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From our Director, Mr. Fred Runkel:

As the first semester of our school year draws to a close, the teachers are now writing first semester assessment reports. The purpose of the reports is to communicate to the parents on specific areas of growth for each child in each subject, as well as to enable children and parents to set their own goals such as addressing areas of weakness, for the coming semester.

Our reporting system is computerized. All reports will be completed this week, and proofed, printed and collated next week. The report cards will be distributed to the students on Friday, 29th January, with the exception of families who have outstanding accounts.

Our reporting format is in line with current educational research findings which stress that students should view their progress in a positive light, and then along with their parents, set goals for the upcoming semester. We welcome parents' comments regarding our reporting system.

On another item, the FIS Calendar for school year 2010-2011 can be found as an attachment to this newsletter. It will also be found on the FIS webpage.

Fasching Break

There will be no classes at the FIS on Monday 15th February and Tuesday 16th February for the Fasching long weekend. Please note that the dates for Fasching in our FIS Student Planners are not the correct ones. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

2010 FIS School Production

The details of the **FIS School Production 2010** will be announced in the next few weeks when the choice of play is confirmed. The play will only be open to Middle and High School students. Auditions & rehearsals will take place from mid-February until May/June. Play rehearsals will take place on **Mondays** from **15.45-17.15**. The performance will take place in May or June (date to be decided). If you are interested in auditioning for this year's school play, please sign the form attached and return it to Ms Panagakis by **Friday 29th January**.

Farewell

We say goodbye this week to Airin Tanaka from Grade 7, who will be returning home to Japan. All the best for your future studies, Airin.

Information Evening 11th February – Calling all Grade 10s

We will be holding an Information Evening at 7:30 on 11th February in the Aula to explain the programmes families can expect in Grades 11 and 12. While not compulsory, it is highly recommended that all Grade 10 parents and students attend.

Congratulations!

We are pleased to announce that Adrian Haug has been offered the position of Head of the FIS Physical Education Department. Congratulations to Adrian, who will continue to lead and inspire as he has since assuming the position on an acting basis since the beginning of the school year.

Yummy @ FIS

Attached for your information is the menu for our hot lunch programme for February. Please inform lunch@the-fis.de by 15th of the month if you would like to join the lunch programme for Second Semester.

As part of our programme of continuous improvement at the FIS, in addition to the salads and bagels available in addition to hot lunch in the cafeteria, as of Monday we will be offering **bread rolls with cheese or salami for €1** and freshly squeezed juices for 80 Cent. So even if it's looking grey outside, you can indulge yourselves with the flavour of the south seas or give yourself an energy boost with Indulgence in C – Mango, Orange, Lemon, South Sea Gold – pineapple, mango, passionfruit, coconut milk, and other delicious juices. Vouchers will be for sale at Reception as usual. *Khane ka swad lijiye!*

Don't forget - The French Lunches will be on in February

The French mums are very pleased to inform everyone who is interested in speaking or improving their French language skills that the next "French Lunch" is scheduled on Friday the 5th of February!

It will take place in Esscafe, Konrad-Zuse Strasse 18 (very near the school) at 12:00.

We kindly ask interested people to contact Christine Manzon (0151 58 87 04 52 or manzon.christine@hotmail.com) before 3rd of February to book a table. We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Valentine's Day Roses – Fundraising @ FIS



Don't forget – **Friday 29th January** is the last opportunity you have to order roses for Valentine's Day. The FIS roses will be distributed on 12th February the Friday beforehand. You can order roses as a sign of friendship and love to be sent to anybody in the school body, meaning teachers and students. Please complete the order form at the bottom of this newsletter. The roses cost only **2 €**, of which at least 1€ will go towards the fundraising project for our Grade 11 class for our end of the year trip to an orphanage most likely in Romania or Macedonia. Please give your **money and the order form in an envelope** with your **child's name** on it to their class or home-room teacher, who will hand it to us.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we are looking forward to some great results for this fundraiser!

Julia Griem and Caroline Dimaczek,

Grade 11 Students

Lost Property

Students have until **Friday 29th January** to retrieve lost property from the smart new Lost Property station opposite the door to the playground. Please don't let 'out of sight' be 'out of mind' and remind your child to be responsible for their belongings. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity.

PTO News

WANTED: Helping Hands & Heads

Newbies package	PTO Calendar
Fasching	Uniforms
FIS Flohmarkt	International Fair

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Newbies Package

Living in a different country can be an exciting but also a frightening experience. To give incoming families a positive launch in Germany, we would like to produce a Newbies package. This should include English-speaking doctors and shopping information, cultural advice, dos & don'ts, as well as things to see and do, information about the school, etc. Just some information to make getting around easier. There is a draft, but the information would need to be updated and completed. We are looking for a person who would like to take on the challenge. Interested? Please get in contact with pto@the-fis.de.

Fasching (11th February)

Fasching is crawling up on us and we could use some more help for the planning and execution of this event. KiGa/ES preps are pretty much set, but we could use some more input for MS and HS. Please, contact Lynn Schaber-Walton at lynnalec@aol.com if you are interested in helping on the day and/or have some more amazing ideas.

FIS Flohmarkt / Flea Market (8th May)

Soon it will be spring, and some will get that itch to throw out things they don't want anymore. BUT, maybe somebody else does: Someone's trash can be someone else's treasure! Get your bits and pieces together, to sell it at the FIS Flohmarkt. Should you also be interested in helping to plan this event, please contact rsmh08@yahoo.com.

PTO Calendar

Although it seems quite a long time until the next school year will start, we are planning it already! We formed a workgroup to work on the new calendar/family agenda for next year. If you like to get creative on paper and like to organize things, please feel welcome to join the **PTO Calendar Work Force** by sending an email to pto@the-fis.de.

Uniforms

If you are in the need of uniforms, please contact pto@the-fis.de and we can send you an order form or we arrange a date for a feel-and-touch appointment.

In general, we would need some more parents for planning events as well as helping out on the actual dates. So far there are always the 20 "usual suspects" who are very engaged in the school activities, assisting, planning and are unfortunately getting worn out. If just one parent (non-

working) from each family could volunteer for one event, we would have enough help to make it a very successful year 2010.

International Fair (24th April)

We are very proud to present the first FIS International Fair this year on 24th April 2010! On this fun-filled day, you will have the opportunity to proudly present and introduce your country and customs to the FIS community. You will also be able to sample specialties from various countries!

The FIS fosters open-mindedness, respect and sensitivity toward the feelings of others and provides an atmosphere respectful of diverse cultures and promotes responsible global citizenship. The identity of the individual cultures is much appreciated and important to our community as well.

As parents of FIS students, we have a special responsibility to promote the awareness of diverse cultures as well as our own. Therefore, we would like to call upon you to get together with other FIS parents that are from the same country (or region if there are not enough parents from your country) and form a "Country-Group" to represent your country at our International Spring Fair.

We are currently in the process of coordinating this event. For the organization it is important for you (country-group) to name one representative who we can communicate with directly.

This is a positive step toward creating an international community, and also introducing and having direct contact persons for each nation/region.

We need you (countries) to make this event a success!! We look forward to the filled out form below from your country representative by the 4th February. If you have any questions, please feel free to write an email to pto@the-fis.de.

We appreciate your support!

Your PTO Board

Wanted – English Tutor

My name is Lana and I am 9 years old. I am from Australia, where I used to go to school. Now I live in central Erlangen and I go to a German school. I would like to keep up with my English through private lessons twice a week. If you are interested to be my tutor, please call my mum on 0173 750 9718.

Music @ FIS – Drum Lessons now available

Introduction (presenting the components of a drum set), aptitude test (determining the level of the pupil), hearing test, basics (holding the sticks, position for right-handed and for left-handed pupils, chair position, adjusting the drums etc.), rhythm learning, many auditions of different drum styles, presentations of videos of famous drummers. For info, contact: Andrei Marza andreijen@yahoo.com.

FIS School Newsletter The FIS newsletter is published on a weekly basis and is emailed home each **Friday**. Contributions to the newsletter should be emailed to the school at info@the-fis.de by **Wednesday**. The newsletter contains items of information relating to school operations, PTO News, for-sale items placed by members of our community, and much more. The editor reserves the right to... edit... This newsletter and other important school information can also be found on the school's web page. Newsletters are usually placed on the web site www.the-fis.de a day or two after publication and will remain there until the end of the school year.



Next Week @ FIS

Monday	25 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Volley-ball girls practice ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CP-CE ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM2
Tuesday	26 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Girl scouts regular meeting
Wednesday	27 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basket-ball girls practice ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Senior Boys Basket-Ball practice ➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Decouverte 1 ➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Decouverte 2 ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM1 ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, College
Thursday	28 th Jan	<p>IB German Oral Exams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 08:45 – 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Basket-ball girls practice
Friday	29 th Jan	<p>School Reports Distributed Rose Orders Due 2010 School Production Expression of Interest Due IB German Oral Exams</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 14:15 – 15:30 Cub scouts meeting

Coming up: 11th Feb –Fasching @FIS; G10 Information Evening;

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FIS Valentine's Day Rose ORDER FORM – Print more pages if you need to! Due 29/01/2010

To: _____

From: _____

Valentine's Day Greetings: *choose and circle one if you would like it with your rose*

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- Thank You for being a Great Friend!
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