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## Schedule

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

Apr 7 Holiday \*\*\*

Apr 21 Board Elections

May 12 Last day to return books to library

May 19 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 2006 - 2007

## General Meeting

The EGLS is governed by officers and a Board of Directors who are elected by the membership, which consists of all adult students, parents of children who attend EGLS, and all teachers. The election of new directors and officers takes place at an Annual Meeting of the Membership in April of each year.

This year's annual meeting takes place on April 21, at 12:15 p.m. The offices of Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary are up for election, as are several Director positions. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the Board, or if you would like to help with a nominating committee, please contact [info@egls.us](mailto:info@egls.us).

Microsofties, please note that the EGLS receives an additional donation of \$17 for each hour that you volunteer, including Board service.

You must be personally present at the annual meeting to vote for Officers or Directors. Board Members need not be members of the school and cannot be regular EGLS employees. For a complete description of the rules governing the nomination and election of Officers and Directors, please see the official Bylaws of the EGLS, which are available in the white parent information binder on the community table during school hours.

—Erik Fortune

## Maifest

EGLS will celebrate the Maifest on May 19th, which will be our last day of class for this year. We will have good food, great music, and lots of fun. The Enzian Schuhplattler will be part of the festivities and will perform several dances for us. Families, neighbors, and friends are invited to celebrate with us.

At the Maifest, we will offer early registration for the 2007/2008 school year. If you register during the months of May and June you will be able to register for the same fee as the previous year. We will post the registration form on our Web site in late April and send a reminder out via email.

—Ulla Bode

## Teachers' Workshop

In January, the teachers attended a workshop by Dr. Kristin Percy Calaff. Kristin is a well known language education consultant specializing in language immersion programs.

Kristin showed us different strategies to involve every student in classroom activities. She suggested using games, pairing the kids up in groups, and using books that the children can read together. Eric Carle's books are wonderful, such as "Die kleine Raupe Nimmersatt", since the words are simple, the sentences are repetitive and most kids know the books in English. These make them to easier read in German, as the students don't have to concentrate on the ideas of the book, and can instead focus on the vocabulary. The students can ask each other questions, replicate the book's patterns, and use the books to spark more conversation. The goal is to get the students speaking more German in the class, as some students are reluctant to do this, since they don't know the language that well yet. We are hoping that more fun games and easy books in the class room will increase their confidence in speaking German.

—Ulla Bode

## EGLS Contact Information

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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.

## AATG Test

The American Association of Teachers of German (AATG) administers a test to high school students each year. EGLS students have participated in this test for the past several years, as it is also made available to Saturday schools. This test evaluates students' vocabulary and comprehension of the German language and is very challenging for students. We want to thank all the students for the effort in taking the test, the teachers for preparing their students, and all the parents, who support their children's language learning efforts in many ways.

## Movie Afternoon

We are planning to have a movie afternoon on March 17th directly after class at 12:15 p.m. We need some volunteers to organize this event. If you are willing to help out, please contact us via e-mail at [info@egls.us](mailto:info@egls.us).

## Winterfest

Thank you, everybody, for celebrating our winter fest with us. Even though it was a "party with short notice," we had a great turnout and lots of fun. Our gift baskets were a great success; our school received \$450. With these funds we purchased more books for our library, and new games for use in the classrooms. We plan to purchase some outdoor equipment that the kids can use during the break, such as balls, jump ropes, and other items more appropriate for the older children.

—Ulla Bode, Principal

## 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.*

## German Language Children's Books



Finally, all but two of the 54 book titles that the King County Library System (KCLS) purchased in 2006 are available for borrowing. As a result, the KCLS's collection of German language children's books now includes over 150 book titles. Since the library carries three copies of each book title, there are some 450 German language books for children waiting to be read.

To download the brochures that list the available book titles by age group, visit [www.seattlekinderstube.org/KCLS\\_German\\_Language\\_Books\\_Dec\\_2006.pdf](http://www.seattlekinderstube.org/KCLS_German_Language_Books_Dec_2006.pdf).

Titles marked as "new" were added in 2006 and those marked "soon" were added in early 2007. For more information on how to borrow these books, visit the Kinderstuben Web site: [www.seattlekinderstube.org/kcls\\_info.html](http://www.seattlekinderstube.org/kcls_info.html) or the Web site of the KCLS: [www.kcls.org](http://www.kcls.org).

Take advantage of these outstanding and free public resources that help immerse children in the German language experience!

### German Story Time

Since winter 2005, the Bellevue Library has offered free German Story Time at the Bellevue Library. No sign up is necessary, and siblings are welcome. German story time is a wonderful opportunity for the children to hear German language books and stories and meet other German-speaking children. The schedule for spring 2007 is:

**Wednesdays** at 4 p.m. (not 2 p.m.!) for ages 3 to 6 years—Mar 7, Mar 14, Mar 28, Apr 4, Apr 11, Apr 18, Apr 25 (no story time on Mar 21)

**Thursdays** at 10:30 a.m. for ages 18 months to 3 years - Mar 8, Mar 15, Mar 29, Apr 5, Apr 12, Apr 19, Apr 26 (no story time on Mar 22)

Visit the Bellevue Library Web site [www.kcls.org/brl/brlpage.cfm](http://www.kcls.org/brl/brlpage.cfm) for directions and schedule information.



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