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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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Dear VWGS families,

I hope you had a relaxing time since we last saw each other at one of our year-end celebrations or the book drop-offs!

This will be the last newsletter for this school year, and as we are starting to plan for September, many things remain unclear at this point, like the format or venue of our classes. Very much like last year in June, we are exploring different options and will keep you updated with any news, so please make sure to keep checking your inbox (or your spam folder) for emails from VWGS.

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you that our school cannot be run without a Board of Directors. At next year's Annual General Meeting (Sept. 7th) we will be looking for new parents to join the Board, so if you would like to get more information about how you can contribute your expertise and support the school as a Board member, please consider joining the upcoming Board meeting on June 17th (more information below). Our current Board members are happy to answer your questions and explain about the different Board positions.

Wishing you all the very best for the summer holidays and looking forward to seeing you again in September!

Happy summer,  
Ute Steves  
VWGS Principal

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## **MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD**

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The VWGS board invites parents who are considering volunteering as a board

member (starting September 2021) to join our last board meeting on **June 17th @ 5:00 pm.**

Here is what you can find out at this event:

- Get your questions answered;
- Learn about the different roles and responsibilities;
- Find out what's on our plate for the coming school year;
- Meet this year's board and get to know more about their experiences.

Virtual refreshments encouraged!

This is a great opportunity to gain more insight into the important work our board members do each month to manage and improve our school's processes.

If you wish to join the board meeting, please send an email to **info@vwgs.org** or **orgavwgs@gmail.com** by **June 17th, 12 PM.**

Sincerely,  
The VWGS Board members

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AT OUR SCHOOL

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- **Registration for the new school year 2021/2022**

We are happy to announce that registration for the 2021/22 school year is open!

Register **by June 15th** and save \$25-\$50 in registration fees!

Please use the following links for more information and to register online:

**Junior/Senior students (including teenage beginners):**

**<https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=571&BT=10&PrivEv=19862>**

**Adults:**

**<https://www.karelo.com/register.php?BID=571&BT=10&PrivEv=19900>**

Please feel free to share those links with family members, friends and anyone you know who might be interested in learning German.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at

- **Final chance to register for our summer camps this July/August**

As you may have heard, VWGS will be hosting various summer camps for different age groups this summer. As always, the camps will be led by our experienced VWGS teachers. Some of the camps will be held in person (BC COVID-regulations permitting), others will be held completely online. Here is a list of the camps we will offer this summer (including dates and times, age group, and topic):

- **Camp 1** - July 5-9 (in-person): 5-7 years – StoryTimeFlies – 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- **Camp 2** - July 19-23 (in-person): 8-12 years – Umwelt in der Stadt – 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- **Camp 3** - July 12-16 (online): 13-16 years – Augmented Reality Takes Over Deutsch – 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- **Camp 4** - July 7-Aug. 17 (Wednesdays only) (online): 13-16 years – The Writing Factory – 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

All camps are offered to students learning German as a foreign language as well as German as a second language/mother tongue. In-person camps will cost \$350, online camps will cost \$175. We need to have a minimum of 8 participants per camp, otherwise, the respective camp cannot take place. External participants will pay a \$25 registration fee to become members of VWGS. There is no registration fee for current VWGS students.

For more information about the topics covered in each camp and **to register** for the camp(s), please click on **this link**. Registration will be open until **June 17, 2021**. This is your final chance to register.

**Here** you'll find the flyer for the summer camps in case you would like to pass it on to someone you know.

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## PAST EVENTS

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- **Video competition "Grenzen überwinden"**

Once again, our students successfully participated in a competition. This time, it was a video competition themed "Grenzen überwinden" ("To overcome boundaries") and hosted by the ZfA. Yvette Duente's entry won the third

prize.

Here is a list of our students who contributed entries and the topics of their videos:

Annika van Spaendonk - Schule während der Pandemie

Theodor Rheinsberg - Syrische Grenze überwinden

Mathias Desmarais - Probleme beim Scootern

Ellen/Hannah Saykam - Sprachhindernisse überwinden

Torsten Blodgett - Wie ein Motorrad...

Yvette Duate - Depression

Congratulations to all of them!

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### • German Games competition

The German Consulate General organized German Games this year. Louise Hogan and Martha Sinagowitz took 1st place in the age group 8-12 years

(from all participating schools in BC, Alberta and Saskatchewan!!) and earned an amazing \$ 700 for our school. All participants were invited to an award ceremony at which they received certificates and prizes.



Herzlich Willkommen  
zur Siegerehrung der Gewinner\*innen der „German Games 2021“  
Gleich geht es los...



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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### • Parent Survey

Thank you all for completing our parent survey that was made available in May. It provided the board and school management with valuable information that will help to improve our services. Overall, the feedback was very positive and constructive and many of you praised our teachers and staff for doing an amazing job despite the difficult circumstances due to Covid-19 and the online learning involved. We thank you for your cooperation, suggestions for improvement and for helping us determine what we can keep up from this past year moving forward.

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### • Book/games sale by a family from the VWGS community

Jonas and Elliot Remer are trying to earn some money over the summer and have gone through their German books and games to have a sale. Prices are \$1-2 a book, \$4-7 on games, and tiptoi books \$8 each and tiptoi pen \$8. They live near Trout Lake community centre. If you are interested in buying some of their books or games, please contact [orgavwgs@gmail.com](mailto:orgavwgs@gmail.com) to receive the contact information.

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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.

- **June 17th, 2021:** Board meeting (open to parents interested in joining the Board)
  - **July/August, 2021:** Summer Camps (in-person and virtual)
  - **September 7th, 2021:** AGM (Annual General Meeting)
  - **September 14th, 2021:** Junior classes start again
  - **September 15th, 2021:** Senior/Adult classes start again
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## KEEP UP THE GERMAN

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

**TKKG - Giftige Schokolade** - Download this popular episode from TKKG for free until July 7, 2021

**Mediathek ARD - Zu Hause lernen** - The German TV channel ARD's online learning program

**Mediathek ZDF** - A virtual classroom, offered by the German TV channel ZDF

**Ritter Apfelmus auf Gespensterjagd** - Children's book reading about the knight "Apple sauce" on a ghost hunt, posted by the library of the German city Bielefeld

**LearnGerman** - A video series for beginner's level A1. Each lesson contains a worksheet, so that one can not just learn but also practice.

**Lingo macht MINT** - DaF materials for listening, reading and quizzes; learn German with MINT (STEM-subjects)

**Vitaminde.de** - The digital version of the German language learning

magazine Vitamin de with worksheets, audio files and more

**Montessori** - colouring pages for children

**Austrian for beginners** - Learn about the Austrian dialect and discover funny words in this YouTube video

**Lesejule** - Learning material for reading and writing for the little ones

**Grundschulkönig** - Fables, fairy tales and blanks, level A1 and up

**Kahoot** - Free quiz tool for e-learning

**Ticket to Berlin** - Accompany 6 German learners who travel across Germany; includes exercises on vocabulary, grammar and regional knowledge

**Onilo** - Animated children's books with competence-oriented teaching material

**ARD Kinderprogramm** - TV, books, radio and more for children age 3 and older

**ARD Kinderfilme & -dokus** - movies and documentaries for children

**ZDF tivi** - the German TV station's broadcast for children

**Deutsche Welle** - learn German with Deutsche Welle (different levels offered)

**Step into German** - a great variety of videos, music, podcasts, and worksheets (Goethe-Institut)

**Averting psychological consequences of Corona** - 3-minute video for children aged 6-12

**Pixi Wissen TV** - videos to gain knowledge in different areas

**Eduthek** - school supplies for different ages

**Diercke** - The famous world atlas

**Duden Learnattack** - Duden's learning portal for students from 4th grade to high school

**4Kids Learning Videos** - videos for young children to learn the alphabet, numbers, astronomy, flags or professions

**Lesestart zum Lesenlernen** - Visit the library with the reading kangaroo and immerse yourself in five exciting books

**GEolino Podcast** - "Together against Corona" provides an overview of the topic along with further information

**Kids at home 2020** - Audio and children's songs, videos, handicraft, and live concerts to combat boredom

**KiKaNinchen** - App with which children can immerse themselves in the lovingly crafted world of snippets

**BR Kinder** - bedtime stories and news for children

**Schlaudino** - worksheets for printout, level A1 and up

**Coloring pages** - many different designs, calendars, quizzes

**lernox** - a great collection of DaF and Daz materials, different levels

**Einfach vorlesen** - stories to read aloud

Learn German with **worksheets** or **a German music blog**

**Visit the zoo from home** - watch elephants, koalas, panda, penguins and more live on your screen. Simply click on "Videos and cams".

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