ANNOUNCEMENTS

Twin Cities German Immersion School PTO

October 24, 2013

PTO CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Looking for unique holiday gift ideas? Don't miss your chance to buy some amazing, locally made crafts and food at the PTO Craft & Bake Sale! The sale features handicrafts (including student-made items), as well as canned and baked goods—all made and donated by community members. This year's sale will be held on Wednesday, November 13, 2:30–6:00 pm, and Thursday, November 14, 8:00–9:00 am and 2:30–5:30 pm, at the Mission Orthodox Presbyterian Church (across the street from the Aula at 1040 Como Avenue).

If you would like to donate goods or volunteer at the sale, sign up at VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/Deddve.

This year, we will be offering a limited selection of food items for pre-sale. Watch for more information in the October 31 Elternbrief. The pre-sale will run November 5–8.

Questions? Contact Heidi Zimmermann at hzimmermann22@yahoo.com.

COMING SOON: WINTER STRUDEL SALE

When you stop by the Craft & Bake Sale, you can sample some tasty strudel, generously donated by Tom Ruhland of Ruhland's Strudelhaus (http://www.thestrudelhaus.com). Next week's Elternbrief will contain information about the upcoming PTO Winter Strudel Sale!

PTO MEET-UPS

The PTO Meet-Up Committee is creating lots of opportunities to foster the TCGIS sense of community! Join us for the events that fit your schedule.

Walk around Lake Como: Tuesdays at 2:30 pm, Wednesdays at 8:30 am, Thursdays at 2:30 pm. Meet at entrance to Black Bear Crossings. Weather permitting.

Kaffeeklatsch: Friday, October 25, 2:30 pm at Black Bear Crossings.

Classroom Enrichment Funds

The TCGIS PTO is committed to supporting our teachers as they go about the critical work of educating our kids. The biggest way the PTO does this is to raise funds—called Classroom Enrichment Funds—to reimburse teachers for out-of-pocket expenditures made for school-related purposes. The availability of these funds for in-classroom items and activities is meant to eliminate requests to parents for money (with the exception of field trips). These funds are intended to supplement, not supplant, the school's normal classroom budgeting for teachers and classrooms.

Past examples of how the Classroom Enrichment Funds have been spent by teachers include:

- Herr Stephenson's reading loft (which will one day rise again!)
- Dozens of independent reading books for many different classrooms
- Hot dogs & s'mores fixings for a 5th grade cookout
- Clay, glaze, and brushes for a Visual Arts special project
- Reward stickers for Frau Heindl's kindergarten class
- Holiday craft & baking supplies for the 2nd grade trip to the GAI
- Materials & presentation boards for Frau Grimm's 2nd grade Ojibwe unit
- Baker's Square pie on Pi Day (3.14) for Ms. Morrissey's math students
- Crickets for Frau Kocher's class frogs
- Musical instruments for Herr Solakhau's Performing Arts class
- Drawstring backpacks for 3rd graders to carry their lunch, supplies for English class, and gym shoes

Based on last year's fundraising success, **this year the PTO was able to give $9000 for this fund, with another $1000 for a New Classroom Contingency Fund** to cover unanticipated costs in setting up classrooms associated with the move. We look forward to another successful fundraising year, so we can continue this valued tradition!

A Few More Elternkontakt Volunteers Still Needed!

We are still looking for a few more Elternkontakt (EK) volunteers for the upper grades (4th–8th) and Visual Arts. Thanks to all of the wonderful parents who have volunteered already. Contact tcgispto@gmail.com to volunteer.

Kindergarten:

Sabrina Fay (sabrina@thefays.info)
Erin Sutton (erincarlson22@yahoo.com)
Karin Rice (karin@karinlynnphotography.com)

1st Grade:

Tanya Novak (tanyaandburkhard@gmail.com)
Ian Cozine (iancozine@gmail.com)
Beki Cook (bekilcook@yahoo.com)

2nd Grade:

Cindy Miller (cynmillbea@hotmail.com)
Kirsten Holmlund (kirstenlholmlund@gmail.com)

3rd Grade:

Maja Reyes (maja_reyes@hotmail.com)
Amy Schroeder Ireland (aksireland@yahoo.com)

4th Grade: 1–2 volunteers needed

Middle School:

Nicole Grenz (nicole_grenz@hotmail.com)
+1–2 volunteers needed

Visual Arts: 1 volunteer needed