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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Liebe Eltern, dear parents,

We are well into our 2018/2019 school year and, hopefully, the school

routines are by now established.

I would like to thank all the teachers, assistants, our exam coordinator, our school administrator, and the Board members for their support in making this year's school start a smooth one.

Please read the Newsletter as it contains important information about our routines, what you need to know, events at school and in the community.

If you know somebody who is not receiving our Newsletter please have them send an e-mail to [orgavwgs@gmail.com](mailto:orgavwgs@gmail.com).

Have a great school year!

Lidija Bakovic  
Principal

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## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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### **New School Routines: Antje Mahintorabi`s 5-Minuten-Musik**

Antje Mahintorabi practices songs for the Christmas market performance and the End of School Year celebration with Junior classes every Tuesday for 5 minutes.



**Starting times of classes**

Please remember that Wednesday lessons start later this school year:

- class times for Wednesday lessons (Senior classes): 4:30 – 6:45 pm
  - class times for Tuesday lessons (Junior classes): 4:15 – 6:30 pm.
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### **Library**

Our library is open every week on Tuesdays and every second week on Wednesdays (starting October 9th and 10th). We encourage parents to borrow books from the library for their children.

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### **Reminder to pay school fees**

If you have not yet paid your school fees, please give the money to your child's/children's teacher/s as soon as possible.

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### **Carpooling**

If you are interested in carpooling, please contact our School Administrator Susanne at [orgavwgs@gmail.com](mailto:orgavwgs@gmail.com) and let her know about your carpooling region. She will put you in contact with other parents interested in carpooling in your area.

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### **Alternative Pickup Form**

Please be advised that you need to notify the teachers if there is another person (not listed on your registration form) picking your child/children up at

school. You need to fill out the **form**, sign it and give it to the teacher(s).

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### **Pick up on Wednesdays**

Please make sure to pick up your child at the front entrance of the school. The teachers will be bringing the younger classes to the front of the school for dismissal. The engineer staff will already have cleaned the corridor on the ground floor, and with the fall weather coming in, they would have to do it again after pickup. Thank you for your cooperation.

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### **Parking at the school**

Parking on school grounds is allowed only after 5 pm. Please make sure to use street parking should you arrive earlier than that.

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### **Thank you, Anne Rimrott**

Anne Rimrott's workshop on bilingual education took place on September 25th, 2018 at VWGS and was very well-received. If you want to find out more about Anne's work or schedule an appointment for a personalized consultation, check out her **website** for more details.



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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

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For detailed information, please visit our **School Calendar**. This is a great opportunity to see and check what's going on at VWGS.

### **Introduction to the online reading platform Antolin**

**Tuesday Classes:** October 16th, 2018, from 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, room C210

**Wednesday Classes:** Per request. Please send an e-mail to [info@vwgs.org](mailto:info@vwgs.org). You can find out more about Antolin [here](#).

**St. Martin's Fest Junior Classes with Coffee + Cake** - November 13th, 2018

**DSD II Exam Written Part** - November 28th, 2018

Peretz Centre

**Future (with German) Fair Senior Classes** - December 5th, 2018

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## **COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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### **Oktoberfest Vancouver #DasOriginal**

#### **When**

Fri, October 5, 8 pm – Sat, October 6, 2 am

Fri, October 12, 8 pm – Sat, October 13, 2 am

Fri, October 19, 8 pm – Sat, October 20, 2 am

Regular tickets: \$35 (plus taxes)

VIP tickets: \$80 (plus taxes)

#### **Where**

Vancouver Alpen Club (Ballroom), 4875 Victoria Dr, Vancouver, BC V5N 4P3

- Come and dance together with Vancouver's very own Schuhplattler dance group the "Alpen Plattlers". Sing along to original Oktoberfest music with "The Continentals" like you'd hear it at the "Wiesn" and be the best while participating in traditional games. Find out more about this event [here](#).

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### **German movies at VIFF**

Between September 27th and October 12th, numerous movies from all over the world will be screened at the Vancouver International Film Festival (VIFF). This year 26 of them are directed by German filmmakers or were produced with German involvement. You can find an overview of all movies, including date, venue and ticket sales on the VIFF's website under the category "**Germany**".

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### **The German Canadian Business Association (GCBA) Meeting**

Dinner Meeting with speaker. Everyone is welcome. Guest speaker: Rose Hamilton. She will be presenting "**SOS Children's Village, Surrey, BC**"

#### **When**

October 15th, 2018

- Members: Free
- Non-members: \$40
- Associate Members: \$20

#### **Where**

Sylvia Hotel Downtown, Vancouver

Friday, October 12th: Photo Exhibit on "**Vanishing Landscapes**" held at the Back Gallery Project on 602 East Hastings Street at 5 pm by renowned conservation photographer Dawna Mueller. See photos of her expeditions in the remotest regions of the planet; from the Arctic and Antarctic to the Swiss Alpine regions.

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### **Kids playgroup on Mondays**

Every Monday (except for holidays) from 9:30 to 12:30 the St. Mark's Church organizes a child care group for German-speaking children (up to 6 years).

The aim of the gathering is to play and talk in German while getting to know new people and traditions of the German culture.

There is no registration procedure but if interested please contact one of our teachers, Andrea Mechler (amechler@hotmail.com).

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### **DAAD Scholarship - Call for Applications**

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) Study Scholarship is designed to support exceptional students with the living costs associated with pursuing master's degree studies (in most disciplines except music, architecture and the performing arts) at a German university. Application deadline is November 5th, 2018. More info can be found [here](#).

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## **KEEP UP THE GERMAN**

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### **Here is a selection of useful links:**

**Die Bienenretter.** Learn German, for children 3 years and older.

**Deutsch mit Socke.** For children ages 5-10.

**Logo!** News for children.

**Die Seite mit der Maus.** "Lach- und Sachgeschichten"

**Die Sendung mit der Maus** in the ARD Mediathek.

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