

November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Dear Families and Friends of Twin Cities German Immersion School,

### It's time for our Annual Appeal!

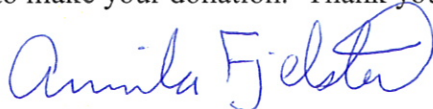
The growth and successes of the Twin Cities German Immersion School (TCGIS) can be seen all around us. We now serve almost 200 students in grades K-5. An Extended Kindergarten program now provides full day exposure to German for our youngest students. Strong MCA scores for our 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders document objectively our academic rigor. Assessments of our students' oral proficiency in German show excellent second language skills. We have strengthened our science curriculum, enriched our excellent curriculum with materials acquired through grant funding. Rather than resting on our laurels, we are moving forward with exciting new initiatives as we work towards our goal of a full K-8 program. Spanish will be added as a third language next year, and we are acquiring technology and training to give students the tools to connect globally.

These new accomplishments build upon our historic strengths and traditions, including small classes double staffed with native German speaking Amity interns, Responsive Classroom strategies to teach the social curriculum that forms the foundation for success in a strong academic curriculum, and an outstanding library collection featuring original children's literature in German. A strong sense of community exists for parents as well as children. An amazing 79% of parents volunteer in some capacity at the school.

For the past three years our school has benefitted from a generous grant from the Foreign Language Assistance Project that has helped finance our art, gym, music teachers, support in curriculum development and our highly successful Amity Aide program. Your financial donations will allow our students continued access to these programs so crucial to the integrity of our program. Please consider a tax deductible donation to support the children of TCGIS.

- \$75 will pay for one Amity intern for two weeks.
- \$150 will pay for one Amity intern for one month.
- \$800 will pay for one Amity intern for one half year.

Gifts made online on **Tuesday, Nov 17** are eligible for up to a 50% match, as part of "Give to the Max Day" in Minnesota. To make sure your donation is matched, please visit our website, [www.germanschool-mn.org](http://www.germanschool-mn.org), on Nov 17 and click on the "Donate" button. You will be directed to the GiveMN.org site, where you can use your credit card to make your donation. Thank you for your generous support of our students.



Annika Fjelstad, Director



Andrew Oxenham, Board Chair