



Host an Amity Intern

August 2010
12 Interns /
6 Homes still needed

May 26, 2010

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Elternbrief deadline for articles and announcements is Monday morning 9 AM.

- **The 2010 TCGIS Board Election Results are in!**
We are pleased to announce that Lisa Friedman, Anita Ratwik, and Eric Hauth-Schmid have each been elected to the TCGIS Board. The newly elected board members will be seated at the June 22 board meeting. Join us in congratulating the new board members when you see them.

We would like to thank all the candidates who were willing to run for election. All of them are highly qualified individuals and our school is very lucky that we had such a great slate of candidates to choose from.

We also want to thank the many parents and staff members who took the time to vote. Our voter turnout was very high and your participation in the election is yet another indication of the high level of involvement by our school community.

Thank you, Kimberly Kompel (Board Secretary) and The Governance Committee
- **After School Activities Survey**
We would like some feedback to help improve next year's offerings of after school activities. Please take a minute to fill out a six-question survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BVMYFTG>

Thank you, Scot Stephenson
- **Thanks to everyone who donated to the Used Children's Book Sale**
We were able to raise over \$300 for the library. Special thanks to those who help organize and set-up this event: Melanie Van Slyke, Janet Lenius, Kimberly Feilmeyer, Kim Kompel, Angela Thomas, Kelly Huxmann, Liane Gale, Sylvia Oxenham, Silke Moeller, Michelle Scheire, Barbara Holmes, Sue Westacott and Heidi Zimmermann.
- **REMINDER: School Photos**
Group pictures are available to order until **May 31st** at www.monteswann.smugmug.com
Password: Kinder. Any questions, please contact monte@monteswann.com.

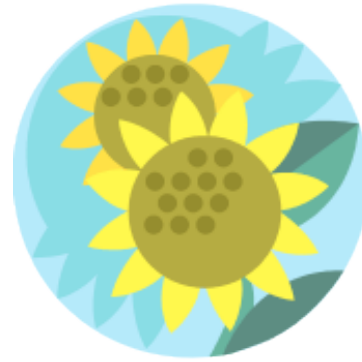
Note from the Library Committee

This is the last week (May 24-28) of student visits to the Library for checking out books. We hope your child has benefitted from using these materials over the school year. Now we encourage everyone to take a quick look at home for library books and to return any and all next week. The returned books can be put on the cart outside the Library door or returned to the classroom teacher.

Thank you for your generous support at last week's used book sale! The Library Volunteers have enjoyed assisting your children in the Library and hope every one has a good summer vacation!

LOOKING FOR HOST FAMILIES!

Our school thrives because of the strong family involvement and support that we have. Once again we are in need of that support. We have 12 interns coming in the fall and only 6 families that have signed up to host them. The intern program is a vital part of the education of our children. Having interns allows our school to maintain an excellent student to teacher ratio. If you are willing to host or would just like to find out more about this opportunity please email Darcy Rindelaub at darcydeboer@hotmail.com.



TCGIS Garden Summer Watering

Please consider signing up for a week this summer to water the children's gardens out in front of the school.

The gardens will then be ready for the children to harvest in the fall. A hose is readily available. You can come by anytime 2-3 times during your week to water. The sign-up sheet will be at the front desk. Thank you.

Nancy Mulholland - Garten Frau

Last chance for Velazquez Coffee

Friday, May 28 and Friday, June 4 will be our last two coffee stands of the school year. Don't forget to get your bag of coffee for the summer break.

In the future, we will no longer be selling Velasquez coffee. We will be selling cups of coffee using the staff's Caribou coffee. The proceeds will go to the Staff and Hospitality Coffee Fund.

Thanks to everyone for your support this past school year.

Deutsche Tage 2010

Weekend Overview

Deutsche Tage is the Twin Cities' annual celebration of Germanic culture and heritage for over 50 years. The two-day event takes place June 12th & 13th, on the beautiful grounds of the Germanic-American Institute, located on historic Summit Avenue in St. Paul, MN. Over 1500 people attend throughout the weekend to enjoy

- Live traditional and modern German music
- A GAI Open Haus
- Vendors promoting German products and businesses
- Authentic German food, wine, and beer
- Information tables with representatives from German arts and cultural organizations
- Fun outside activities for all ages

The Deutsche Tage tradition fosters a strong sense of community and pride in our Germanic heritage. This event is executed nearly 100% by volunteers. All proceeds from the event support the GAI's education and cultural mission.



Lederhosenlauf 5K Run & Fitness Walk

Saturday morning, the GAI partners with Charities Challenge to "*promote Intercultural understanding through Sport ... und Bier!*"

The *Lederhosenlauf* 5K Run and Mile Health Walk is a USATF-certified course that begins at the GAI. Outdoor post-run celebration at the GAI for all *Lederhosenlauf* participants and volunteers includes a Bavarian-style breakfast, beer, music, and awards for fastest time in Youth, Open, & Master divisions.

Sommerparty

Oktoberfest in June! Saturday evening from 5-10pm, this outside celebration includes live German party music and dancing, authentic German food, audience participation games, and more. After 10PM, the after-hours party moves indoors to the Ratskeller and features DJ Ben spinning a variety of Euro pop music.

Deutscher Tag

Sunday from 11am to 5pm, a traditional full-day celebration includes German bands, food and retail vendors, German cars on display, kids' activities, GAI Open Haus, performances by the Männerchor and Volksfest singers, and more!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	May Lunch Menu due Parents United - Parent 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	MCA 3rd/4th/5th Math 6:30pm - Board meeting @	2:30pm - Early Release	Festival of Nations		
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Festival of Nations	3:45pm - Staff Meeting 4:30pm - MAIN 6pm - Board Governance 6:30pm - PTO meeting	Teacher Appreciation Day	Strudel and Scrip Orders due 2:30pm - Early Release	Clothing Sale Orders Deadline School Group Photos		Cancelled: PTO - Tanz in den
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	3:30pm - Good-bye gathering	MCA Science 6:30pm - Finance Committee	2:30pm - Early Release	3A Fr. Halvorson - Field Trip 6:30pm - Facilities Committee	Special Kaffeeklatsch - Meet	Education in a Global
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Plant Order Due 3:45pm - Staff Meeting	Kindergarten Field Trip -	2:30pm - Early Release	2nd Grade Field Trip Board Elections / Used Book 7:30pm - Board Governance	Picnic Forms and Payment	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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