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# Eastside German Language School

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## EGLS Yearly Surveys and Results

For the past couple of years, you have probably been asked to fill out a survey at some time during the school year. Surveys help the Board and teachers understand your needs and align programs, events, and classes to best suit those needs. Last year, EGLS had about 75 students, representing about 35 families. We received 21 completed surveys. Here are a few highlights:

**Practicing and Building on Existing German Language Skills and Increasing Cultural Awareness are the top reasons for attending EGLS.**

Teachers continue to align their courses to meet the grammatical, verbal, and written needs of students at each class level. Our events provide cultural education; they motivate students to learn traditional and modern songs, learn the history behind events, and celebrate with the same games and dances as the people in German-speaking countries do. When volunteers provide home-baked goods from their own family recipes, we can all taste a bit of Kuchen that we would otherwise not find in the area! German Puppet Theater, Maifest dancers, and movies round out our EGLS education.

**Accessing German Books and DVD's Through our Library, and Providing Summer Programs for Children are the most requested extracurricular programs.**

The library is available to students and parents every Saturday during school. If you haven't checked a book out yet, you should! Reading children's books is a great way to improve your own German if you are a beginner or intermediate speaker, and reading to your children for 10 minutes a day is great family time and helps kids learn! Make it a resolution this year to check out a book a week or a book a month to keep the language alive at your home.

Many people were interested in accessing German DVDs from the library—here is your chance to make it happen! Donate a DVD during this year's DVD drive. You can donate a German DVD of your own or choose one from a dozen pre-selected DVDs. The DVDs range from children's songs to adult movies such as "Die Blaue Engel" with Marlene Dietrich and "Nosferatu", the famous German Dracula movie. These DVDs work on American DVD players. To donate a DVD, contact RockwellMonica@aol.com, or look for the booth at this year's social events.

Summer programs have been offered for the last couple of years, reaching dozens of students. They will likely be occurring this summer as well; stay tuned for more information.

**Half of respondents said they like to donate items to the Auction and buy items at the Auction; 55% are willing to donate money without receiving anything in return; and about 48% would have their car washed as a fundraiser.**

During the 2006-07 school year, 87% of your tuition payment went directly to teachers salary, 7% went to renting the church, and the other 6% went to school supplies, insurance, events, and other small expenses necessary for running the

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### Schedule

*Classes are from 9:30 to noon. Children should bring a snack and a drink.*

Feb 2 Faschingsfest\*\*

Feb 16 No class (make up day, if necessary)

Mar 22 Holiday\*\*\*

Apr 12 Board Elections

May 10 Last day of school (Maifest, Open House, Registration)\*\*

\* Regular classes, plus event

\*\* Major celebration at school (event only; no class)

\*\*\* Holiday; no school

SCHOOL SCHEDULE 2007-2008

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*Please leave a brief message with your name and number, and a volunteer will return your call within a few days.*

*EGLS thanks the Community Church of Issaquah for the use of its facilities! Your tax deductible donations are gladly accepted! Make checks payable to EGLS and mail them to the Eastside German Language School.*

school. We run on a very tight budget. Money raised from fundraising and donations, which comes to about \$2,000 a year, is applied both to small expenses and to larger purchases, such as the EGLS sound system we use during events and the projector and screen used during movie afternoons. Your donations make a difference to the overall quality of the school.

We are working to improve areas that scored low in the survey, such as the Web site. There will be a complete overview of the surveys from the last few school years available for you to look at during our annual meeting on April 12. This year's survey will occur at the Maifest. In the meantime, we thank you for your feedback and will continue to find ways to improve your experience at the Eastside German Language School!

—Monica Rockwell

## Weihnachtsfest Fundraiser a Success

We hope you enjoyed the format of this year's Weihnachtsfest. The raffle successfully raised \$420. Thank you for your participation and donations! The school will use some of the money raised to purchase a portable DVD player that can be used by all classes during the year.

You can help with next year's raffle by setting aside new items that you or your family receive but don't want or need, such as new toys, books, and other useful items. This is an easy way to help the school earn money and help your unwanted items find happy new owners!

—Monica Rockwell

## EGLS History

The Eastside German Language School was founded in June 1971, and the first class was held at Bellevue Community College in September 1972. There were over 100 students, ranging from 4 years old to adult. Eight classes were offered. The board members consisted of four instructors, of which three also taught at B.C.C. Dr. Hagemeyer, who was the school's first principal, is still involved with EGLS. We thank the founders for bringing the German language and culture to the Eastside, and hope to continue this effort for years to come.

—Monica Rockwell

## German Music for Kids Saturday, March 1

Join us to discuss German music for kids! Kids love music, and music helps kids with German comprehension and vocabulary. We'll share our favorites songs, albums and singers, and where to find them. Bring your favorite to songs to share with other parents. 10–11 am. Saturday March 1. Please RSVP to [thea@thea.org](mailto:thea@thea.org), as we plan on a few handouts.

—Thea Fortune

### Witze für die Ganze Familie

“Frau Lehrerin”, fragte Karlchen, “Kann man auch für etwas bestraft werden, was man gar nicht gemacht hat?”

“Nein, Karlchen, dafür kannst Du keine Strafe bekommen”, gibt die Lehrerin Auskunft.

“Dann ist es ja gut”, gesteht jetzt das schlaue Karlchen, “Ich habe nämlich meine Hausaufgaben nicht gemacht!”

### Non-Discrimination Policy

*The Eastside German Language School admits students of any race, color, creed, national and ethnic origin, and sexual orientation to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national or ethnic origin, or sexual orientation in the administration of its educational policies, admission policies, financial aid programs, athletic programs, hiring and employment, or in any other way.*

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