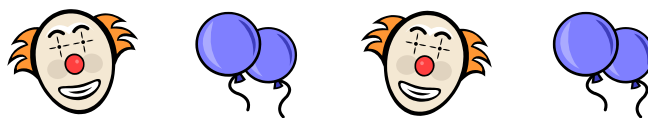


# Komm – mach mit Tacoma German Language School



## February 2010 Newsletter

### **SPRING TERM**

Spring term began on January 23, 2010. We would like to take the opportunity to welcome all new and returning students at the Tacoma German Language School! We especially would like to thank all students who have shared their experience with our school with their family and friends.

### **DROP OFF AND PICK UP**

For the safety of all enrolled children, we ask all parents to **meet their children inside the building – in their classrooms**. All teachers will have sign in/ sign out lists in the classrooms. Please sign in your child when you arrive in the morning and sign out before you leave with your child in the afternoon. Thank you for your understanding. In the case of an emergency please call the following number: 360-280-3999. This number is only for emergencies on Saturday mornings.

### **IN THE EVENT OF SEVERE WEATHER CONDITIONS**

In the event of severe weather conditions, including snow and ice, please call the school's voicemail number (253-383-3210) on Saturday mornings. If school is cancelled because of severe weather conditions, the answering machine will be updated. If you hear the regular recording, school will take place as scheduled.

### **NO CLASSES FEBRUARY 13**

Please remember that TGLS will not meet on February 13 because of the holiday weekend (President's Day). Classes resume on February 20 at 9.30 am (with our Faschingsparty starting 11.30 am).

### **FASCHINGSPARTY**

On February 20 there will be children's in class Faschingsparty, just for the children enrolled in school from 10.30 am – 11.30 am. Your child is invited to BRING her or his costume to put on at about 10:30 am. Please do not have the children wear their costumes before 10.30 am, as this is so exciting that little learning would take place in the time before the party! Thank you.

Our **Open house Faschingsparty** will also take place on Feb. 20 at **11.30 am – 1.00 pm** in the Lutheran Community Center (the large room on the left side in the Entrance area of the church). **Please pick up your child at 11.30 am on Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>** and join us to celebrate Fasching with fun games, traditional "Faschings-food", music and a presentation about the tradition of celebrating carnival in Germany. Everybody is welcome, so please bring your friends and family along and wear a costume if you like.

## **LIBRARY**

The school has a small collection of German books you can use to practice your German at home. Please check out the library. Some of the books in the library will soon be exchanged with books that feature stories about spring/summer and Easter. If you wish to check out a book with your child, please talk to your teacher. She will help you AFTER school. Adult students also need to ask their teacher for help when checking out books during the break or after school. The teacher will list the title of the book, your name and the check out date. Please return the book to your teacher within two weeks. In consideration of others, we ask that you limit borrowing to ONE item.

Enjoy the books!

## **CHILDREN'S SPRING 2010 CURRICULUM**

The children will talk about "Spass in unserer Wohnsiedlung – *Fun in our community*" this term. The students will talk about going to the Grocery store, visiting the zoo and going to the movies. They will also enjoy a German "Fohmarkt (Community Garage sale) and learn how to pay with "Euro". All children classes will watch a 20 minute long movie together called *Benjamin Blümchen im Streichelzoo*. They will need to buy their movie ticket and popcorn before watching the movie. At the end of the term all children will enjoy a pick nick together – hopefully outside. If you have not received a curriculum handout or the school's calendar, please ask your teacher or the principal.

## **SUMMER DAY CAMP FOR CHILDREN**

Please mark your calendars! Our summer day camp for children ages 5-12 will take place: August 9 – August 14. The camp runs Monday through Friday from 9am to 2pm and Saturday from 9am through noon. Brochures will be available February 20. With all children classes full this spring term, there is a high possibility that summer camp will be booked out early. So don't forget to register on time! Please call or ask the teacher or principal if you would like to receive a brochure after February 20. Time and Dates for Summer Evening classes for adult students will be announced soon.

*Mit freundlichen Grüßen!*

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