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October 2009 Newsletter

It's our 46th year learning German together! The start of the school year is always a busy time. Here are a few things you'll want to note:

Children's choir / Gesang: Starts October 3. Singing is more than fun, it helps us remember! Sing with Frau Olson & Herr Grialou from 9:30-10:00 before school the first Saturday of every month. If enough students are interested—and we have volunteers—we will meet more often. The whole school will also meet throughout the year to take advantage everything music has to offer.

The Library will be open every week starting October 3. Come meet our librarian, Frau Jones! This year, families can borrow materials their students might use at home. Family library time will be 10:00-10:20 and 12:05-12:25. The rest of the time the library will be open to classes.

Celebrate Frau Schlesinger, Parent coffee in honor of our outgoing director, 10:00 October 17. Gather in the Halle to recognize the hard work and dedication she has put into the school.

Afternoon class, October 17. For students ages 6-18 only. Bring your own lunch: after a regular 10:00-12:30 session, we'll share some time together with the theme "*Was macht dir Spaß?*" Students will break into groups to participate in hands-on activities, including "traffic school," music, board games cooking, etc. If your Boy Scout would like to work toward a translator ribbon, we hope to have a station for that, which will be open to others, as well.

Laternenfest, November 7: Class starts late this day, from 3-5:30, followed by a simple meal & lantern parade until 7:00. More information to come.

Current calendar information can be downloaded from our website.

Volunteer Corner: Chris Musser (mcmusser@gmail.com)

We are very excited about all the possibilities opening up because of this program. It is new to us, though, so please be patient. If your family is volunteering this year for reduced tuition, you will be receiving a reminder soon that this is a financial commitment.

German speakers needed for the "*Was macht dir Spaß?*" afternoon program on October 17th. Help lead a fun activity or guide a group. Volunteer by October 10.

German speakers needed to support hands-on learning in various classrooms throughout the year. Volunteer any time.

Musical volunteers: Help expand the music program. Volunteer by October 31.

Organized, crafty people: Create the *Sprachmeister* awards for students who consistently use German in the classroom. First awards will be handed out at the beginning of November. Volunteer by October 24.

Party people, crafters, cooks and others needed for *Laternenfest*, November 7. Volunteer by October 24.

Please help us with volunteer assignments: If you haven't already, please complete the Parent Volunteer Survey here: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=TPdIObukiC3b7w_2bXz44wJw_3d_3d.

Your Saturday School Staff