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Schedule

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

- Nov 10 St. Martin's Day*
- Nov 24 Holiday ***
- Dec. 1 St. Nicholas Day*
- Dec 15 Weihnachtsfeier**
- Dec 22 & 29 Holiday ***
- Jan. 5 AATG testing
- 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

German DVD Fundraiser Benefits the EGLS Library

You've probably already checked out some of the books available through the EGLS Library; how would you like access to a variety of DVDs and videos to supplement your German education, as well? Together, we can make it happen!

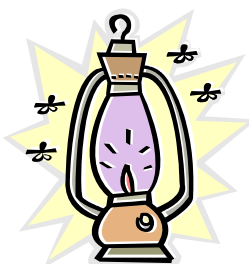
At this year's Weihnachtsfeier on December 15th, German DVDs will be available to purchase and add to the EGLS library; simply bring your checkbook and choose one—or more—DVDs or videos to donate. All DVDs and videos will run on the American equipment you already own. The price for each DVD or video ranges from \$15 to \$56, with most being around \$25. The content varies from German songs, like the alphabet song, to stories like Max and Moritz for beginners. Real-life scenario-based content, such as shopping in Germany, will benefit intermediate speakers, and adult classics such as *Nosferatur* (Dracula) will appeal to ambitious learners and native speakers. Your generous contribution at the Weihnachtsfest helps students improve their German vocabulary, sentence structure, pronunciation, and more in the comfort of their own homes! Donated materials will be checked out from the library just as books are today. Several copies of the same DVDs and videos will ensure availability for many students. Donators get to be the first to "check out" the DVD's and videos that they purchase as a special "Thank You!"

Watch your money go straight to a good cause as you donate to this special fundraiser!

—Monica Rockwell

St. Martin's Day Celebration November 10th

St. Martin was a Roman soldier who later became a monk. He was known as a good, kind, quiet man. The people wanted St. Martin to become their Bishop, but he was reluctant, and hid in a barn in the dark. The townspeople came looking for him with lanterns, and some noisy geese gave away his hiding place. Perhaps this is why goose is a traditional meal on St. Martinstag!



St. Martinstag is celebrated in Europe in areas such as Flanders, the Netherlands, and most of Germany and Austria. Children make lanterns and form a procession through the streets, often receiving goodies for their efforts. After the procession, they have a bonfire. We will follow these traditions as best we can at our own celebration, which begins at the church at 11 a.m. on November 10th. Friends and family are invited. Refreshments will be served. For an authentic event, dress your children in traditional clothing if they have it.

—Monica Rockwell

Kulturkreis Martinsfeier

The German Kulturkreis invites us to a Martinsfeier on November 10 for all of Seattle and the Eastside. Find out more at www.deutscherkulturkreis.org/.

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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.

Alle Jahre Wieder...

On December 1, students at EGLS will put their shoes outside their classroom doors in hopes of a visit from St. Nicholas. As is customary, each class will have prepared a song or poem to present to him. We hope that the children perform well and are rewarded with a shoe full of goodies, and not a lump of coal and a switch! Help your children by practicing their song or poems at home, and by letting them wear the biggest shoes possible to class that day!

Also, mark your calendars for the annual EGLS Weihnachtsfeier on December 15th, starting at 9:30 a.m. The EGLS choir will sing traditional German songs and we will all enjoy coffee and cakes. The DVD and video fundraiser, as well as other auction items, will be available for purchase. If you'd like to donate a gift basket or other items, please contact Anita at ad5sens@aol.com!

—Monica Rockwell

AATG Testing on January 5th

On January 5, 2008, students will be given the opportunity to take the AATG test, which tests a student's knowledge in German vocabulary and comprehension. So far, about 30 students will be taking the test. There are three different levels; children will be given the test that is most appropriate for their comprehension of the German language. This test is voluntary. It is an excellent tool to assess your child's aptitude for the German language, and it also helps teachers determine what to focus on in their classes.

—Ulla Bode

Food Drive for Tent City

Legend has it that St. Martin once cut his cloak in half to share with a beggar during a snowstorm to save the beggar's life. Our St. Martin celebration is one week after Tent City packs up to move on to another location for the winter months. The EGLS food drive for Tent City will have one final donation box set up during St. Martinstag. Canned soup, tuna, and chicken are most appreciated by the campers.

—Monica Rockwell

ABC Kinderladen Bookfair

On November 10 from 9:30 to noon, ABC Kinderladen will be hosting a German book fair at the church. The books are primarily for children, and include beautifully illustrated fairy tale books, science books, and German versions of American favorites. If you've been looking for German books to read aloud to your children, this is an easy way to find them! German toys, music CDs, software, and games will also be available.

—Monica Rockwell

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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