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Reminders, Third Language Info Session, Martinstag Announcement, New After School Activities , PTO Salsa Dance Workshop, Calendar October & November

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

REMINDER: Early Release – Every Wednesday – 2:30pm

- **Third Language Information Session October 26, 5:30 – 6:30 pm**
For details, please see attached flyer.
- **Kaffeeklatsch this Friday**
Join us once again in the school cafeteria for morning coffee this Friday the 23rd of October. Bring your own mug!
- **Auflauf Cook-off Friday, October 23**
Additional information can be found at www.tcqispto.org/Auflauf.php. Contact Leslie Watson, leslie38@comcast.net, with any questions.
- **Don't Forget – Buy Your 2010 Blue Sky Guide!**
We still have copies of this year's Blue Sky Guide available. If you haven't already, please consider picking up a copy of this great coupon book and information guide to start saving around town, while supporting our school at the same time! The Blue Sky Guide is full of deals at local businesses around town, including food coupons, coupons for hardware stores, local children's stores, REI, theaters and restaurants, and much more. Pick up your copy at the front desk for \$20, and remember that for every book we sell, we keep \$10 to support our students and teachers.
Just put your \$20 cash or check in the PTO payment box (note Blue Sky Guide on your check or cash envelope). Questions? Contact Kate Olson (Elliot, 3A) at kathryn.a.olson@gmail.com. And **thank you** for your support!
- **Lost and Found**
Our Lost and Found area is overflowing! When you are in the school building, please check if any of the items belong to your child. We will be taking extra clothing to Goodwill next Wednesday.

TCGIS Third Language Information Session
Monday, October 26
5:30 – 6:30pm
Twin Cities German Immersion School
1745 University Ave., Saint Paul, MN 55110

The Twin Cities German Immersion School will introduce instruction in a third language as part of its Middle School program, beginning next year. The aim of this information session is to provide parents with information from experts on the opportunities and challenges involved in teaching a 3rd language in an immersion setting. Each member of the panel will make a brief presentation and will be available for panel Q&A session following the presentations.

Taking part in the session will be:

Tara Fortune, Immersion Projects Coordinator, University of Minnesota. Dr. Fortune is an Immersion Teaching Specialist and Coordinator at the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA) at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Fortune devotes most of her professional time in the preparation and continuing education of immersion educators throughout the U.S. She is a founding member and serves on the editorial staff for The American Council on Immersion Education (ACIE) Newsletter, a collaborative publication written for and by immersion practitioners that is currently in its tenth year of dissemination to a U.S. and international readership. Dr. Fortune is frequently invited as a lecturer in the field of immersion education. Her research interests include the role of student language use and social interaction in content-based, dual language classrooms. Recent interests also include struggling immersion learners and immersion language assessment.

Shannon Peterson, Curriculum Coordinator, Lakes International Language Academy, Forest Lake, MN. Ms. Peterson oversees curriculum at what we believe is the only other immersion school in the state to offer a third language. She oversees the selection, implementation, and evaluation of the instructional tools, and is responsible for compliance with state and International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IBO-PYP) curriculum requirements. Operating in a Spanish immersion school, Ms. Peterson has served on a statewide legislative recommendations committee chartered by Education Commissioner, Alice Seagren, to improve Minnesota's instructional capacity in Mandarin Chinese.

The session will be facilitated by Annika Fjelstad, Director of Twin Cities German Immersion School. She begins her tenure here after serving for two years as director of Monteverde Friends School a K-12 Spanish-English dual immersion school in Costa Rica whose interest and experience in second and third language immersion is both personal and professional.

Martinstag Celebration



Sunday, November
8th 4-6pm
Landmark Center
Free and open to
the public

The Germanic-American Institute, Twin Cities German Immersion School, and Landmark Center will again partner to co-produce the St. Paul celebration of Martinstag.

Event includes lantern making workshop, a short play of the St. Martin story, singing, and a horse-led lantern parade around Rice Park.



Fall 2 TCGIS After-school Activities

Here is the next set of after-school activities that will run up to the winter break. If you'd like to offer something, it is not too late to get the news out, though it soon will be! If you have already filled out an information form for your child, you do not need to do it again, just the registration form. More detailed information about the activities can be found at this website:

<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 classes will meet on these dates:

Mondays: seven classes Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14
Tuesdays: seven classes Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15
Wednesdays: six classes Nov. 4, 11, 18, Dec. 2, 9, 16
Thursdays: six classes Nov. 5, 12, 19, Dec. 3, 10, 17
Fridays: five classes Nov. 6, 13, 20, Dec. 4, 18

The activities are:

Activity / Instructor / for grades / Cost

MONDAYS:

Spanish for Beginners / Beryimar Funk / 2 - 5 / \$70 (\$50 for second child in same family / \$30 for third child in same family)
Children will learn basics of Spanish grammar and beginning vocabulary in a fun setting.

TUESDAYS:

Rhythmic Gymnastics / Margarita Mamzina / K - 5 / \$70

Yoga / Cornelia Fritsche / K - 5 / \$70

Drama Club / Valentin Solakhau & Jessica Stenzel / K - 5 / \$70

Chess / Scot Stephenson / K - 5 / \$70

Indoor Soccer / YMCA / K - 2 / \$60 non YMCA members, \$32 YMCA St. Paul, Family members, \$20 YMCA Metro Members

WEDNESDAYS:

Latin Dance 2:30 - 3:30 / Beryimar Funk / 1 - 5 / \$60 (\$40 for second child in family, \$20 for third child in family)

Children will learn the foundations of important Latin Dances.

Nature Crafts 2:30 - 4:00 / Linda-Rose Michel / K - 5 / \$75

Explore textures of nature through this hands-on art class. We will experiment with many different natural products. Your child will discover many new ways of how these items can be used. Several take-home decorative

pieces will be completed.

THURSDAYS:

Music Enrichment / Mary-Beth Huttlin / 1 - 5 / \$60

We will learn a variety of songs from many cultures and play musical games that correlate with these songs. Additionally, we will create a miniature musical using several of the songs we will have learned. Our focus will be on activities that will enrich the students' understanding of music, yet work best with a smaller group of students.

Woodworking / Scot Stephenson / 1 - 5 / \$60

Indoor Soccer / YMCA / 3 - 5 / \$55 non YMCA members, \$27 YMCA St. Paul

Family members, \$15 YMCA Metro members

FRIDAYS:

Neue Deutsche Welle Jam Session / Scot Stephenson / K - 5 / \$50



**Sign up now for the
TCGIS Salsa Dance Workshop
with TCGIS parent Beryimar Funk!**



When: Sunday, November 15, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Where: Germanic American Institute Ballroom
301 Summit Ave., St. Paul
Cost: \$15/person suggested donation
(All proceeds benefit the TCGIS PTO.)

Please join us for the PTO's newest Great Gatherings event, a Latin dance class taught by TCGIS parent Beryimar Funk. Beryimar is a native of Venezuela who has many years' experience teaching dance.

The class will be at the GAI ballroom on Sunday, November 15th. Class starts at 3pm and will end at 5pm, with refreshments and snack served during break. The class limit is 20, so sign up quickly!

Men and women are welcome. Dress comfortably, but Beryimar does suggest that women wear a heeled shoe for that *muy autentico* experience (not required).

You can sign up online in three ways:

1. Online, via this doodle: <http://www.doodle.com/22qzwifchiy3n3e>
2. By filling out a form at the front desk. *For method #1 or #2, just drop off your check, made payable to the TCGIS PTO, in the PTO drop box.*
3. To sign up AND pay online, visit the TCGIS PTO's new online store, at <http://tcgispto.org/zencart>. Click on the "Salsa Dance Class" and you will be taken to an online checkout, where you can pay securely online with your Paypal account or a credit card.

We hope to see you there. Cha, Cha, Cha!!!

Twin Cities German Immersion School

Oct 2009 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
TCGIS Clothing Sale		3:30pm - After School Activities 6:30pm - Board meeting @	3:30pm - After School Activities 2:30pm - Early Release	3:30pm - After School	3:30pm - After School	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	6:30pm - PTO meeting	Visit from Students of the Berufskolleg Neuss / Germany 3:30pm - After School Activities	2:30pm - Early Release	3:30pm - After School 6:30pm - Facilities Committee	3:30pm - After School	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Columbus Day	3:30pm - After School Activities 6:30pm - Finance Committee	No School - Teacher 2:30pm - Early Release	No school; State Teacher's Convention		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
		3:30pm - After School Activities	2:30pm - Early Release	3:30pm - After School	8am - Kaffeeklatsch 3:30pm - After School 6pm - Auflauf Cook-Off PTO	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
		3:30pm - After School Activities 6:30pm - Board meeting @	3:30pm - After School Activities 2:30pm - Early Release	3:30pm - After School	Halloween / Fall Festival 3:30pm - After School	

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1	2 6:30pm - PTO meeting	3	4 2:30pm - Early Release	5	6	7
8 4pm - Martinstag Celebration	9	10 6:30pm - Finance Committee	11 2:30pm - Early Release	12 6:30pm - Facilities Committee	13	14
15	16	17 2:30pm - Early Release	18	19	20	21 Bake Sale PTO
22 12pm - GAI Holiday Open	23	24 End of 1st Trimester 6:30pm - Board meeting @	25 No School - Thanksgiving holiday 2:30pm - Early Release	26	27	28
29	30 No School - teacher grading	1	2 2:30pm - Early Release	3	4	5