



# EASTSIDE GERMAN LANGUAGE SCHOOL

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## Schedule 2008-2009

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

Apr 11 - No classes (make-up day, if needed)

Apr 25 - Board elections

May 16 - Last day of school (Maifest, open house, registration)\*\*

\* Regular classes, plus event

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

## Board Meeting April 25<sup>th</sup>

Mark your calendar for this year's Board Meeting, Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30. Rob Hindmann will give a President's report, Winfried Danke will give us a report on this year's finances, and we will vote people into Office on the Board of Directors. The following positions are open:

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Director(s)-at-large
- Secretary

You can find out more information about these positions at <http://www.egls.us>.

*Monica Rockwell, Secretary*

## Search for Potential New School Location Will Resume Next Year

The EGLS Board of Directors is in the process of reviewing applications for a new Principal and Vice Principal for next year. Once these positions are filled, we will continue discussions regarding a potential new location for EGLS. EGLS will continue to rent classrooms from the Community Church of Issaquah for the 2009 - 2010 school year. The Board will work with the new Principal and report any new information about a potential move in the upcoming school year.

*Rob Hindman, President*

## Volunteering in the 2009-10 School Year

This year, a few parents recognized the deficit in volunteering at EGLS and envisioned a school that went beyond the basics and provided every family an opportunity to enrich EGLS and build a community around the school. A proposal was presented to the Board of Directors this winter that outlined a program, delightfully named "Igel Programm", that would inspire and promote volunteering at EGLS. The concept of the program is that every parent cares about their student's education and would be willing to support teachers and the school by dedicating four hours per student, per year, to help out. Helping out might include volunteering in their children's classroom, helping plan an event, organizing a movie afternoon, submitting articles to the web site or the newsletter, helping with the library, submitting items for the web site, or a multitude of other tasks.

The Board has approved this effort to help willing volunteers find their place in our school. When you register for the 2009-2010 school year, you will have access to a volunteer wish list, and will be enthusiastically encouraged to find a way to contribute! There is certainly something there for everyone. For those who cannot volunteer their time, there will be an option on the registration form to donate money.

We will provide a full set of volunteering opportunities on the website and in a separate communication before the Maifest. Take a few minutes at the EGLS registration booth at Maifest to find your place in the school's community!

*Monica Rockwell*



## Two Learning Tracks for EGLS Students?

The Eastside German Language School is considering the creation of two learning tracks for your child. These tracks would be offered to better meet you and your child's needs at EGLS. Some parents, typically parents who are fluent in German, may be interested in a more academic approach to learning German in which their child pursues a more serious study of the language and culture of German-speaking countries, while others may be interested in exposing their child to the German language and culture so they can connect with their heritage and communicate easily in a German-speaking country without rigorous study or an advanced grasp of the language. Where would your child fit into these tracks? Let us know! Please take a few minutes to fill out this year's survey for each of your children. The survey will be distributed by your teacher in March— complete it and return it to your teacher's classroom or the survey box in the cafeteria. Thanks in advance for helping the school consider a more relevant curriculum for your student!

*Monica Rockwell*

## New EGLS Logo Unveiled!

Saskia Rosendahl and Monica Rockwell have created a new school logo! It is the EGLS Igel. The new logo is on this newsletter, and you will see it appear on more EGLS marketing and public relations material in the upcoming years.

*Monica Rockwell*

## Frühlingsrätsel

Kennst du ein weißes Kätzchen,  
ganz ohne Schwanz und Tätzchen,  
das niemals fängt 'ne Maus  
und immer bleibt zu Haus'?  
Das niemals schnurrt  
und niemals knurrt,  
doch summt von tausend Bienen,  
die sich bei ihm bedienen?

*(Weidenkätzchen)*



Es sitzt ein braunes Tier im Klee,  
tut niemand was zuleide.  
Zwei Löffel hat er auch dabei,  
doch nicht für Suppe oder Brei.  
Er frisst gern Rüben und auch Kohl.  
Welches Tier ist das wohl?

*(Hase)*

## Thank You Volunteers!

The only paid positions in this school are the teachers and the Principal. All the other "extras" are provided by volunteers. Thank you for your time, it is much appreciated!

*Ulla Bode and Rob Hindman*

### 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.

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