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March 2010 Newsletter

A teacher commented to me this week that her class had come so far this year, much farther than she would have anticipated last fall. Like parenting, we at the school are constantly adjusting our plans, adapting to new developments, critically considering what we've been doing, and trying new things. And like parents, sometimes we sit back and say, "Wow, these kids have really grown!" Parenting, schooling, and language learning: we can never rest, never say, "We're done," but we can celebrate what we've accomplished—and look ahead.

FIRE DRILL: We held a fire drill at the GSSoP last Saturday. Here are some things you should know:

1. The school gathering spot is to the west of the building, on the property line near Kaiser Permanente in case of a drill, and on the other side of the property line in case of a real fire.
2. Staff have your phone number in case of a real emergency. Please keep your number current.
3. If you are in the building during a drill, exit to the same area as the children, but let them stay with their class. This helps us keep track of our students.
4. WE CANNOT RELEASE YOUR CHILDREN TO YOU DURING A DRILL OR A FIRE UNTIL THE ALL-CLEAR IS GIVEN.
5. Drills are a chance for us to learn. We take the safety of your family seriously.

THANK YOU, FASCHING VOLUNTEERS! Whether you cooked, decorated, helped with the booths, or filled in some other way, we couldn't have done it without you!

OLD CRAYONS: Bring in unwanted or broken crayons Frau McConville: her class is doing a special project. Thanks.

MARCH 13: PARENT MEETING: 11:00 in the Hall. Topics: Parent survey, volunteer opportunities, pancake breakfast (April 3 fundraiser for camp, and general good time), summer camp plans. Please come.

MARCH 20: SNOW DAY MAKE-UP: As mentioned last month, this is the scheduled make-up day for our December closure, during regular school times. If your family made plans for this day before it was announced and you won't be able to attend school on the 20th, please let us know in the office asap, so we can plan our day.

MARCH 20 is also test day for students taking the German government's DSD I and DSD II tests. (A2 tests will be in April.)

Families whose students are taking these tests will receive a separate letter with the testing schedule: these students will start early, so that everyone is finished by 12:30.

MARCH 27: NO SATURDAY SCHOOL! Don't worry, we'll be back soon!

APRIL 3: Pancake Breakfast, auction & egg hunt. Breakfast available for students before school starts, as well as during school for parents & friends. Watch for details.

LOOKING AHEAD: SUMMER CAMP. A chance for all students, including new ones, to experience the magic of German!

Zaubertag day camp. Three weeks of fairy tales & castles (Maerchen und Mittelalter) for 5-10 year olds, here at the Haus.

Dates: June 21-24, June 28-July 1, and July 5-8.

Zauberwald overnight camp. One week in the woods at Menucha near Corbett for 8-15 year olds. Theme: Ancient forest (Urwald). Dates:

July 11-16. More details available at the school office, or by calling 971-275-0823.

Your Saturday School Staff