

NEWSLETTER 1ST Quarter Of 2019

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1. Result Fundraiser

Our goal for the school year of 2018/2019 has been to raise \$10,000.-. So far, we have raised \$7,000.-. Please feel free to make donations at any time through our website. All donations are tax deductible. We encourage our community to step up to the challenge – Thank You!

2. Karneval

Our Greenville and Spartanburg students got a taste of celebrating one of the most cherished holidays in Germany: Karneval or Fasching.

Our teachers, with participation of some parents, animated the students to do Polka and other dances, helped them dress up and do games. Lastly the students had the pleasure of tasting (devouring) genuine “Berliner Ballen”, also called “Krapfen” (donated by parent Mark Kruse).

3. National German Exam

About 25% of our students participated in the National German Exam (“NGE”) and we have several medal winners: **Anna Mallen, Laura Mitchell, Leonie Stollberg, Lilly-Sophie Krick-Aigner; CONGRATULATIONS!**

We need to assist students taking the exam a little earlier than at the actual minimum age of 14. Of course, we make exceptions, but for next year the idea is to have chaperons present for scaffolding with the technology. We will let you know about this again late this calendar year. The idea of the NGE is to track your child’s yearly progress at the German School.

4. Iva-Test

We have started to implement a brand-new test called “Iva.” It is a school-graded but government funding inciting standardized test. There are two levels

Level A1 Test for 9-10-year olds

Level A2 Test for 12-14-year olds

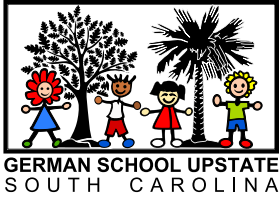
Various GSU-teachers will be trained for taking up this type of assessment, which uses the subsequent format:

- A. Interpretive task: Reading (15 minutes):
 - a) Five true-false **answers** about one very short text
 - b) Putting Five items in order to **complete a dialo**
- B. Interpretive task: Listening (15 minutes):
 - a) Five images with **multiple choice** items
 - b) Drawing of five **main ideas**
- C. Presentational task: Writing (15 minutes): Short **written** response to short texts or images.
- D. Presentational task: Speaking (flexibel): Short **monologue** in response to single word prompts.
- E. Interpersonal task: Speaking (flexibel): Short **“dialogue”** (i.e. responding to questions).

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5. Next celebration: Easter

Please mark your calendars for the Easter egg hunt (the last 20 minutes of the school day) for Spartanburg on 4/20 and for Greenville on 4/24. We ask all students to bring in 5 filled Easter eggs the week before. Parents, please watch out for a sign-up sheet from Kirsten Krick-Aigner. We will organize a little get together before the egg hunt. Details will follow.

6. Save the Date:

Our yearly "Grillfest" is planned for 5/11 at the Spartanburg Day School. Details will follow.

Please let me know if you have any more questions.
All the best wishes and Bis bald!

Hans Schmidt, Principal

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