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Siemens Stiftung

On Monday 1st March 2010 in an informative High School assembly, the FIS was recognized as a partner school affiliated with the **Siemens Stiftung**. The Siemens Stiftung is a Siemens AG initiative designed to provide partner schools with educational opportunities related to technology, business and the arts, as well as support school-wide projects within the community. Through the projects and events sponsored by the Siemens Stiftung, our school will be able to develop stronger ties to other partner schools in the greater Erlangen region, as well as take advantage of the diverse expertise and experience that the associated members bring. The certificate was presented by Dr. Stefan Feldhaus, Siemens AG Medical Solutions Head of Corporate Communications, followed by a comprehensive description of the Stiftung activities given by from Siemens representative Christine Benecke.

MUN at Stuttgart International School



After more than half a year of preparation, studying the politics of the Middle East and the procedures and terminology used at the United Nations, a group of 15 FIS students and two teachers finally got to demonstrate their abilities in front of more than 200 other participants from schools all over Germany. Our students submitted more resolutions than any other participating school and had almost a quarter of the total approved resolutions submitted for debate and vote. The students played the roles of

ambassadors and delegates from the Sudan, Morocco and the USA. Issues addressed included the situations in Kosovo and Somalia, the risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East, UN relief for Palestinian refugees, upholding the Law of the Sea and many others. The MUN was a very memorable, interesting learning experience for all the students involved. Thank you to all who were involved with this activity, particularly those parents who patiently awaited the late but safe return of the MUN delegates from Stuttgart.

We are now looking into the idea of doing another MUN at another venue with the same group of students and any other students willing to put in the hard work and become part of our team.



On Tuesday this week FIS students from grades 4 and 5 participated in [World Maths Day](http://www.worldmathsday.com). This was an on-line, live competition where the FIS students were matched against opponents from around the world. Students needed to answer as many questions as possible in 60 seconds. 1,133,246 students and 56,082 schools from 235 countries set a new world record by correctly answering 479,732,613 questions. Our students enjoyed competing with other students from all over the world while refining their mathematics skills.

Student Teachers at the FIS

On Monday, the FIS will welcome four student teachers from Longwood University in the United States. These four teaching candidates will be completing their university studies by doing a six week teaching practice at our school until the end of April. The student teachers will be working at various levels in our school, and will be supervised by Ms Whiting, Ms Bouvier, Ms Solheim and Miss Wild. We look forward to continuing our working relationship with Longwood to help them prepare future teachers for their professional career.

Parent Teacher Conferences – 23rd & 24th March

Parent Teacher Conferences are rolling around at the end of March so please mark your diaries:

Tuesday 23rd March Middle & High Schools
Wednesday 24th March Kindergarten and Elementary School

Would those parents and guardians of Kindergarten and Elementary School students who have not already done so please make appointments to see class teachers.

Grade 10 Living History – Visit to Dachau and Gymnasium Fridericianum

Last Thursday 25th February, Grade 10 History had the chance to join the local Gymnasium Fridericianum on their yearly excursion to **Dachau Concentration Camp Memorial Site**. It was a great chance for getting to know more about some of Germany's history, and fit in well with Grade 10 studies of Germany 1918-45 for their course work this spring. We left the FIS at 7.45 Thursday morning, and returned at 17.00 in the afternoon. Experiencing Dachau was a somber experience, but the students took it in their stride and asked many questions. We followed this up on the Friday at the Gymnasium Fridericianum with joint group projects and enrichment activities. We spent a productive morning with the GFE students; working in groups on posters, comparing international and German history textbooks, and on thought and reflection over the experience. It was a great chance for getting to know one of Erlangen's local schools, and both students and teachers got a lot out of the experience. We have made preliminary arrangements for taking next year's Grade 10s on the same trip. Ms Michalsky, Ms Müller and Mr Sonderborg would like to thank the GFE teachers; Herr Wagner, Herr Krebs and Herr Rechts, as well as all the Grade 9 students at the GFE for inviting us on the trip and welcoming us on into their classrooms!

Kim Sonderborg, Head, Humanities Department

Junior Girls Basketball Game
FIS vs FIS
Wednesday, 17th March
Afterschool at 4:00

Dine, Watch, Listen & be entertained!

On 20th March we will be having a dinner entertainment night for the parents of students at the FIS. These students will be performing in multiple styles, mainly musical but possibly some drama as well. There will be a delicious dinner served with some very nice wine, and of course, entertainment to die for.

Where? FIS Aula
When? 20th March, 7:30-10
Who? Parents of performers have first preference for tickets – sales are then open to any parents who would like to come-. ONLY 150 tickets available.
How much? 45€ per ticket: all-inclusive

The profit made through ticket sales will go towards the Student Council and the PTO. With this money, the Student Council will be hosting a Prom Dance for High School students towards the very end of the year. Both the dinner night as well as the prom will be of excellent quality.

Tickets available at the front Office of the school beginning next week, Monday, 1st March. They will be available until Wednesday, 17th March.

We are looking forward to seeing you then,

For the High School Student Council

Julia Griem, President

Wanted – Admissions Officer

Do you like people? Are you proud of our school and community? Are you an organised person who can give attention to details? If you are a native speaker of English it sounds as if you might be just the person we are looking for to assume the role of Admissions Officer at the FIS. Please send expressions of interest to Kathleen.gruendig@the-fis.de. For more details please see attachment.

Don't miss The Stable Theater, USAG Bamberg's upcoming production of the ground breaking Broadway smash that ran for over 6,000 performances, **A CHORUS LINE**, the audition of a lifetime for a group of dancers all with the same goal: winning a role on the chorus line. The show became a classic movie as well (1985), starring Michael Douglas. Shows run 11, 12, 13, 14, and 18, 19, 20, and 21st March; Th-Fr-Sat shows at 19:30, Sundays at 15:00. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students, at the door \$11/\$9; ask about deployment and group discounts. Reserve by email—jack.austin@eur.army.mil, internet at www.bamberg.army.mil/sites/mwr, or by calling 0951/300 8647 and leaving your name, number of tickets requested, night of performance desired, and a return email address for confirmation. Non-ID card holders please provide also the full name, passport or ausweis number birth date, birthplace, and car license plate number for gate access. NOTE: Show contains mature themes and language—please use discretion. Call for more info: 0951 300 8647!

Willing to improve your German? German lessons for adults and children tailored to your needs. Please call Petra Kampmann on 09135/211268 or 0151 53724855 for further information.

Do you need Extra Help with History? For grade 9, 10 and 11 students including topics and help in writing essays. For further information please contact Viktoriya Arkadyeva (Grade 11AM).

Drum Lessons @ FIS For Beginners in Rock Drumming

Introduction: Presenting the components of a drum set); Aptitude test (determining your level); Hearing test; Basics (holding the sticks, positioning for right-handed and for left-handed, chair position, adjusting the drums etc.); Rhythm learning; Many auditions of different drum styles; Presentations of videos of famous drummers. CONTACT: Andrei Marza andreijen@yahoo.com.

PTO News

DVD on sale: MS & HS Winter Celebration
Wanted: PTO treasurer

PTO Parent Questionnaire
Uniform sale/order form

DVD "MS & HS Winter Celebration"

Finally, it is done. After many technical problems the PTO can offer you a DVD with the MS & HS Winter Celebration footage from Dec 2009. For 8 Euros you can purchase the DVD with an edited movie, length 1hour and 4 minutes. To view the trailer go to

Please hand in the filled out order form (attachment) and exact payment in an envelope to the PTO mailbox near the front desk.

PTO Parent Questionnaire

Due to the empty seats at the Open PTO meetings, we would like to revisit the structure and necessity of those meetings and value your opinion. We would greatly appreciate it if you would fill out the attached questionnaire. Thanks!

Wanted: PTO Treasurer

The PTO is in need of another member who could take over the treasurer's office. We are looking for a person who can organize, work with the computer and preferably has a financial background. If you are interested, please contact us at pto@the-fis.de.

Uniform Sale

The weather is changing and so are our children's needs for clothing. We have a big stock of T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts. If you are in the need for uniforms, please fill out the attached order form and hand back in an envelope with exact payment. For a feel-and-touch appointment, please contact us at pto@the-fis.de.

PTO Parent Contact List

We experienced some confusion about this list. Here are some facts:

1. You do not NEED to be on it, but it's nice if other parents can get in touch with you. And you do not need to provide all of the information that's asked for.
2. If you want it, you need to be on it.
3. This is a project of the PTO, not the school. That means that you need to contact the PTO (pto@the-fis.de) to give and change information. If you update your information only with the school, it doesn't reach the PTO automatically.
4. The list is an Excel-sheet, containing of several pages, listed by classes, which can be chosen at the bottom of the document.
5. For updates, please contact the pto@the-fis.de

We appreciate your support!
 Your PTO Board



Next Week @ FIS

Monday	8 th March	Welcome to our Spanish Exchange Students! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Volley-ball girls practice ➤ 15:45 – 17:15 FIS production auditions, Drama Room ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CP-CE ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM2
Tuesday	9 th March	➤
Wednesday	10 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Senior Boys Basketball 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	11 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 08:45 – 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room ➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP
Friday	12 th March	

Coming up: 17th March – Basketball – FIS vs FIS
19th March – Bunny Beatbox Disco Grades 3 & 4
20th March – Evening of Elegance @ FIS
23rd & 24th March – Parent-Teacher Conferences
29th March – 9th April – Spring Break

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.