MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Liebe Eltern, dear parents,

We have reached the March break and after that we are approaching the final sprint towards the end of the school year. I do hope that the progress your children are making is quite visible.

For the first time this year, instead of giving out mid term reports, we have decided to have parent-teacher conferences to ensure that the most important information pertaining to your child's progress in German and his or her well being in the class gets exchanged. We do hope you have found the
conferences helpful.

In the name of our Board and our students, I would like to thank all the teachers, volunteers, our administrator Susanne for a great Faschingsparty on February 26th. It is during events like these that student learn that German school is SO MUCH FUN!

Coming up in April, we will have our Open House event. You can find the schedule for it below. If you know of anybody interested in attending our school in the next year, please pass the information onto them.

In the interim, enjoy the March break, and see you in April.

Lidija Bakovic
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR SCHOOL

• **Open House**

This years' Open House will take place on April 30th, 2019. Bilingual family consultant Anne Rimrott will hold another workshop on bilingual education. On top of that, interested parents can attend lessons in progress during an "open classroom" session. Coffee and cake will be available by donation. Here is the schedule of the event:

4:15 - 4:30 pm - Welcome and greetings in the cafeteria
4:30 pm to 5:00 pm - Open classroom
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm - Anne Rimrott, room C210
5:00 pm to 6:30 pm - Kaffee und Kuchen and info session for parents (tips and tricks from "seasoned parents")
5:00 to 6:30 pm: Info session about our exams and evaluations with our exam coordinator Ute Steves

• **Summer Camp**

The Vancouver Westside German School will be offering two weeks of Summer Camp for German speaking children. We have applied for classrooms with three VSB schools, but are still waiting for the confirmation from the rental department.

The summer camp will be offered in the following two weeks:
**Week 1:** July 2nd to July 5th, 2019 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. **Cost:** $150

**Week 2:** July 8th to July 12th, 2019 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm. **Cost:** $200.

We will put out more details and registration as soon as the VSB rentals department confirms the location.

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**Examination dates**

The examination dates for this years' DSD 1, A1 and A2 evaluations are scheduled as follows:

**DaZ Senior 4: DSD 1**

April 9th & April 10th, 2019: DSD 1 Oral exam

**DaZ Senior 2: A2 evaluation**

April 10th & April 17th, 2019: reading and listening comprehension, writing
April 23rd & April 24th, 2019: oral portion of the evaluation

**DaZ Junior 4: A1 evaluation**

April 9th & April 16th, 2019: reading and listening comprehension, writing
April 23rd, 2019: oral portion of the evaluation

**A1_A2 Conversation Course: A1 evaluation**

April 10th & 24th, 2019: reading and listening comprehension, writing
April 17th, 2019: oral portion of the evaluation

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**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**Faschingsfeier/Carnival**

Our students enjoyed dressing up, singing and dancing at this years' Fasching celebration including a traditional Polonaise. Parents, family, friends, and the team of VWGS joined them and had a great time too. The delicious Krapfen and cakes were well received. A special thanks to parent Julia Smith for contributing five cakes for our bake sale.
DaZ Junior 2 and the "Elfchen"
The children of the DaZ Junior 2 class got to know the poem form "Elfchen" a few weeks ago and wrote quite creative poems. Have fun while reading :)
Ich liebe Frühling.
Frühling ist sehr viel hübscher.

Sommer ist warm.
Es ist mein Geburtstag.
Ich habe den Frühling.

Eidechse
Sind hier
Leben

Sonnenschein

Im Wind
lässt die Blätter flattern.
Meet our teachers

Annabelle Devos
My name is Annabelle Devos, and I grew up in Melle / Osnabrück (Lower Saxony, Germany). I graduated from the University of Osnabrück with a Bachelor of Education (1. Staatsexamen für das Lehramt an Grund- und Hauptschulen) in 2000 and received my Teacher’s Qualification (2. Staatsexamen für das Lehramt an Grund- und Hauptschulen) in Hildesheim in 2002. From 2002 to 2015, I taught at a variety of primary schools close to Osnabrück.

In August 2015, my family and I moved to Ladner (South Delta), where my husband grew up / was raised.

Before I took over my own class at the VWGS in September of 2017, I helped as a substitute teacher for junior and senior classes. Besides teaching German as a Foreign Language at the VWGS on Tuesdays, I teach German as a Second Language at the Surrey German Language School on Saturdays. In addition to that, I keep myself busy with Noon Supervision, Crossing Guard, and as PAC Secretary at Holly Elementary (where my kids go to school). I have also recently taken on a new role as a Support Worker at a preschool.

In my free time, I enjoy time with my lovely family. My other passion is singing, and I’ve been a member of several choirs since I was a child.
Annabelle Devos

Newcomer to Canada (since Aug. 2015)

German Native speaker

Worked As teacher in Germany for more than 10 years

Busy mom

Elementary School Teacher

Loves to sing

Likes to laugh

Enjoys teaching
**Job opportunity for German-speaking students**
Fraserway RV is looking for German-speaking students to join their team. If interested in an employment opportunity, please send an e-mail to bernie@fraserway.com to receive further details.

**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 VWGS.

- **April 2nd, 2019**: First day of school for Junior classes after March break
- **April 3rd, 2019**: First day of school for Senior classes after March break
- **April 30th, 2019**: Open House
- **May 28th, 2019**: Year-end-celebration Junior and Senior classes
- **May 29th, 2019**: Last day of school Senior classes

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- **Spring celebration / Frühlingsfeier**
The Outreach program of the German-Canadian Care Home will celebrate spring with poetry, sing-alongs and stories at the Atrium of the care home. The program starts at 2:30 pm. Coffee and cake are served before the program at 2:00 pm.

**When**
Saturday, March 30, 2019 at 2:00 pm

**Where**
German-Canadian Care Home, 2010 Harrison Drive, Vancouver, BC, V5P 2P6

- **Thomas Anders & The Modern Talking Band & Bad Boys Blue**
Thomas Anders & The Modern Talking Band will perform the bands' greatest
hits. Also performing is Bad Boys Blue. Reminisce to 80's songs in this 3 hour show.

**When**  
Sunday, March 31 & Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm  
Doors open at 6:00 pm

**Where**  
Queen Elizabeth Theatre, 630 Hamilton St, Vancouver, BC V6B 5N6

**Tickets**  
Tickets start at $70 and are available online.

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- **Wattwanderung (mudflat walk) in Vancouver**  
Join the Vancouver German & Culture Meetup Group with your family and friends for the best mudflat walk at low tide to Sherry Island. To sign up, visit their webpage.

**When**  
Sunday, May 19, 2019 at 11:00 am

**Where**  
Spanish Banks West Parking Lot B, NW Marine Dr, Vancouver

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- **Revised European Festival Event 2019**  
The European event highlights European culture and tradition with cultural and culinary delights and rich entertainment. Come savour it all, from German Schnitzel and beer to Turkish pastries or Polish donuts. Admire authentic ethnic dress and get swept away by traditional dancing like the German Schuhplattler, the Spanish Flamenco and the Serbian Kolo. Come and experience Europe, from east to west, as seen through the eyes of Europeans. Find out more about this event [here](#).

**When**  
Sunday, May 26 between 11 am and 6 pm

**Where**  
Vancouver Alpen Club, 4875 Victoria Dr, Vancouver, BC, V5N 4P3

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- **Schuhplattler Lessons**  
The [Alpen Plattlers](#) invite you and your children to learn the art of Schuhplattler. Their Kindergruppe is ideal for those parents who wish to introduce their children to their Alpen cultural roots. They are accepting boys
and girls from ages 9 and up. Children will dance at family oriented cultural events. Teens and Adults are welcome to join our Adult group. Lessons are gratis, but parental supervision is required. **Find us on YouTube under Alpen Plattlers.**

**When**
Every Wednesday evening 7:30 to 8:00 pm

**Where**
Vancouver Alpen Club (Main Hall), 4875 Victoria Dr, Vancouver, BC, V5N 4P3

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**KEEP UP THE GERMAN**

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

- **Betthupferl** - Bedtime stories for kids podcast.
- **Biene Maja** - Youtube channel with lots of German Biene Maja videos.
- **Käpt'n Blaubär** - Videos of Käpt'n Blaubär, a former childrens' program of the WDR and part of Die Sendung mit der Maus.
- **German Pronunciation** - A funny guide to German pronounciation of sounds and symbols.