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Schedule 2008-2009

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

Nov 29-No classes

Dec 6-St. Nikolaus*

Dec 20-Weihnachtsfeier**

Dec 27-No classes; holiday

Jan 3-No classes; holiday

Jan 17-AATG testing

Feb 14-No classes; (make up day, if needed)

Feb 21 – Faschingsfest*

Mar 14-No classes (make up day, if needed)

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)

Notes from the EGLS Board Meeting

Principal

At the most recent EGLS Board meeting in October, Principal Ulla Bode announced that she is not going to continue in her present position as Principal for the school starting next school year. She has served as an exemplary Principal for about four years. – Thank you Very Much, Ulla!!!

The EGLS board is working on a selection process for this important

role. The process and qualifying factors will be published to the school community.

School Location

For several months now, the EGLS Board has been discussing moving the school to a new location starting next year. Background: The school has moved twice in the past ten years, both times because of necessity (lease ran out). This time the move would be

“voluntary”, as the present location seems to be too small. The board is working with volunteers to identify alternative locations. If a suitable location is found, tuition may have to be increased to cover the rental expense. Feedback from teachers, parents and students is welcome.

Katja May



Notes from the Vision Meeting

At the Vision Meeting, several Board members and teachers discussed the future path that EGLS should go.

It is envisioned to offer *multiple tracks* based on goals and abilities as well as to retain more teenagers over the years. More specifically, at least two tracks should be offered since students come to the school with different goals and different abilities.

Track 1: Proficiency track

This track leads students to a certain goal after a certain number of years of schooling at the EGLS

(e.g. the goal could be to pass an exam that gives students credit for college and/or to meet the requirements to study at a German college). This track would be academically rigorous and students would be required to do homework. Within the academic track students, there is the possibility that students will be separated by ability rather than age.

Track 2: Cultural Track

This track is for students who want to be exposed to the German language and the culture of German speaking countries.

However, they are not necessarily interested in a rigorous academic program. It could be that the curriculum for the cultural track is the same as the one for the academic track but that students' progress more slowly compared to students in the academic track.

All EGLS families and teachers are encouraged to provide feedback and/or to participate in future vision discussions.

All feedback should be e-mailed to the board at board@egls.us.

Bettina Berton

WAS IST DAS?

Er hält sich gern im Garten auf - dicht beim Kompost und Blätterhauf. Ist gar nicht glatt wie'n Spiegel,nein stachlig gar, es ist ein....

Upcoming Festivities at EGLS

There will be a **Laternen-umzug** for families in the Seattle area on Tuesday, November 11th at 5:30pm organized by members of the Kinderstube in cooperation with the German Church in Seattle location: 1107 E Howell Street, Seattle, WA 98122). Detailed information will be posted on www.seattlekinderstube.org shortly. Students will make lanterns at the EGLS on November 1st and bring these home on

November 8th, just in time for the Laternenumzug.
Bettina Berton

Ssshhh...der Nikolaus kommt!
On December 6th, we are expecting a visit from a very special person. He will visit all the classrooms, meet the children and listen to their songs and poems. He might even leave some presents behind...

Ulla Bode

Weihnachtsfeier
On December 20th, we will hold our Christmas event. Your children will perform for you and afterwards we will celebrate this special time of the year with all of you, your friends, and relatives while enjoying German cakes and Christmas cookies. Please invite your relatives, neighbors and friends to join us in this seasonal celebration.

Ulla Bode



Hurra, hurra, der Kasperle ist wieder da!
Please mark your calendars: On January 17th, the Kiepenkasper will perform for our children around 12.30pm right after classes. We would like to organize a snack (Würstchen und Brötchen) for the children after class and before the performance, so that they will have a short break. We need volunteers for that day to prepare the snack. If you are interested in helping, please send your mail to info@egls.us.

Ulla Bode

Donations

While most people think of cash when donations are called for – which is of course always appreciated – there are actually more ways to give. Did you know that many employers will match gifts of time (volunteer time match) as well as money? Microsoft, for example, will match for 24h towards EGLS by giving \$17/hour. The

school can now be found on the MS corpnet//give site when looking for “EASTSIDE GERMAN” in the search box. This also works now for the searchandgive.com site, if one chooses “Charity” and searches for “EASTSIDE GERMAN” again. Please also check out the volunteer opportunities at EGLS!

Andreas Schiffler

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AATG Test

This school year, our students will participate again in the AATG test. This test is voluntary and will be given on January 17th, 2009 to students who are ten years or older.

Ulla Bode

From the Editor

Should you ever feel like reading to your kids German childrens' classics such as 'Max und Moritz' or 'Der Struwwelpeter' but can't find them on your own bookshelf, don't despair – thanks to Projekt Gutenberg-DE you can access a vast collec-

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Mirjam Javidi

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