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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Elternbrief deadline for articles and announcements is
Monday mornings 9 AM.**

- **We are looking for volunteers to serve on the TCGIS Board!**
The deadline for **SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATIONS** is fast approaching. All nominations are due on **Friday April 16th**. Please consider volunteering for a board position or take the time to recommend someone who you think would be willing to support the school in this way. The School Board election will be held Thursday May 20th. Three seats on the board will be up for election. More information and application materials are available on the TCGIS website. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact Board Secretary Kimberly Kompel at kimberlykompel@gmail.com or at 651-414-0304.
- **FACILITIES COMMITTEE**
We are looking for new members to join the Facilities Committee. While we welcome anyone who is willing to volunteer, there are two specific areas of need:
 1. people with a background in architecture, construction, carpentry, or landscaping
 2. people are interested in researching options for the outdoor area.The facilities committee usually meets on the 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30pm. Our next meeting will be Thursday April 8th. If you are interested in joining you can contact Facilities Committee co-chair Kimberly Kompel at kimberlykompel@gmail.com or 651-414-0304. Feel free to join us at our next meeting to learn more. If you would like to attend, please let Kimberly know so we can inform you of any scheduling changes, should they happen.

Spring 2010 TCGIS After-school Activities

Spring session will run from April 6th to June 7th. If you have already filled out an information form for your child, you do not need to do it again, just the registration form, which is available at the front office or can be downloaded on this site.

<http://sites.google.com/a/germanschool-mn.org/tcgis-1-a/Home/after-school-activities>

For questions contact Scot Stephenson at sstephenson@germanschool-mn.org

The time is from 3:30 - 4:30, except for Wednesday, 2:45 - 4:00

MONDAYS: 8 classes April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, June 7

First Lego League / Andrew Sinning & Tim McGuire / 4 - 5 (3?) / \$80

Explore the world of robotic Legos with TCGIS dads Andrew Sinning and Tim McGuire! In this class, we will learn to build and program robots using the Lego Mindstorms system--very different and much more sophisticated than the average Lego set! This spring we'll practice solving problems from actual Lego League competitions, work on team building, and lay the foundation for next year's TCGIS competition team. Open to 4th or 5th graders. We will also welcome 3rd graders with strong interest and solid Lego engineering skills. Enrollment is limited to eight kids; email andrew@learningware.com to reserve a spot. Includes snack.

TUESDAYS: 9 classes April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1

Advanced Gymnastics / Margarita Mamzina / K- 5 / \$90

Chess / Scot Stephenson / K - 5 / \$90

Mime / Hunter Goetzman / K - 5 / \$90

Basic Bookmaking / Katie Stephens / 1 - 5 / \$90 (you can sign up for 1 or 2 days)

Students will experiment with a variety of tools and materials (hands, scissors, bone folders, ink, calligraphy pens, paper, pulp, mod podge, glue, thread, brushes, and more), to play with and create different aspects of book making and decorating. Projects include basic binding, collage, ink penmanship, paper making, and illustrating.

WEDNESDAYS 9 classes April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2

Nachmittags Olympiade / Indoor soccer at the YMCA / Christoph Huhngarth (the P.E. intern) / 2 - 5 / \$80 (\$50 for YMCA members)

Leseclub / Ines Fehlinger + Xenia Kramer (4th and 3rd grade interns) / K - 5 / \$90

Read and discuss books at your reading level in German.

Motto: „Achtung! Lesen gefährdet die Dummheit!“

Inhalt und Ziel:

- Lesefreude weiter zu entwickeln durch das Schmökern in und dem gemeinsame Lesen berühmter deutscher Kinder- Jugendbücher
 - altersgemäße Bücher und Geschichten deutscher Autoren kennen lernen
 - Lesekompetenz der Schüler/innen zu erhöhen
 - Sprachfähigkeiten und Sprachfertigkeiten werden geübt
 - Leseerfahrungen werden im Leseclub miteinander geteilt
 - Anlegen eines Leselogbuchs indem gelesene Bücher eingetragen werden können
 - Erstellung von Büchersteckbriefen
 - Erstellung eines Lesetagebuchs, welches dazu dient, sich mit den gelesenen Texten auseinanderzusetzen
 - Ausstellung eines „Zertifikats“ am Ende welches die Teilnahme im Leseclub bestätigt
 - Das Zertifikat gibt es in Gold, Silber und Bronze
- Bronze: 1-2 gelesene Bücher/Geschichten
Silber: 3-4 gelesene Bücher/Geschichten
Gold: ab 5 gelesene Bücher/Geschichten

THURSDAYS: 9 classes April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3

Art Explorers / YMCA / K - 2 / \$95 (\$65 for YMCA members)

Beginning Gymnastics / Margarita Mamzina / K - 5 / \$90

Woodworking / Scot Stephenson / 1 - 5 / \$90

Yoga / Cornelia Fritsche / K - 5 / \$90

Music Enrichment / Mary-Beth Huttlin / K - 5 / \$90

In this music enrichment opportunity we will learn songs, play games, play instruments and prepare a small presentation for the Afterschool Activities Showcase. Students of all levels are welcome.

Basic Bookmaking / Katie Stephens / 1 - 5 / \$90

Drama Club / Valentin Solakhau / K - 5 / \$90

FRIDAYS: 9 classes April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4

Neue Deutsche Welle Jam Session / Scot Stephenson / K - 5 / \$90

Science Lab / Cornelia Fritsche / 3 - 5 / \$90

Music Ensemble / Mary-Beth Huttlin / Music Ensemble / K - 5 / \$90

We will explore music of a variety of genres, including drumming and world music, through playing and listening. Students who are learning instruments outside of school are more than welcome to bring them and we will incorporate them into the ensemble. However, prior experience in instrumental music is not required and we have instruments for all students to play.

Group Instrumental Music offered from Vienna Community Arts

Now that we are successfully engaged with the Kinderchor on Wednesday afternoons, we would like to expand our offerings. We have heard from parents that they would be interested in guitar and keyboard lessons and that they appreciate the convenience of having music lessons on site. We would like to offer these classes in a group setting (Schnupperkurs). Group classes offer a first contact with an instrument at a reasonable cost. Children learn what is involved in studying an instrument in a fun, social yet challenging environment.

We would like to offer these classes on Monday afternoons.

Classes would be 45 minutes. Sessions would be six weeks long.

Minimum 3 students/maximum 4 students, guitar (for guitar there would be one teacher);

Minimum 3 students/maximum 6 students, keyboard (for keyboard there would be two present at each class)

We would be able to rent guitars to class participants through the Vienna Piano & Strings Works arm of our organization. (Guitars can be rented @ 10.00 per month, fractional or full size) If necessary, we will provide rental keyboards as well.

Students would have an opportunity to participate with choir events (accompanying songs).

Other performances can be organized as well.

Cost would be \$90.00 for a 6-week session. (for comparison, private lessons for 45 minutes start at 37.50 per lesson, Twin Cities average, tuition for a 6 week session would be \$225.00).

Start time for these classes could be in April.

Please feel free to ask us any musical question.

Musically Yours,

Herbert and Nancy

Vienna Community Arts

651-773-9525

TCGIS Choir Registration

The TCGIS Choir has been meeting after school every Wednesday. If you missed the registration last time around, now is your chance – the new choir term begins after Spring Break on Wednesday, April 7.

For those who haven't yet heard, the first choir session was a great success, culminating in TCGIS choir's first ever concert at the Germanic-American Institute's annual Sauerkraut dinner last Sunday. Well done to all the kids! Building on their success, the choir is planning at least two more concerts this year.

To enroll for the upcoming session, please complete the enrollment and medical emergency contact forms on the next pages. If your child was enrolled in the first session, you will NOT need to pay the \$20 enrollment fee, but you will still need to fill out a new registration form.

On Wednesdays, children enrolled in the choir will be escorted to the music room on the 2nd floor after school dismissal at 2:30pm. The children will be available for pick-up from 4pm. Please make sure you are there no later than 4:15pm.

The 8-week session runs from April 7 through May 26, and costs \$80 (discounts available for multiple family members).

If you have questions about the program, please contact the choir director, Herbert Engelmayer, at 651-773-9525.

Please return your forms to the school office by Wednesday, April 7.

Checks should be made payable to "Vienna Community Arts".

VIENNA COMMUNITY ARTS

Student Registration Form

Student(s) Name & Date of Birth (if under 18)		Lesson/Program Day(s)	Wednesdays
Billing/Parent (if applicable)		Lesson/Program Time(s)	2:45 - 4pm
Address		Instructor(s) Program & Instrument(s)	TCGIS Choir
City		Are You:	<input type="checkbox"/> New Student <input type="checkbox"/> Continuing Student
State		E-mail	
Zip		Cell Phone	
Home Phone		Work Phone	

I am interested in (please check) for more information:

Private instruction
 Instrument Purchase
 Instrument Maintenance
 Group classes
 Instrument Rental
 Piano Tuning

	SPRING 2010	Aardvark Summer Camps	Summer lesson tuition
*Enrollment Fee Single	\$ 20.00	\$ no fee	\$ 20.00
Family rate	\$ 30.00	\$ no fee	\$ 30.00
* for new students only			
Private instrument instruction	\$	\$	\$
Choir: TCGIS			
One student	\$ 80.00	\$	\$
Two students	\$ 72.00 per student 10% disc.		
Three students	\$ 68.00 per student 15% disc.		
Summer Camp: per week		\$100.00	
Instrument Rental			
TOTAL	\$	\$	\$

Parent(s) Signature & Date

Please note that by signing this document, you are hereby agreeing to follow tuition and attendance policies as laid out by Vienna Community Arts.

Vienna Community Arts
 Fairview Community Center
 1910 County Road B West
 Roseville, MN 55113
 651-773-9525

After-School Enrichment Activities - MEDICAL INFORMATION

For the protection of students involved in after-school activities, parents must also complete a Medical Information form. Students will only be allowed to participate in after-school activities if emergency medical information has been provided.

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ Birthdate: _____

Please be advised that a school nurse will not be on site during after-school activities.

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health.

The activity leader should be aware of these special medical conditions of my child: (describe)

Does your child have any physical limitations or conditions that might affect participation? Yes No
If yes please describe: _____

Medication: Please check:

My child does not require medication.

My child has medication at the school office and the medication needs to be brought with him/her to the activity. (Note that the medication will be administered by the activity leader.)

MEDICATION:

DOSAGE:

TIME:

My child suffers from a potentially life-threatening illness such as:

Asthma

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, nuts, etc.) Please specify:

Other (Please specify): _____

Emergency Medical Treatment:

In the event of an emergency during the activity (3:30-4:30/5:00 pm) please contact:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Phone number: _____

I hereby grant permission for the activity leader to take whatever action is deemed necessary regarding my child's health and safety in the event I cannot be reached or in a situation where time is of the essence; and fully release the enrichment instructor from any liability in connection with those decisions. I grant permission for emergency treatment by a rescue squad, private physician and/or hospital or emergency health care facility staff if needed. I understand that any such action will be taken in the best interests of my child and will be reported to me as soon as possible. As this is not a school-sponsored program, I fully release TCGIS and its employees from any liability.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

**THE
TWIN CITIES GERMAN
IMMERSION SCHOOL**

5TE KLASSE PRESENTS:

**Der Rattenfänger
von Dortmund**



A Musical by Bea Wild

**Thursday, March 25, 2010
1:30 PM
TCGIS Cafeteria**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	1 3:30pm - Fundraiser in 3:45pm - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - PTO meeting	2	3 2:30pm - Early Release	4	5	6
7	8 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	9 6:30pm - Finance Committee	10 2:30pm - Early Release	11 1pm - Neuss Chamber 6:30pm - Facilities Committee	12 No School - Teacher Grading	13 11 am - TCGIS School Clean-
14	15 3:45pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - Board Governance	16	17 Deadline for Director 2:30pm - Early Release	18	19 Game Night PTO 8am - Kaffeeklatsch	20
21	22 TCGIS Clothing/Merchandise Sale (postponed) 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	23 Honorary Consul Heino	24 2:30pm - Early Release 6:30pm - Board meeting @	25 5th Grade Musical/Play: Der Parent Teacher Evening	26 Grand Marais Getaway Fundraiser Trip NO SCHOOL - Parent Teacher	27
28 Grand Marais Getaway	29 No School - Spring break 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	30	31 2:30pm - Early Release	1	2	3

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28 Grand Marais Getaway	29 No School - Spring break 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	30	31 2:30pm - Early Release	1	2	3
4 No School - Spring break	5 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	6 New After-School Activities 6:30pm - PTO meeting	7 New Choir Session begins 2:30pm - Early Release	8 6:30pm - Facilities Committee	9	10
11	12 3:45pm - Staff Meeting 6pm - SpEd Advisory	13 6:30pm - Finance Committee	14 2:30pm - Early Release	15 6pm - Board Governance	16 School Board Nominations	17
18	19 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	20 MCA 3rd/4th/5th Reading	21 2:30pm - Early Release	22 Earth Day	23 4th & 5th Grade Field Trip to 8am - Kaffeeklatsch	24
25	26 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	27 MCA 3rd/4th/5th Math 6:30pm - Board meeting @	28 2:30pm - Early Release	29	30	1