



**October 7, 2009**

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

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

- **No School October 14 – 16**  
For childcare arrangements, please contact Kinderclub at 612-227-4412.
- **Heating Season**  
The heating season has started and our landlord is adjusting the settings on the furnace, therefore some rooms might still be a little cold this week. We advise you to have your child bring a sweater to make sure he will be warm.
- **Late Pickups**  
TCGIS encourages you to sign up their child for Kinderclub in case you will pick up late. Kinderclub is available on a fee basis for after school care. For a one time registration fee and an hourly charge, they will take care of your children. Please contact Kinderclub directly to make arrangements at 612-227-4412.

Please remember that we have **Early Release Wednesdays** for the purpose of collaborative curriculum planning. If children are not picked up before or at 2:30 pm they will stay with their teacher who will then not be able to participate.

If children are not registered with Kinderclub or if Kinderclub has reached their capacity, a TCGIS staff member will supervise your child. For this service, there will be a \$50 fee payable directly to that staff member at the time of pick up for the inconvenience they encounter. TCGIS strongly encourages parents who want some flexibility and peace of mind, to register with Kinderclub and to call them directly when running late.

## Start time

Students should arrive at the school building **before 8:10**. Formal class instruction begins at 8:15. Doorways to the second floor are locked at 8:15 AM. After that time if students need access they need to be escorted to their classroom by a staff person. If someone is not immediately available, your student may miss instruction time. Participation in the morning circle is very important for both the group and the individual. Our goals can not be properly met with students straggling in. Please adjust your morning routines so that your student can be in his or her classroom ready to learn by 8:10.

## Halloween

is a big event for children in the United States. At Twin Cities German Immersion School our approach will be to channel this energy and enthusiasm into constructive engagement during class time. Halloween themes and symbols may be incorporated into the academic curriculum. Children and adults are invited to wear costumes to school on October 30th. All costumes must be: culturally sensitive and not reinforce stereotypes about people from any ethnic group, non-violent in nature, no props or masks may be included. Celebrations will be low-key and time limited. There will be a non-competitive costume parade for the entire school at 2:50 outside, weather permitting. .

## Special Thanks to our Amity Host Families

Now that everybody is settling back into the routine of school again, we expect that most of you have had the opportunity to meet at least one of the **twelve** Amity Interns that are helping out in our childrens' class rooms this fall. You may have noticed that with our growing school size, we also have an unprecedented number of Interns this semester! That means we have recruited quite a number of Host Families already this year, and we need **YOU** to start considering whether your family might be able to host one of our interns arriving in late January. As a community, we owe a lot to the following Host Families:

The Amel/Davies Family hosting Jessica Stenzel (Sport & 5), The Kile Family who is hosting Anne-Christin Becker (3B), The Blackwell-Kinneys with Marina Raba (2B), The Coleman Family with Tina Pfitzenmeier (KB), The Dahlbergs who are hosting Anna-Marleen Pessara (4), The Thomas Family with Xenia Kramer (Sport & 5), The Watson/Sinnings with Anna Wissmann (Kunst & Musik), The Hauer Family with Melanie Friedrich (2A), The Fosters who are hosting Stefanie Szendara (1A), the Michel Family with Stefanie Leis (1B), the Athow/Brown Family hosting Christine Jankowski (3A), and finally, The Schoonover Family with Ariane Racz (KA.)

### Thank you, THANK YOU!!

If you would like to host an intern, please print out an application from the TCGIS website, or ask for one at the school office. We need ONE more host family for the end of October through the first week of February, and SIX host families for the last week of January through mid-June.

## **September 29<sup>th</sup> 2009 Board Meeting Summary**

Knowing that it is difficult for most people to make Board meetings, this year we will be providing brief unofficial summaries of what was discussed at each of the monthly meetings. The full minutes from each meeting will continue to be posted on the school website after they are approved at the following meeting. Here are the main issues that came up at the September board meeting last week.

### **Third language**

The Board will be deciding this fall which language to offer as the third language in our curriculum. In an effort to gather information for the decision making process a parent survey will be sent out soon.

### **New Policies**

The Board approved two new policies. The first indicates that volunteers at our school will now be required to sign a "volunteer code of conduct". The second states that although daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance is not required, students will be given the opportunity to learn the pledge and other patriotic exercises related to the country's history, as well as flag etiquette when they have been begun English.

### **Strategic Plan**

The Board is applying for the opportunity to work with an organization that offers free consulting to non-profits to help guide the school through its strategic planning process.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kimberly Kompel, the Parent Liaison for the Board at [kimberlykompel@gmail.com](mailto:kimberlykompel@gmail.com) or 651-414-0304.

## **Twin Cities German Immersion School**

Postings: 2009 – 2010 School Year

Location: St. Paul, MN

FTE: Multiple Positions varying from 1 to 1.5 hours

Positions: **Lunch and/or Recess Assistants**

Salary: **\$9.50 an hour**

Posting Date: **August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009**

Closing Date: **August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

### ***Position Description:***

The Twin Cities German Immersion School is accepting applications for lunch and recess assistants to work hourly each day over the lunch hour. As an immersion school, instructional content is delivered in German. If possible we would prefer to have lunch and recess supervised in German so candidates with oral fluency in German will be given preference. Additional information about the school can be found at [www.germanschool-mn.org](http://www.germanschool-mn.org).

We're looking for workers who can be punctual, consistent in the enforcement of rules who enjoy working with children individually and in groups who are open to being trained in techniques of conflict resolution. Qualifications: Meets Minnesota Department of Education criteria\*; fluent in German; and experience in an educational setting. The qualified candidate will have a flexible approach, able to follow the directions of the classroom teacher and special education teacher.

To apply submit a letter of introduction to [jobs@germanschool-mn.org](mailto:jobs@germanschool-mn.org); Twin Cities German Immersion School 1745 University Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55104 651-492-7106.

This is a general advertisement for the 2009-2010 school year. You will be contacted if selected for an interview.

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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Nov 2009 (Central Time)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 6:30pm - PTO meeting	3	4 2:30pm - Early Release	5	6	7
8	9 6:30pm - Finance Committee	10	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	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 Winter Concert	4	5