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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Herzlich Willkommen, Welcome Back!

We are happy to begin this year with both our Junior and Senior students settled in at Prince of Wales Secondary School and look forward to seeing students take part in more joint events over the next year. I want to extend a special welcome to our three new assistants from Germany, Tobias Landgraf, Elene Sagasti Maquibar, and Maximilian Kopp, who will be supporting our school principal, Lidija Bakovic, and school administrator, Kirsten Friedrichs, in the operation of the school this year.

You are invited to visit our website <http://www.vwgs.org> for information about the school, the weekly classes, our teachers, and to get to know the directors of the board.

If you have questions or are interested in volunteering or becoming a board member, please don't hesitate to contact us at any time. We look forward to seeing you at our Kaffee und Kuchen and other events over the coming months.

Meike Wernicke

President, VWGS

VOLUNTEER AT THE VWGS

This is to remind you that the school relies on your support in offering the quality program and cultural activities your children enjoy throughout the year. Until now we have had parents volunteer their time in different ways:

- on a one-time basis for special projects
- on multiple occasions for different cultural activities and in the library
- on a continuous basis during the year (e.g., as a member on the VWGS Board)

We are currently looking for **additional Board Members**, to serve as members-at-large or to take on tasks such as coordinating events, for example.

Please note that a shortage of board members and volunteers means that we will have to implement an annual fee of \$50-\$75 next school year to be paid in lieu of volunteered time, for parents wishing to opt out of volunteering. We would prefer not to go this route.

Please send an email to orgavwgs@gmail.com indicating for which activities you would like to volunteer (Kaffee & Kuchen, seasonal events, library, joining the board of directors, etc.) and when you might be available. You will be contacted when volunteers are needed.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL IN GERMAN

Liebe Eltern,

Wir befinden uns jetzt in unserem dritten Unterrichtsmonat, also haben den Sommer (leider) endgültig hinter uns gelassen.

Unsere Dienstagsklassen haben sich mit allen Sachen Herbst auseinandergesetzt, wir sind in einem Herbstwald gewandert, und haben auch interessante Blätterkunst hergestellt (siehe unten).

unterschiedlichen Designs überrascht - von wiederverwerteten Milchbehältern bis zu Igelformen, anhand welcher sie ihre Schülerinnen die Laternen basteln ließen. Wir hoffen auf einen trockenen und dunklen Abend, damit die Laternen heller scheinen.

Der kommende Dienstag ist auch eine Gelegenheit für die Eltern zusammen zu kommen, und sich ein wenig kennen zu lernen. Der Kaffee und Kuchen Event wird vor dem und während des Laternenumzugs statt finden. Der erste Kaffee und Kuchen für Mittwochsklassen ist für den Mittwoch, 15.11. geplant. Unsere Mittwochsklassen sind voll in der Prüfungsvorbereitung und/oder haben sich in ihre Lehrpläne vertieft. Unsere Mittwochsklassen sind darauf ausgerichtet, die Deutschfertigkeiten unserer SchülerInnen zu vertiefen bzw. aufzubauen, so dass sie, sollten sie dieses wünschen, die Vergleichsarbeiten und die Prüfungen schreiben können. Nichtsdestotrotz versuchen wir als eine (Sprach)Bildungsanstalt unseren Unterricht mit der weiteren Erfahrungswelt unserer SchülerInnen zu verbinden. Wir sind gerade dabei Workshops und Tagesausflüge vorzubereiten, die diesem Zweck dienen sollten. Wegen der Prüfungsvorbereitung bzw. der Durchführung des Lehrplans werden diese erst im zweiten Halbjahr stattfinden.

Manche unserer SchülerInnen haben den Award of Excellence Quiz des Goethe-Institut gemacht, was möglicherweise zu einem dreiwöchigen Aufenthalt mit Deutschkurs in Deutschland, in der Stadt ihrer Wahl führen wird. Der Wettbewerb, an dem alle High-School SchülerInnen in Nordamerika teilnehmen können, läuft bis zum 15. Dezember, 2017. Falls Sie Interesse daran haben bzw. jemanden kennen, der daran Interesse hat, bitte klicken Sie/leiten Sie die folgenden Links an/weiter:

EN: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/saf/prj/stg/ger/awa/enindex.htm>

FRZ: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/saf/prj/stg/ger/awa/frindex.htm>

ESP: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/saf/prj/stg/ger/awa/esindex.htm>

Mit Stolz können wir Ihnen auch mitteilen, dass zwei unserer SchülerInnen es in die erste Runde der Internationalen Deutscholympiade geschafft haben, und dass sie bald nach Montreal gehen werden. Herzlichen Glückwunsch, Lukas und Lilian!

Diese zwei Wettbewerbe sind perfekte Beispiele der Möglichkeiten, die sich einem eröffnen, wenn man sich auf eine (fremde) Sprache einlässt bzw. sich in diese vertieft.

Ich wünsche Ihnen einen schönen November, und hoffe Sie bei einem der kommenden Kaffee und Kuchen Events zu sehen.

Lidija Bakovic

Schulleiterin

[Translate ▼](#)

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL IN ENGLISH

Dear parents,

We are into our third month of school, and have definitely left the summer behind us.

Our Junior classes have been dealing with all things fall, we have gone through the autumnal forest, and have made some leaf art in the process (see above).

The culmination of the fall season will of course be the Laternenumzug happening on Tuesday, October 7th. As always, teachers have surprised us with very varied designs they used for their lanterns. We are hoping for a dry and dark night to make the lights shine brighter.

Our first Kaffee and Kuchen event will also be happening on Tuesday, which will be a chance for parents to socialize and get to know one another and our school better. Our first Kaffee and Kuchen Event for Wednesday classes will take part on Wednesday, November 15th.

Our senior classes are well into their exam preparations and/or their curricula. Our Wednesday classes' aim is specifically to deepen our students' language skills and thus better prepare them (should they wish to take them) for the language exams A1, A2, B1 and B2/C1. That being said, we are also trying to connect their German lessons to their overall everyday experiences and apply what they learn in the classroom to what is happening in their lives outside of German School. We are in the process of preparing workshops for individual classes which will mostly happen in the second part of the year so as not to disrupt the exam preparation.

city of their choice, including a three-week long language course, accommodation and food. All high school students in North America are eligible to enter. If interested, please go to the following links:

EN: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/saf/prj/stg/ger/awa/enindex.htm>

FRZ: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/saf/prj/stg/ger/awa/frindex.htm>

ESP: <http://www.goethe.de/ins/us/saf/prj/stg/ger/awa/esindex.htm>

We are also happy to report that two of our student have qualified for the first round of the Internationale Deutscholympiade and will be going to Montreal to meet other competitors. Congratulations, Lukas and Lilian!

Opportunities and successes like these make clear how valuable and life-enriching learning/retaining another language can be.

Wishing you all a happy November, and hope to see you at one of our upcoming Kaffee und Kuchen events.

Lidija Bakovic

Principal

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Parking and Code of Conduct at Prince of Wales

Please make sure to park on the streets adjacent to the Prince of Wales School. Also, have your children use the walkway to enter the school and not cross the parking lot. This is a safety issue for the Prince of Wales staff and us.

Our teachers have talked to the students how they are to behave in the corridors. Please talk to your children and ask them to behave with respect towards their environment, and not make noise with the locks on and with the locker doors.

Student Exchange Opportunity with a Family from Bremen

A German family from Bremen is interested in doing a student exchange for their 16-year-old daughter. If interested, please contact me at info@vwgs.org and I will put you into contact with the family.

Car pool from and to East Vancouver

A family from East Vancouver is still looking for another family to car pool with on Tuesdays. If interested, send me an e-mail at info@vwgs.org and I will put you into contact with the family.

New Feature: Meet Our Students

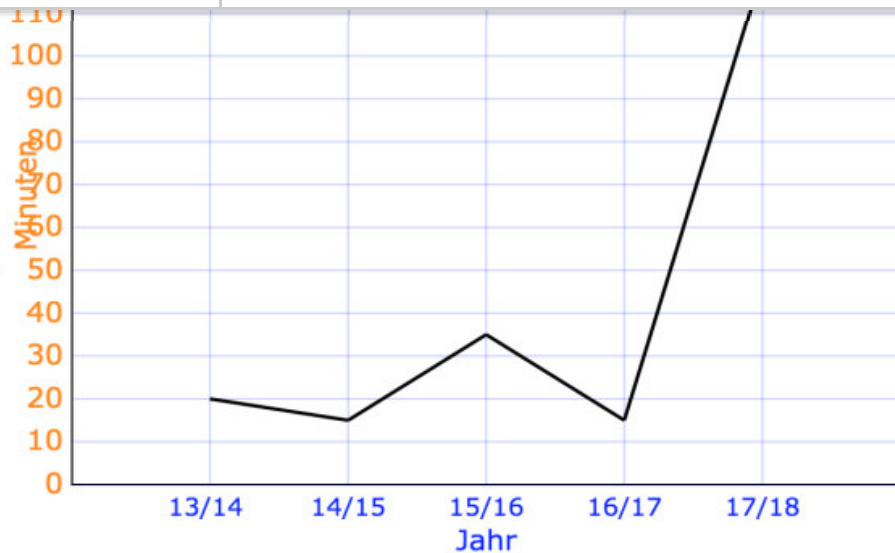
NEW FEATURE: MEET OUR STUDENTS!

DSD II VORBEREITUNGSKLASSE

Wir befinden uns in unserem letzten Jahr an der deutschen Schule. Damit Ihr einen Eindruck bekommt, wie dieses Jahr für uns aussieht, schaut Euch bitte die beiliegende Grafik an. Dieses ist ein Liniendiagramm, welches anzeigt, inwiefern sich die Zeiten verändert haben, die wir uns nehmen müssen, um unsere deutschen Hausaufgaben zu machen. Die Zeiten werden in Minuten angegeben, und es wird eine Entwicklung im Zeitraum zwischen den Schuljahren 2013/2014 und 2017/2018 gezeigt.

Wie der Grafik zu ersehen ist, haben wir in den ersten Jahren relativ wenig Zeit für unsere deutschen Hausaufgaben gebraucht. Bis zum laufenden Jahr waren die Zeiten relativ kurz und zeigten eine fluktuierende Tendenz. Anfangend mit 20 Minuten im Schuljahr 2013/2014 zeigt die Linie einen leichten Einbruch im darauffolgenden Jahr, als wir für die deutschen Hausaufgaben im Durchschnitt nur 15 Minuten brauchten. 2015/2016 nahmen unsere deutschen Hausaufgaben wieder mehr Zeit in Anspruch (35 Minuten), um 2016/2017 mit 15 Minuten wieder weniger zeitintensiv zu werden. Schließlich kommt es im laufenden Jahr zu einer drastischen Verlängerung der Zeit, die die Vertiefung unserer Fertigkeiten im Deutschen mit sich bringt. Verglichen mit den 20 Minuten letztes Jahr müssen wir nun bis zu zwei Stunden lang unsere Hausaufgaben bearbeiten. Daraus kann man folgern, dass die deutschen Hausaufgaben im letzten Schuljahr sowohl an Schwierigkeit wie auch an Menge dazu gewonnen haben. Abschließend lässt sich sagen, dass das letzte Schuljahr an der deutschen Schule es in sich hat. Falls Ihr Euch vielleicht fragt, was wir an diesem Wochenende machen, fragt nicht weiter: wir machen Hausaufgaben.

Kaia, Sophie, Malena, Catarina und Hans



MEET OUR NEW ASSISTANT



Liebe Eltern und Schüler,
Dear parents and students,

my name is Maximilian Kopp and I am a student from Germany. I am 22 years old and I am studying physics and history at the Leibniz Universität Hannover in Germany to become a teacher.

Since October I have been working at the Vancouver Westside German School as an assistant teacher. As an assistant teacher in Mr. Vega's class on Tuesday and in Ms. Maume's class on Wednesday I am not only assisting them in teaching the German language, but also bring the students closer to the German culture during the class for the next months.

I am looking forward to a nice and educational time together at the Vancouver Westside German School.

Max

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

For detailed information, please visit our [School Calendar](#). This is a great opportunity to see and check what's going on at the VWGS.

- **St. Martin's Fest with Coffee + Cake** - November 7th, 2017

- **DaZ Junior, DaZ Junior 1 and DaF Junior**: meeting in the classroom at **5:15pm**, procession start: **5:20pm**

- **DaZ Junior 2A and 2B**: meeting in the classroom: **5:25pm**, procession start at **5:30pm**

- **DaF Junior 1 and DaF Junior 2**: meeting in the classroom at **5:30pm**, procession start: **5:35pm**

- **DaZ Junior 4**: meeting in the classroom at **5:30pm**, procession start: **5:40pm**.

Please make sure to dress for the weather (warm cloths, rain jackets/muddy buddies). The procession will have to be cancelled if there is a heavy downpour.

After the procession, the classes will go to the **room D101** and they will be given a Weckmann and some hot chocolate. All of our Tuesday students will be given a **Weckmann for free**.

- **Coffee + Cake, Senior Classes** - November 15th, 2017
 - Room D101
- **Book Sale, Junior Classes** - Tuesday, December 5th
- **Christmas Market Visit** - Tuesday, December 19th

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **VSO Musically speaking: Beeethoven's Fifth**

The Vancouver Symphony Orchestra presents two masterpieces of German composers: Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 and Max Bruch's Scottish Fantasy, both backed by Canadian violinist Blake Pouliot, 2016 winner of the prestigious Orchestre symphonique de Montréal Competition. Additionally, the classical concert will be enhanced by fascinating close-ups of the musicians and the conductor's commentary about the composers and their music.

When - Saturday, November 11, 2017 at 8 pm, doors open at 6.45 pm

Where - Orpheum, 601 Smithe Street, Vancouver

- **Christmas Bazaar at German-Canadian Care Home**

The German-Canadian Benevolent Society of B.C. invites to a cozy afternoon with German food, Glühwein and sweets. An auction, a book sale and much more will provide entertainment and give you a chance to browse for Christmas gift.

When - Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 12 pm to 4 pm

Where - German-Canadian Care Home, 2010 Harrison Drive, Vancouver

- **Vancouver Christmas Market**

The Vancouver Christmas Market brings a centuries-old German tradition, the Christkindl Markt, to Canada. More than 75 huts invite to wander, browse and nibble, no matter if you want to shop for gifts or just want to enjoy the pre-Christmas season in an idyllic atmosphere. Kids can ride the Christmas Carousel or meet Santa himself while their parents enjoy a typical German Glühwein (mulled wine) or other German specialties.

- **East Van Panto: Snow White & the Seven Dwarves**

You think you already know inside out all the fairy tales from your childhood? The Cultch will convince you of the contrary. The old German fairy tale of Snow White is relocated to East Vancouver where the hero meets the washed-up rock stars “The Seven Dwarves”. This East Van Panto is an enjoyable, funny reinterpretation and a perfect occasion for a family evening during the pre-Christmas season.

When - November 29, 2017 – January 6, 2018

Where - York Theatre, 639 Commercial Drive, Vancouver

KEEP UP THE GERMAN

Here are a selection of useful links:

www.dw.com

<https://deutschlernerblog.de/deutsch-fuer-kinder-deutsch-lernen/>

<http://www.br.de/kinder/hoeren/index.html>

<http://programm.ard.de/Radio/Listen/Kalender/Kinderprogramm>

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