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Safety @ FIS

Following a minor accident involving a vehicle and pedestrian at school this week (two members of our parent body but no students, thank goodness), we would like to take this opportunity to remind the community **NOT to park on the opposite side** of Marie-Curie-Straße to drop off or pick up, but to please **use the rear car park** at all times. Fortunately, this time there were no serious injuries – please help us keep this unblemished safety record.

Progress Reports – MS & HS

These have been distributed to MS and HS students today. Please ask your child/ren to discuss their report with you, and contact the Office if you have not received one for each child/ren. You might also want to take the opportunity to work out at this stage which teachers you will be needing to see at the Parent Teacher Conferences on 21st October.

After School Activities @ FIS

Parent-Teacher Conferences next week will mean a few changes to the usual after-school schedule. Please note:

Monday **NO** sport-related ASAPs – all others running
Tuesday **NO** sports practice in the Gym
Wednesday **NO** ASAPs **EXCEPT** *Knitting* with Mrs Lindblad and *Eco Club*

Books @ FIS

Good Bookfairs will be returning for two days next week. They will be at the FIS on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st October**, and will be selling books in English from 10.00am – 4.30pm on Tuesday and 8.30am – 4.30pm on Wednesday in the Aula. If you have a spare moment before or after your Parent Teacher Conferences, please feel free to have a browse through the selection of books on offer. Elementary students will also have the chance to visit the Bookfair and buy books during the day on Wednesday. Books prices start from 5 euros and payment can be made in euros or pounds sterling

The FIS earns a commission on books sold which we then use to buy....more books!

Sport @ FIS

ASAP Notice: There will be **no sport-related ASAPs on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday** in the coming week. This means that junior and senior boy's basketball is cancelled on Monday; junior and senior girl's volleyball is cancelled on Tuesday, and table tennis and junior girl's basketball is cancelled on Wednesday. This is due to gym usage for parent teacher conferences.

FIS Teams Update: On Wednesday, the **Junior Soccer Boys** travelled over to the SpVVg Erlangen sport club for the annual *Jugend Trainiert für Olympia* city semi-finals. The boys worked hard and enjoyed the opportunity to play in a competitive tournament against other Erlangen schools. Unfortunately, the boys dropped both of their games in regulation which means they have been eliminated from this particular competition. It was fantastic to see so many MS students and teachers out to support the team with cheering and fanfare. The afternoon's highlights included: great saves from our goaltending duo of Alex Walker and Armand Alija; an amazing goal by Nici Swoboda; impenetrable defense by Yahiro Ando; tireless effort from Daniel Lawler; and excellent team-work by everyone else. Thanks so much for the amazing support! Though this marks an early end for the Junior Boys in the JTFO, we hope to organize some friendly matches in the future for the team.

The next FIS team match-up will be the **Senior Boys Soccer** team which will play in the city semi-finals next Wednesday, 21st October. The matches will begin at 13:30 at the SpVVg across the street from the FIS. Let's wish the boys good skill!

Registration of FIS Teams: Registration for FIS teams has been completed and the following teams will be competing this year in the *Jugend Trainiert für Olympia*: 2 junior girl's volleyball teams; 1 senior girl's volleyball team; 1 junior girl's soccer team; 2 junior girl's basketball teams; and 1 junior boy's basketball team. Coaches for FIS teams include: Jeanne Bouvier, Eric Newton, Teresa Rotherham, Bill Field, Jennifer Michalsky, and myself (Mr.H!). It should be an exciting year for FIS team sports!

Coach H.

KiGa/ ES Parent-Teacher Conferences next Tuesday - 20th October

There will be no classes for the Kindergarten & Elementary School students on 20th October, and no After School Activities for these students, and students in Grades 2 and above are expected to attend the conferences with their parent/s.

Conferences with the Kindergarten / Elementary School **homeroom teachers have been scheduled in line with requests given to the Office.** Letters informing you about your scheduled conference times will be sent home with the students next week, prior to the conferences. Please be punctual to ensure the day runs smoothly and on time. Ms Obermanns & Ms Koyama will join conferences with the homeroom teachers as needed

Due to teaching responsibilities the following **specialist teachers** will only be available for conferences in the **Gymnasium** during the following times. Please also note that all teachers will have a **lunch break between 12:45-13:15** so will be **unavailable** during this time. Conferences with specialist teachers will be **unscheduled on a first-come-first-served basis** and will be limited to 10 minutes per student. If a teacher is not available during the time you will attend the conferences, please contact them directly to schedule another appointment.

20th October Kindergarten and Elementary School Specialist Teachers (with limited availability) are in Gymnasium at the following times:

- Ms Panagakis 10:15 – 14:30 and 16:00 – 17:00
- Ms Brüning 10:15 – 17:00
- Ms Clements 8:30 – 11:30
- Ms La Rose 8:30 – 14:00
- Ms Pontones 10:15 – 12:30 and 14:15 – 17:00

- Ms Hempel 10:00 – 14:00
- Ms Stickforth 8:30 – 12:45
- Ms Manna 8:30 – 15:30
- Ms Lang 8:30 – 14:00

Mr. Manning and Mr. Lawler will hold their conferences in the computer lab outside the Library (room 2.32).

MS/HS Parent-Teacher Conferences - 21st October

Conferences will be **unscheduled on a first-come-first-served basis** divided by surname in the Gymnasium with the exception of Mr. Löhnert and Mr. Manning who will hold their conferences in their respective Computer Labs, and Ms Wrzesniewska, who will be holding conferences in the art room.

Where possible, families with a surname starting with the letters A-K should plan to conference with their child(ren)'s teachers between 8:30 and 12:45. Parents whose surnames begin with the letters L-Z should plan to conference with their child's teachers between 13:15 and 17:00. This division by surname is a guideline and if necessary families are welcome to conference with teachers in either time frame. You are free to conference with teachers as they become available and, in order to minimize waiting time, **conferences will be limited to 10 minutes per student**. If a teacher is not available during the time you attend the conferences, please contact them directly to schedule another appointment.

You will notice a section for each subject on the Quarter 1 Progress Reports indicating a teacher request for a conference. This will help you plan your day since conference time is limited. You are also free to conference with a particular teacher, but there will probably not be time for meeting with every teacher. To assist the students in taking an active and responsible role in their education, all students in the Middle and High School must attend the conferences with their parents.

Because of teaching responsibilities in the Elementary School on this day, the following teachers will only be available for conferences during the following times. Please also note that all teachers will have a **lunch break between 12:45-13:15** so will be **unavailable** during this time.

21st October Middle and High School Specialist Teachers (who also teach ES/KiGa) MS/HS available in the Gymnasium at the following times:

- Ms Panagakis 8:30 – 11:45 and 14:05 – 17:00
- Ms Brüning 8:30 – 10:00 and 16:00 – 17:00
- Ms Obermanns 8:30 – 11:00 and 12:00 – 17:00
- Ms Koyama 8:35 – 9:50, 10:15 – 11:00 and 15:30 – 17:00
- Ms Astorino 10:30 – 17:00
- Ms Carballes 10:30 – 17:00
- Ms Clements 14:30 – 17:00
- Ms Schaab 9:00 – 12:30
- Ms Müller 9:00 – 15:00
- Ms Pontones 8:30 – 10:00, 11:30 – 12:30 and 14:00 – 17:00
- Ms Sandoval 10:00 – 15:30
- Ms Lang 10:30 – 11:30 and 13:15 – 17:00
- Ms Rouse 9:30 – 15:30

Food @ FIS

Many thanks to all those who donated groceries for the Erlangen Food Bank (Erlanger Tafel) for World Food Day today. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Attached for your gastronomic pleasure, our hot **lunch menu** for **November**. If you would like to be part of the FIS hot lunch programme, please contact lunch@the-fis.de or fill out a form at Reception. Meals are in international and vegetarian options, and work out at around a very reasonable €3/day. Remember to pick up your vouchers for salads and bagels at the Reception. Itadakimasu!

******Calling all Players******

Interested in playing Fussball?

ASV Herzogenaurach is interested in adding players (boys & girls) to their F-D teams (1996-2002). These are established international teams with coaching in both German and English. This is a fun yet competitive club made up of kids from Germany and the World. It is great seeing parents from all over interested in the club and cheering the teams on during games and practices. If you are interested please contact Charles Leverton on 0152 04234927 or via email stldrm@hotmail.com.

Then how about playing Australian Rules football?

Australian rules football is a unique sport that originated in the late 1800's in Melbourne, Australia. It is played mainly in Australia for obvious reasons, but for a number of years a small German league has been in operation with teams in Frankfurt, Hamburg, Munich, Stuttgart, Köln and Hamburg. For those



not familiar with the game it is a fast-paced and not particularly gentle brand of football. There are some similarities with other football codes but the game retains a uniqueness that is part of why it is loved by so many Australians. If you are unfamiliar with the game and want to take a look try www.youtube.com and search under "AFL" or "Australian football".

Now a new Australian football team will be established in the Nuremberg/Erlangen area with the aim of competing next year in the [Australian Football League Germany](#) (AFLG). The AFLG has players of all ages and skill levels so it would be great to see as many new faces as possible enjoying this sport. If you are interested in more information or just want to take a look at this great game please contact Steve Bell at either steven.george.bell@googlemail.com or 0173 253 7644.

WANTED

The FIS seeks **Qualified Teachers** for the Kindergarten on a Mini-job Basis (up to 400 Euros per month).

We are looking for flexible people who can substitute in the Kindergarten on a short-term basis in the case of an absent teacher. The candidates must be able to speak fluent English. German language skills are also advantageous. Candidates should also have a valid work permit for Germany.

Please send a letter of application and C.V. to the Kindergarten and Elementary School Principal: Glenn Lawler, glenn.lawler@the-fis.de

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lawler if you have any questions."

Any parent interested in offering **tutoring to students** in a variety of subjects at different grade levels please send your contact details to judy.bradley@the-fis.de.

Health @ FIS

Fifth Disease There have been new cases of Fifth Disease (also called Slap Cheek or Slapped Cheek or correctly, erythema infectiosum) in the school in the last week. Many thanks to those families who have kept us informed, so we can pass the word out to the community. Please continue to keep us in the loop.

Lost Property – Thank you from Caritas!

Can't find that jacket? Lost your lunch box? Please come and check through our lost property, as the FIS lost property collection (Fundgrube) is again overflowing. This time, it is Caritas which will benefit from the items not collected before the start of the school holidays on 23rd October.

SAT Registration Deadline

Did you know that your score from the SAT (the Scholastic Aptitude Test for college entry in the US) can also be combined with the FIS High School Diploma for entry in to universities in various jurisdictions including Germany? The deadline to register for the 5th December administration of the test is **30th October**. Please check www.collegeboard.com to register.

PTO

Dear Parents,

At the **Open PTO Board Meeting** on Monday it was announced that all members of the former PTO Board would discontinue their work and the new Board was introduced. We are saying goodbye to Tina Cox, who will be going back to the US, Amy Thompson and Roohee Heyl, who will leave the PTO Board. Thank you so much for your engagement in past years. Hence, the new PTO Board has all brand new members and we are looking forward to working with staff, students and parents. For those who didn't come to the meeting on Monday evening, we would like to introduce ourselves: Audra Watson (Vice President), Miren Libano (Treasurer), Debbie Coulter (Secretary), Joy Riemer, Lynn Schaber-Walton, Banu Hayes, Laura Becker-Lewke, Reynold Lewke and Diana Sigmond (President).

We had a very entertaining and interesting evening. We would like to thank and acknowledge Cedric Wiegel, Yannick Lawler, Richard Grund and Jacqueline Eviston-Putsch for wonderful musical performance. Another big Thank You goes to Ms Panagakis who organized it. Furthermore, we would like to thank and acknowledge the effort that Ms Huitt, Mr Loehnert and Ms Bradley put into their lectures about "The Nature of The Middle School Child" (Huitt) and "Cyber-Bullying" (Loehnert, Huitt, Bradley). Those were some very interesting topics: Regarding the parents' reactions to the challenges of the cyber world - we will be following up. Links

A copy of the Cyber-Bullying presentation is available from cb@the-fis.de. For further reading about cyber bullying, the following links were suggested:

<http://familyinternet.about.com/od/computingsafetyprivacy/a/cyberbully.htm>,
<http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/talkout/spotlight/cyberBullyingParents.shtml>,
<http://www.stopcyberbullying.org/parents/index.html>.

For blocking inappropriate web sites, the following links were suggested:

<http://www.cyberpatrol.com>
<http://www.cybersitter.com>
<http://www.netnanny.com>
<http://www.parents-friend.de>
<http://www.surfcontrol.com>.

Other topics covered: playground development and set up of new equipment; inexpensive simple sandwiches with cold cuts and cheese to be on offer at the school cafeteria; a New Family Mentoring Program being developed by the PTO - New families that are joining the FIS could be chaperoned by a PTO member to make a start in Germany just a bit easier.

We would like to invite you to a novelty regarding our meetings: "Concerns & Compliments". The next PTO Board meeting will be on 4th November, and from 8:45 to 9:00 parents will be invited to join the beginning of the meeting to get updated or ask questions, raise issues, make compliments.

For any questions please contact us at pto@the-fis.de.

See you around,
Diana Sigmond

Halloween is coming to the FIS!

In a FIS first, the PTO is delighted to be introducing "Trunk or Treat" to the FIS this year on 23rd October. Anyone who would like to be involved in the seasonal festive fun should contact at fis.socialactivities@gmx.de and please **drop off your donated treats by no later than 21st October** in the big donation box that will be placed at the Reception desk for the purpose by the PTO. Thanks!

Yoga/Pilates

Lynn Walton will be teaching a YOGA/Pilates class on Wednesdays at 8:45 starting after break in addition to the Friday Pilates class. Contact Lynn for further info @ lynnalec@aol.com.

Attention to the RED 4 DOOR car that parked in the back parking lot **THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER**. You or your child has opened the back right door of your car and dented my car leaving your paint color on my car. I know that it must be a misunderstanding that a note was not left or maybe your child did not notice. Therefore I would appreciate in either case that you contact me. There are very few red cars at our school so the problem should be resolved quickly. Thank you in advance, Calie Amini 015-222-82-3733

Golf

FIS Community members are welcome to come to play golf every Wednesday at 10:30, followed by a relaxing lunch afterwards. Beginners welcome. E-mail Linda Eviston reiki@energy-healing.eu

WANTED - HOUSE FOR RENT

We are looking for a family house (with garden) in the Erlangen/Herzogenaurach area to rent. (Anything/anywhere on the school bus route area considered).

Please contact: tedandcaroline@t-online.de or Telephone 09132 836357

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.



Next Week @ THE FIS

Monday	19 th Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAPs – except sport-related ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CP-CE ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM2
Tuesday	20 th Oct	<p>Kiga/ES Parent Teacher Conferences, Gymnasium Book Fair, Aula</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Girl scouts regular meeting
Wednesday	21 st Oct	<p>MS/HS Parent Teacher Conferences, Gymnasium ***No ASAPs today***</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French school, Découverte ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, CM1 ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French school, College
Thursday	22 nd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 8:45 – 10:45 Toddler Group, ES Music Room (1.59) ➤ 11:00 Kiga/ES Assembly ➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASAP ➤ 15:45 – 17:00 Soccer, Junior Boys practice
Friday	23 rd Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 08:45 – 09:45 Pilates classes, Gym <p>Halloween @ FIS – Trunk or Treating with the PTO</p>

Coming up: 26th -30th October Fall/Autumn Break

And what is happening @ FIS on 3rd & 10th December? Keep your eyes glued to this newsletter!.....