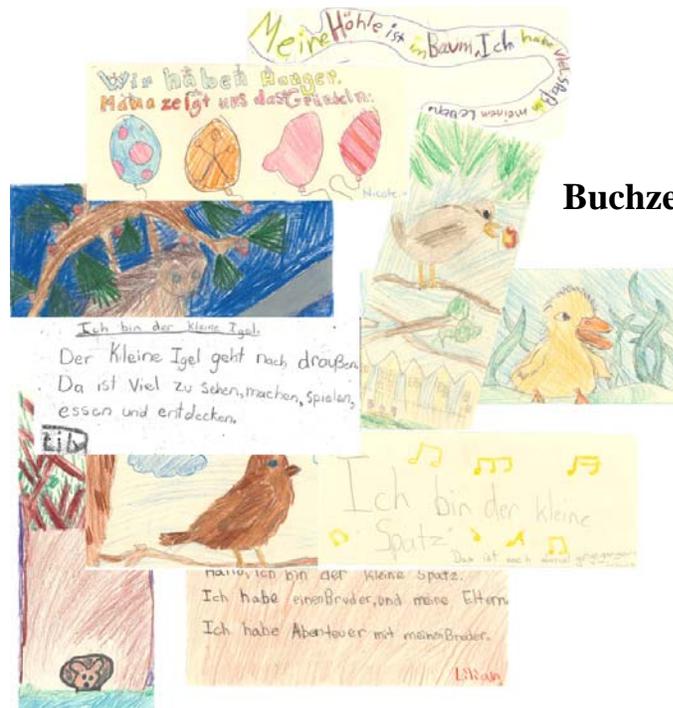
As part of the pilot project “quality management” we worked together with a small group of teachers to align our curriculum with the

“Framework for German as a Foreign Language” by the Central Agency for Schools Abroad. Next school year the draft version will be implemented and adjusted as needed.

Registration information for the next school year 2011/2012 is included in this newsletter. It is also available on our website www.vwgs.org. Early

registration helps us to plan more efficiently for the coming school year.

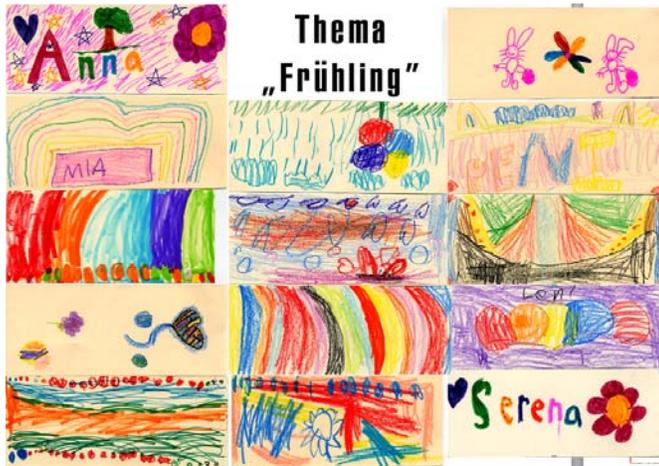
As usual we will be hosting our popular year-end party on May 31st. This will be held in the gym. We are also pleased to present some examples of our students' work in this newsletter.



Buchzeichen Klasse E3

Schülerarbeit Klasse E5/6





Buchzeichen Klasse Junior G

PQM - Quality Management at VWGS

In May 2009 the Canadian Association of German Language Schools encouraged German Language Schools to participate in a pilot project "Quality Management" according to the adopted guidelines governing all member schools.

During the school year 2009/10 the VWGS launched the Quality Management initiative and a committee consisting of teachers, parents and the school coordinator met several times to establish the objectives for the school.

Aligning the curriculum to reflect the "Rahmenplan DaF" from the "Zentralstelle für das Auslandsschulwesen" and ensuring the learning outcomes prescribed in the Common European Framework for Languages (which will also be introduced by the BC Ministry of Education) was chosen to be the primary goal of the initiative.

A working group of 4 teachers and the school coordinator then met several times between November 2010 and March 2011 to work on the curriculum guidelines. A draft version was given to all teachers for feedback and the draft version

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adjusted accordingly.

The current version of these guidelines encompass the minimum requirements for each level based on the learning outcome for the E-classes. The G-classes will be taught an enriched version as well as strengthening the language skills in all aspects of the pre-

scribed learning outcomes.

Currently the guidelines apply to Junior to level 7 classes (which correspondent to about A2 level). Learning outcome in the upper levels are clearly defined by the requirement for the corresponding exams and the requirements of the BC Ministry of Education for German 11 and German 12 high school credits.

Over the next school year teachers will have the opportunity to test these

School Safety

It has come to our attention that there are still some problems with the traffic around the school at drop off and pick-up times. The principal of Carnarvon has mentioned that there have been a few problems with German School parents dropping off and parking in the "NO STOPPING" areas. Please note that these areas are monitored and regulated by the city of Vancouver for the safety of our children.

Also some children are being dropped of in the middle of the road. As well as being very dangerous to your children it also contributes to the traffic problems. Lastly, the staff parking lot is just that. Parking for the staff of the school.

Remember that we are guests at this school and everything that we do as individuals reflects on the reputation of the Westside German School.

Buchzeichen Klasse E1



guidelines and give their feedback for any further adjustments.

2011/12 FEE STRUCTURE

The registration fee (non-refundable) is \$ 25 per family. The tuition fee for the school year is \$360 per student. A volunteer deposit of \$25.00 per student per year is required. This fee may be earned back by volunteering for positions throughout the school year.

You are entitled to a \$10.00 discount on the registration fee if you register before or on May 31, 2011.

The completed registration form with payments must be received by May 31, 2011 for the early registration discount.

Register UP TO May 31, 2011		Register AFTER May 31, 2011	
non-refundable registration fee <u>per family</u> (cheque dated May 31, 2011)	\$ 15	non-refundable registration fee <u>per family</u> (current dated cheque)	\$ 25
volunteer deposit per student (cheque dated Sept. 13, 2011)	\$ 25	Volunteer deposit per student (cheque dated Sept, 13, 2011)	\$ 25
tuition per student (cheque dated Sept.13, 2011)	\$360	tuition per student (cheque dated Sept.14, 2010)	\$360

- All registration forms must be accompanied by the non-refundable registration fee (as shown above) and
- A cheque (dated September 13, 2011) for the tuition fee + volunteer deposit = \$ 385 / student
- All cheques payable to: Vancouver Westside German School.
- **A \$20.00 fee will be charged for any cheques returned by the financial institution.**

Late Admission

Admission may be granted to late registrants after a consultation with the coordinator and the teacher. A decision will be made that seeks the best interest of all concerned.

Refund Policy

If a student withdraws before the first day of school the tuition fee & volunteer fee (not the registration fee) will be refunded.

Withdrawals prior to December 31 require a written 30-day notification in order to be eligible for a refund. The date of receipt of the notification determines eligibility for a refund.

Refunds will be prorated based on the number of calendar months remaining. No refunds are granted after December 31. Refunds will not be offered to students who have been asked to leave the school.

**** We reserve the right to cancel classes due to insufficient enrollment. ****



Registration for German Classes September 2011 - May 2012

Student's last name, first name		Date of birth	Gender
Street address, city, province		Postal code	
Home Phone number	Fax number	Email address	
Father's name	Work number	Cell number	
Mother's name	Work number	Cell number	
Elementary / high school attending in September 2011			Grade in Sept. 2011

Emergency Information – MUST BE COMPLETED

Medical problems (allergies etc.)	
Emergency contact - Name	Phone number
Emergency contact - Name	Phone number

The above information is accurate and current.

I understand that VWGS is collecting this information and will disclose it only to persons who need to know it for the operation of the school (e.g. teachers, school coordinator, phoning committee) and as required by law.

Date

Parent / Guardian signature

With your completed application form, please include:

- Volunteer Opportunities, Advertising Consent information (on back of this page)
- \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee per family** (\$15 before May 31, 2011), due with registration,
- A post-dated cheque dated September 13, 2011 for **\$ 385 per student** (\$ 360 tuition + \$ 25 volunteer deposit) payable to Vancouver Westside German School

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Volunteer Opportunities

Parent volunteers provide a vital part of our school. New for this year, we will be requiring each family to pay a volunteering deposit of \$25.00 per student per year. You have the opportunity to earn this back if you volunteer your time in any of the following areas. Our Volunteer Coordinator will have a sign-up list for these tasks and will be contacting you during the school year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Supervision / Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Board Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Special Events |

Advertising Consent

Your child's face or likeness may appear in photographs taken at school functions. Occasionally, we would like to publish these photographs in our newsletter, in local newspapers or on our website. Please complete the consent below and return it together with your registration form. Thank you.

- Yes, I consent to having _____ face or likeness
(Student's Name)
 published in the VWGS newsletter, in local newspapers and/or the VWGS website.

 Parent's signature Date

- No, please do not publish photographs of my child.

Information Distribution

Please indicate whether you would like to receive school information (EG. Newsletters, special events, announcements) via email.

- No Yes If yes, please provide your email address: _____

Media/Advertisement

- How did you hear about the school? Website Newspaper Brochure
 Other _____



Vancouver Westside German School

FOR NEW STUDENTS ONLY

Please provide the following information to help us in the placement of students:

Name of student: _____

Grade in elementary/high school:
(as of Sept. 2011) _____

Does student have any knowledge of German language:

Yes No

if Yes:

Student hears German outside school:

regularly often sometimes never

Student understands German:

SPOKEN: regularly often sometimes never

WRITTEN: regularly often sometimes never

Student speaks German:

fluently fairly well some simple phrases not at all