

Newsletter January 2010

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Dear Parents,

we wish you a Happy New Year and would like to thank all those who helped make the Christmas concert a memorable experience. Thanks also to Rio Terrace School for the use of their sound equipment.

The holidays are past and we are getting back to the normal routine. We are making good progress in preparing for exams and we already have the dates for the first report cards and parent-teacher meetings. Please sign up using the list posted on the classroom door.

On 16. January from 2 pm to 3 pm there will be another "Märchenstunde" at the German Club, 8310 Roper Road, and you are invited to attend. At the same location on 30. January there will be a children's German movie with popcorn. The library at the German Club has lots of German Books and DVDs for all levels. It is well worth a look.

For our adult students classes resume on 2. February, taking last fall's classes to the next level. There will also be a course for beginners if demand warrants.

Important Dates

23.01 2010	Midterm Exams – Credit Classes
02.02.2010	Adult classes begin, 18.30 – 21.00 Uhr, GCCA, 8310 Roper Road
06.02.2010	Report Cards for the first half of the school year
13.02.2010	NO SCHOOL
20.02.2010	Parent-Teacher meetings from 12 noon to 1 pm.

A Note from the Board about Fees

At the AGM on November 7, approval was given by the membership to increase fees for the current year by up to \$200 per child in order to reduce this year's projected deficit. At the meeting we learned that support from the German Government is not going to be reduced as much as was expected, so the board has concluded that a sufficient reduction of the projected deficit for this year can be achieved by having a supplementary registration fee of \$100 for the first child in a family, plus \$50 for the second child. There is no supplementary fee in respect of additional siblings. This applies to all classes except pre-kindergarten, which is accounted for separately and for which a separate supplementary fee has already been collected. Note that we receive no grants in respect of the pre-kindergarten class, so we need it to be reasonably self-sustaining.

In summary, the total amount of the supplementary fee per family is as follows:

One child in any grade other than pre-Kindergarten	\$100
Two or more children in any grade other than pre-Kindergarten	\$150

The fee can be paid by dropping off a cheque at the office or handing it to Judith in the next couple of weeks. If you have difficulty paying the fee at this time, please feel free to post-date your cheque to February 28, 2010.

Please accept our apologies for having to ask for this additional fee now rather than at the start of the school year. The board wishes you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

John Graham
Chairman, German Language School Society of Edmonton

The above note was included in the previous newsletter, and is included here just as a reminder. Sincere thanks to those parents who have already paid, and especially to those who paid a higher amount than requested. Your generosity is much appreciated!

Elternbrief Januar 2010

Liebe Eltern,

wir wünschen Ihnen ein frohes neues Jahr und bedanken uns bei allen die uns geholfen haben, das Weihnachtskonzert zu einem unvergesslichen Ereignis zu machen. Vielen dank auch an die Rio Terrace Schule, die uns ihr Equipment zur Verfügung gestellt hat.

Die Ferien sind zu Ende und der Alltag hat uns wieder. Wir gehen mit großen Schritten auf die Examensarbeiten zu und der Termin für die ersten Zeugnisse steht auch fest.

Auch dieses Jahr findet wieder ein Elternsprechttag statt. Bitte tragen sie sich dafür in die Liste, die an der Tür des Klassenzimmers hängen wird, ein.

Am 16.01 findet im deutschen Club (8310 Roper Road) wieder eine Märchenstunde, zu der sie herzlich eingeladen sind, statt. Ebenso gibt es wieder einen Kinderfilm mit Popcorn am 30.01. Die Bücherei bietet ebenso viele deutsche Bücher, sowie DVD`s zum ausleihen an. Schauen sie doch einfach mal vorbei, es lohnt sich.

Für unsere Erwachsenen heißt es am 02.02 wieder aufgepasst. Wir bieten die nächsten Folgekurse an. Besteht eine größere Nachfrage für einen Anfängerkurs, bieten wir diesen natürlich auch gerne an.

Hier nun unsere wichtigen Termine auf einen Blick

23.01 2010	Midterm Exams – Credit Classes
02.02.2010	Erwachsenenkurs, 18.30 – 21.00 Uhr, GCCA, 8310 Roper Road
06.02.2010	Zeugnisse, erstes Halbjahr
13.02.2010	SCHULFREI
20.02.2010	Elternsprechttag von 12.00 – 13.00 Uhr