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Best Wishes for 2012 to all Members of our FIS Community!

We trust that all FIS families enjoyed their holiday celebrations, and in many cases as we have heard around the school this week, the children were happy to be back in school, engaged in their daily routines.

From our ES Principal, Glenn Lawler - Kindergarten and Elementary School News

New teacher in Grade 3

We would like to give a warm welcome to the newest member of the FIS teaching team, Ms Samantha Ness. Samantha hails from New Zealand, and has taken over the Grade 3L class from Beth Lindblad who has started her maternity leave. We wish Ms Ness a successful start to teaching at the FIS and also to life in Erlangen. We also wish Mrs and Mr Lindblad all the best for the birth of the soon-to-be new addition to the Lindblad household. Special thanks to Mr Ersan Temiz who has been doing a great job of teaching the Grade 3L students during the month of December.

Farewell Melanie Newton

Another change in personnel this month is in the administration team. We say a sad farewell to Mrs Melanie Newton who has been the personal assistant to the principals. A warm welcome to Melanie's replacement, Katja Rausch.

Elementary Report Card Coffee Morning

Coinciding with the first semester report cards, we will hold a coffee morning for Kiga and Elementary parents to talk about the IPC report cards. Darryn Thomas, our IPC coordinator, will talk about learning goals, skills and brain research, and how the grades in our report card connect to skills and the IPC learning goals. All interested parents are welcome to attend. This coffee morning will be held in the conference room next Thursday 19th January from 10:00 till 11:30 am.

Kiga & ES Assembly

The next Kindergarten and ES assembly will now be held on Friday February 3rd. Parents are most welcome to attend. The assembly will be in the Aula at 9:00 am. Report cards will also be distributed on that day.

Grade 4C says “thanks”

Grade 4 students in Ms Clements class would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Asquith for donating to the class a collection of brand new games and creative play items to use in class.

ES morning snack + recess

We are presently conducting a test phase in the Elementary School of having morning snack and break outside instead of in the cafeteria. The reason for the change is to give the students more time for exercise and more fresh air. Results of the short student survey which we conducted at the end of December were overwhelmingly in favour of having morning snack and break outside. We will continue with having recess outside next week, and then review.

Report Card Preparation Days – January 19th and 20th

End of next week the teachers will prepare the Report Cards which will be distributed to the children on 3 February. Please remember: due to this there will be an early dismissal (11:50 am) on Thursday, January 19th and no classes on January 20th.

Please don't forget to inform bus@the-fis.de if your child will not be on the bus as usual on the 19th !

Welcome to the FIS

With the new year comes the chance to extend a welcome to students and their families who have just joined the FIS: Joshi Aksh (K3R), Tian Yi Guo (6P) and Danya Steger (8G).

We wish you all a good start!

Lunch @ FIS

A reminder that lunch accounts are now due, and that **payment is by bank transfer only**, and that Semester 1 **reports will not be issued** on the 3rd of February until these accounts are paid.

Please remember that you need to **tell lunch@the-fis.de** if you **no longer** wish to have hot lunch by **15th January!** Thank you.

From the Middle School Counselor Dominique Poli

Lunch Bunches: ‘Let’s Talk about ... You’:

A series of short workshops “Lunch Bunches” will be offered to Middle School Students this semester to discuss topics, issues, themes related to their teenage years. Advisory sessions will also include lead discussions on study skills.

The sessions will take place every Tuesday from 11:55 to 12:25 in the HS FIS box. Although the sessions are limited to 10 participants, I would like to ask you to encourage your child to join if you think this could benefit him or her. The sessions will repeat themselves over the current year and over the next academic year. Students can enroll in these sessions weekly in my office, room 145.

Please find attached the ‘Lunch Bunches’ schedule with the topics for each session.

Middle School Parents’ Coffees:

Come and join our Middle school coffee mornings!

These parents’ workshops are designed to discuss in an informal environment topics related to Middle School Children’s emotional and social development and to



reflect on our role and experience as parents. We hope to support you in meeting the challenges of common parenting and look forward to sharing practical parental tips, skills and resources with you.

8:30 to 10. am Tuesday, Jan 17th	How to enjoy living with a pre – adolescent? Discussing Pre- Teens Emotional and Social Development	The FIS Conference Room
8:30 to 10. am Tuesday, Jan 31	Cyber- Savvy Kids Helping Young People Learn to Use the Internet Safely and Responsibly	The FIS Conference Room
8:30 to 10 am Tuesday, Feb 28th	Transitions: The Good and the Bad Helping Families and Children with Moving and Adjusting.	The FIS Conference Room

Some of our texts will be selected from the following best sellers:

- Queen Bees and Wannabes, Rosalind Wiseman
- How to Talk So Kids will Listen, and Listen So Kids will Talk, Faber and Mazlish
- Chicken Soup for Preteens Soul, Newmark, Canfield, Hansen
- The Third Culture Child, Pollock and Van Reken and other resources
- Cyber- safe Kids, Cyber- Savvy Teens, Nancy E. Willard and IT Department Resources

Theatre Production: What Moves Me?

Auditions for the Opening of the FIS Theatre Production “*What moves me*” will be held on Monday, 30th January from 15:50 to 17:15 in the Drama Room. Auditions are open only to students from Grade 6 to 11. Please see Ms Panagakis for audition requirements.

Irish Dancing - After School Activity

Interested in trying a new dance? I would like to offer an early after-school activity of Irish Dancing to students in grades 4, 5 and 6 on a Monday from 3.50 – 4.50 pm. I would like to start on the 30th of January, but would like students to sign up first. If you are interested, please email me by the 25th of January to express your interest tammie.gilbert@the-fis.de. Girls and boys are welcome. I will be working in conjunction with Rebecca Popp from Celtic Rainbow in Nuremberg. For more information on her classes please visit www.rinceceltus-nuremberg.com

Internationally Oriented Italian Family seeks German-Speaking Au-Pair

Internationally oriented Italian family seeks German-speaking au-pair for two kids who are aged 8 and 11, (speak English, German and Italian) , and attend German schools (Grundschule and Gymnasium). We would like the au-pair to start in early April 2012 and stay with us until August 2012. The au-pair is expected to support the kids with homework (Mon-Fri afternoons), to drive them to and from sport activities, and to do some cooking (kids' lunch). Some flexibility might be required if kids are ill, or during school holidays.

We will provide comfortable separate living quarters in a well connected village close to Herzogenaurach.

We are also open to evaluate the option of a German mother tongue person, living in the area and interested in working for the same period (April- Aug), afternoons from Mon to Fri, same tasks as above.

Please contact kb.muench@googlemail.com or Sandra Cesano at +49 160 884 6105 / Simone Cesano, +49160 884 4863.



First Week Back @ FIS

Monday	16 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:50 16:50 French School CE & CM ➤ FIS Sports Training: 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball Varsity Boys and Girls
Tuesday	17 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ FIS Sports Training: 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball U14 Boys and Girls
Wednesday	18 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ G1 travels to Hawaii ➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French School Maternelle ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French School CM ➤ 16:00 – 17:00 FIS Singers Room 1.59 ➤ FIS Sports Training: 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball Varsity Boys and Girls
Thursday	19 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 10:00 – 11:30 Report Card Coffee Morning for Kiga & ES Parents ➤ 11:50 Dismissal – Report Card Preparation
Friday	20 th Jan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No Classes – Report Card Preparation

Coming up:

- 3 February - G3 & 4 Snowball Disco
- 7 February - Half Day – Professional Development Day
- 20 February - No Classes – Rosen Montag
- 21 February - No Classes – Faschingsdienstag / Shrove Tuesday
- 3 February - Kiga/ES Assembly

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.