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From our Director, Mr. Fred Runkel

We have now concluded our four Parent Information Evenings which are take place at the beginning of each school year to inform parents about our FIS programmes. Each evening was very well attended, and we thank all parents for ensuring a continuous flow of communication with the school. We at the FIS work hard to make each student's educational experience a positive one, but no one knows a child better than his/her parents, and therefore a positive flow of communication between the home and school is a vital ingredient to ensure an excellent school year. Our first quarter FIS Parent Teacher Conferences are coming up at the end of October, and will present the next opportunity for parents to visit with their child(ren)'s teachers. In the meantime if you have any questions for any of your child's teachers, do not hesitate to establish email contact with them.

From the Head of Administration Petra Niemczyk

For the first time in many years, the Franconian International School did not have a building project going on over the summer. This meant we were in a position to take the time and money to improve the standard of our facilities. In terms of interior equipment, you will have seen the new display and notice boards which have been installed in the hallways, coat racks have appeared in the Middle and High Schools and we have added on to our stock of Information Technology hardware with interactive whiteboards, beamers and laptop carts. The next couple of weeks will also see the installation of new playground equipment donated by the FIS Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) in the main recess area.

Following on from our Director, Mr Runkel's introduction of the administrative team in last week's newsletter I would like to extend a formal welcome the four receptionists on our FIS team. Mrs. Felicia Sauerbrey-Ruf, Mrs. Tanja Wiczorek, Mr Mike Acker and Mr Soren Larsen cover the front desk from 8:00 to 17:00 o'clock on school days. Their job is to welcome you to the school, assist you with signing-in and giving you a visitor's pass should you be coming into the school buildings, and being your first point of contact should you have any queries about the school not related to the academic programme. (Of course we are happy to take queries related to the programme at the FIS, but would ask you to refer in the first instance to your child's class or homeroom teacher.)

Welcome

To Tom Schoenfelder, who joins the FIS in K3M. As well, we welcome the extra support for German language at the FIS from Anja Barthelmes, who joins us as a teacher's aide in the Elementary School section, and Roohee Heyl, familiar to many of you from her PTO role, who

will be working as a teacher's aide in the Middle School. Welcome too, to Irina Schaab, who will be teaching Russian and German in the high school.

Kindergarten and Elementary School Assembly

Parents and friends are welcome to attend first KiGa/ES Assembly of the year on **Monday 28th September** at **9:00 am** in the Aula. There will be songs, a solo performance or two, and a song from our Kindergarten. Names and titles to be announced! Please check your name off the appropriate class list or sign the sign-in sheet and take a visitor's badge as you come in to be seated by 8:50.

Contact Details – do we know where you are?

Thank you to those families who have let us know about changes to their contact details. Please remember to let us know if there are any changes to yours, and would encourage you to check with our Office (or by email to info@the-fis.de) to make sure the contact information we have for you is correct.

Health @ FIS

Oh no, not lice again! There have again been some cases of head lice at school, and we ask for your cooperation in getting rid of the critters permanently. The good news is that the worst thing you can catch from head lice is....more head lice! Head lice are equal-opportunity parasites – they do not respect socio-economic or class distinctions, and do not mind whether hair is clean or dirty. Head lice are most commonly acquired by direct head-to-head contact as they can neither fly nor jump. Two sites with sensible advice and practical information and which parents might like to consult are <http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html> and <http://www.jcu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/hlice/hlinfo1.htm>

Repeated below for your information, the FIS Head Lice Policy.

In the case of active head lice or an initial diagnosis of nits which have not yet been treated:

1. Upon diagnosis of active head lice, the student will be removed from class. The parents will be notified and asked to come and collect their child.
2. Should the parents not be able to collect the child, he/she will stay in an area where the probability of further infestation is significantly reduced
3. The parents of the infested child will be asked to see a physician with their child
4. The child may be readmitted to the school **only with a doctor's attestation** stating that the child has been treated and may return to school (this is a Bavarian Government requirement).
5. The school informs all parents in the respective class and school section that a case of head lice has turned up and to examine their children for lice or nits. Should the parents then discover an infestation at home, the school should be notified and the family should consult their physician before sending their child back to school.
6. A second treatment should be administered 8 days after the initial treatment to ensure any surviving eggs which may have then hatched are eradicated
7. The school will check the child for head lice upon his/her return to school

FIS families may remember that there was a case of **Scarlet Fever** reported in Grade Four last week. We have had no reports of any new cases.

Good Morning and Thank You

A reminder to those who drop their children off by car in the mornings - please help us to keep our children safe by modelling appropriate behaviour for our students: **drive and park only on the right side of the road** as this is the only legal side of the road on which to drive in Germany . Please use our car park if you will be coming into the building.

Thanks for thinking of the Environment – now lock your bike!

Do you ride your bicycle to school? Thank you for considering the environment and remembering to wear your helmet to keep yourself safe – but don't forget to lock your bicycle in the racks at school!

After School Activities @ FIS

Our popular After School Activity Program will begin on Monday 5th October. Please be on the lookout for information of which courses will be running and who will be participating in each one coming to families by Friday 25th September. The courses will run for ten weeks, ending on 18th December before our Winter/Christmas holidays.

Photos @ FIS

The individual and class photographs will be taking place on **5th November** this year. More information on this annual FIS activity will come closer to the date. In the meantime, we are planning to have professional photographers in the school in the coming weeks to give us some images of our new campus in action to put on our web site. If you have any photographs of FIS students either at school or on an excursion which would be happy for us to use on the web, please send them to info@the-fis.de.

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FIS SINGERS

Rehearsals for the "FIS SINGERS" – the school's adult vocal ensemble – will take place on Wednesdays at 5pm in the ES Music Room (Room 159). However, the first rehearsal will be on Wednesday 7th October from 5:00pm. Please email Connie Panagakis (connie.panagakis@the-fis.de) if you would like to come. No talent or experience needed, only a love of singing.

Seeking internship in the US or Canada

A 22-year old woman is looking for a 3 to 12 month internship beginning in March next year. In February 2010 she will graduate as Management Assistant in Wholesale and Foreign Trade and would like to gain further international business experience and improve her

business English. Please email Ursula Dienstbier at ursula_dienstbier@hotmail.com or call at 0162-8890587 if you can help or have further questions.

For Sale

Dining table with 4 chairs, good condition, glass top, extendable – please see attached photos. 400,00 € Please contact Uschi Psczolla on upsczolla@gmx.de.

Brass single bed 90cm x 200cm with matching bed-side table (pink marble top, 1 drawer and 1 compartment with shelf – see attachment) € 200 ono Please phone (evenings) 09131 400900

WANTED - A couple of new teachers at the FIS need a **small freezer**. If you can oblige please contact Ian or Janis Armstrong at school on ian.armstrong@the-fis.de or janis.armstrong@the-fis.de.

From the PTO

The PTO Parent Contact List 2009 – 2010 is ready and has been sent out to all the families who wished to be included on the list. We plan to update the List every other month and therefore the next one will be sent out end of November. If you would like to make any changes in your contact information for the new List, please email us with the relevant data at pto@the-fis.de latest by Monday, 16th November.

Thank you.

The PTO Team

Next Week @ THE FIS

Monday	21 st Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Middle School Field Trips – until Friday➤ UN Peace Day – Bake Sale and other activities
Tuesday	22 nd Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 16:45 – 17:15 Girls Volleyball practice➤ 16:45 – 17:15 Girl Scouts – please contact Amanda Cartwright at 09132 730541 or via email cartwright@herzovision.de
Wednesday	23 rd Sep	
Thursday	24 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 8:45 - 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room (1.59)
Friday	25 th Sep	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Middle School Field Trips end

FIS School Newsletter The FIS newsletter is published on a weekly basis and is emailed home each Friday. The newsletter contains items of information relating to school operations, PTO News, for-sale items placed by members of our community, and much more. Contributions to the newsletter can be emailed to the school at info@the-fis.de. 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.