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Summer 2009 Newsletter

Zauberwelt summer school news: The GSSOP summer sessions were truly magical as well as successful for both students and staff alike. Camp Director, Mary-Catherine McElroy-Fuchs and her team did a great job providing immersion opportunities learning German for several weeks at both day and residential camps. Visit GSSOP.com for more information or contact Mary-Catherine directly on the GSSOP camp line at 971.275.0823.

Fall Registration: We hope you are enjoying the last days of our summer months! The Saturday School Staff has begun working and preparing for fall classes which begin **September 19, 2009** and are held at the German House each Saturday from 10:00am 12:30. Children's choir meets from 9:30-10:00 before school each Saturday. In addition to **Saturday classes**, we are once again offering adult/high school classes **Thursday** evenings from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Current **registration, financial assistant forms, and calendar** can be downloaded directly from our website at www.gssop.com. Please feel free to contact the Saturday School office at 971.275.0848 or gssop@qwestoffice.net should you have additional questions.

Library news: Thank you to the many families who have donated quality books to our children's library. These books are being processed and volunteers are appreciated to help shelve them in time for our students and families to enjoy on the first day of school.

Teaching and classroom materials: As most of you know, the GSSOP receives generous annual financial support for our teachers from the German Government each year. This summer, we have additionally received over \$2500 of new teaching materials for our staff and classrooms and we would like to extend our thanks to German language consultant for the Pacific Northwest, Elke Rühl, for facilitating this for us.

GSSOP School Committee: Thank you to Chris Musser who has agreed to serve as our new volunteer coordinator on the school committee. If your family opted to volunteer this year for slightly reduced tuition, you should be hearing from Chris shortly to learn more about volunteer opportunities at the GSSOP. The School Committee is also currently working on a new structure for the direction and administration of the Saturday School and we need to thank Chair Bernd Ferner and the Committee for all of their efforts working on behalf of the school.

We are looking forward to a wonderful 46nd year learning German together!

Your,
Saturday School Staff