



# EASTSIDE GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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## Schedule 2009-2010

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

Jan 16 – AATG Testing

Feb 06 – Fasching\*

March 20 – DSD-A2  
DSD1 Testing (written)

April 2 –DSD1 Testing (oral)

April 10 – No School

April 24 – Board Elections

May 22 - Maifest

\* Regular classes, plus event

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

## Happy New Year!

Warm Greetings EGLS Students, Parents, and Teachers – wishing you all a Very Happy New Year!!! There is much to look forward to in 2010 – we have had a great school year so far, and we continue to forge alliances and make new friends in the German community. It seems that our school has weathered the recession, although we greatly miss several families who have relocated back to Germany.

Many of our older students will start the year with tests, which are important for the schools growth, and which also helps us check student progress in their learning of German.

We are pleased that our renewed emphasis on German cultural events has been well received, and we plan to continue monthly “Eltern Frühstück” breakfasts. Please let us know what you think of our school’s approach – we would love to hear from you.

Rob Hindman-President

## Letter from Consul General Peter Rothen, presented by Honorary Consul Petra Walker

Dear Ladies and Gentleman, dear friends, and especially dear students of the Eastside German Language School and parents,

My name is Petra Heussner Walker, as honorary consul of the Federal Republic of Germany I have the honor to send you the Christmas and Holiday greetings from the Consul of Germany:

*The year 2009 was for Germany and for me personally a year with many important and positive happenings. For me, because it brought for me and my family the move to San Francisco in August, where I have the honor and pleasure to serve as consul general of the Federal Republic of Germany, covering the whole Pacific Northwest of the USA. I am sorry that I was not able to visit you in Seattle, but please be assured, that trip is on the very top of my agenda for next year.*

*We were able to celebrate two special anniversaries in Germany; 60 years basic law and 20 years of the fall of the Berlin Wall. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, in the presence of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and heads of states from around the world, not only the Berliners celebrated Freedom without Walls. It was party time for all ages, especially arranged for the younger generation which has no clue how life was in a divided Germany.*

*2009 brought also a change in our Government which brought us a new minister for foreign affairs, Dr. Guido Westerwelle.*

*We were able to make some progress in working on our central project, elevating the interest in teaching German at many schools, and hope that our persistence will succeed. I am grateful for all the wonderful German language teachers, for what they have achieved with their untiring engagement, in particular the teachers at Saturday Schools in Washington State.*

*Students please keep on working on your German language skills; maybe one year you will end up studying in Germany. Your parents will like that, since it costs less to study there.*

*In closing, I want to wish you all a very merry Christmas, happy Holidays, and all the best for the New Year. Auf Wiedersehen in 2010.*

*Peter Rothen, Consul General*

## The IGEL Program

Thank You IGEL Volunteers – We Are Very Grateful For Your Time !!! We think that the IGEL program is working – at least our initial feedback has been positive. Our school has been working continuously to make volunteering easy, fair, and rewarding – we think that we have found the right combination and balance with the IGEL program. Please let us know what you think of the IGEL program – we are hoping to continue refining the program to improve satisfaction for everyone.

*Rob Hindman-President*

## Update of School Activities

School Activities so far this year have been very successful – we are grateful to teachers and volunteers who have made these celebrations a success!! St. Martin/Laternenbasteln was celebrated in Issaquah on November 7<sup>th</sup> – it was a large gathering of children and their parents from the Eastside. Special Thanks to Bettina for making this event a great success. Our winter celebration, the Nikolausfeier, was celebrated on December 6<sup>th</sup> – all of the classes recited poems or songs for Nikolaus. Special Thanks to Anita Dunlap and all of our Teachers for making this celebration a warm and wonderful occasion.

*Rob Hindman-President*

## Testing at EGLS

The annual AATG testing is coming soon on January 16th 2010. For more information see [http://www.egls.us/index.php?page=classinfo\\_test.html](http://www.egls.us/index.php?page=classinfo_test.html). This school year we will also offer two different German Language Diploma, DSD-A2 and DSD1, with testing on March 20th 2010 and April 3rd 2010. See for more details on our website.

*Angrid Henning-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.

## Tent City Returns

Issaquah Community Church is hosting tent city beginning January 23, 2010. Tent City residents are not allowed into the church during school hours, however we will be taking extra precautions for the three months tent city is sharing the church with us. Please contact the board if you have any questions or concerns.

*Dawn Spencer, Secretary*

## Flu Season is Upon Us

The flu season is upon us. We are especially aware with the new H1N1 virus. Please stay home if your child is not feeling well. We have put flu information on the EGLS website.

*Dawn Spencer, Secretary*

## Upcoming events!

### **Fasching an der EGLS!**

February 6, 2010 will be Fasching at EGLS. We will start the day with regular class and celebrate after recess with costumes, games and a lot of fun. Parents are encouraged to join us!

*Angrid Henning- Principal*

*Your tax deductible donations are gladly accepted! Make checks payable to EGLS and mail them to the Eastside German Language school.*