# BaSICS NEWSLETTER No. 34

## Middle Years Portfolio Sharing - May 29 - June 1st

The week of May 29 - June 1st, middle school and high school students at BaSICS will share their portfolios with their families. This is in following with our school-wide policy to give all students the chance to share their learning in this way two to three times a year. Students have chosen one assessment piece from each subject area which they feel reflects an aspect of their learning in this subject area. They will also include their self-evaluation on a particular piece of work as well as the documentation surrounding it and the teacher's comments/grades. We are looking forward to receiving feedback from all parents on the form included in the portfolio. If your child's portfolio is currently at home, please make sure that it returns to school by Monday, May 21st, so that your child can add his/her new assignments.

## The Dual Language Approach to Learning at ISS BaSICS Campus: May 21

## When: Monday 21 May from 2:15-3:25

In case you were unable to attend the presentation earlier this year, here is an opportunity to find out about the specific approach to mother tongue support and additional language learning at ISS BaSICS.

- Why does it take longer that I thought it would for my child to learn an additional language?
- Why is it important to support the mother tongue?
- Is total emersion out now then?
- How does my child learn grammar?
- Aren't they speaking too much English?
- Aren't they speaking too much German?
- Why don't you use books?

Come and ask your questions! **Please let us know if you will attend so that we know** where best to meet. <u>Infobasics@issev.de</u>

#### Things to do in the Area

If you are in the area over the long weekend (19th – 20th May) you might like to visit the Handwerkermarkt (<u>http://www.sindelfinger-handwerkermarkt.de</u>/) in the old town of Sindelfingen. (Great shopping for special presents!) Here you will find wood, glass and wool crafts, jewelry, handmade clothes, etc. in the Old Town Setting.

#### International May Day Thank You

A note from our PTG President, Karla Marroquin-Smith: I wanted to express how very sweet it was to see so many happy faces enjoying this last weekend's May Day festivities. This event truly would not have happened without everyone's contribution in the pre-planning, at the event and post clean up. A big thank you. Our school spirit was apparent.



#### Make Change Possible

Some students from the Heidelberg International School joined us for the International May day celebrations. It was good to have this inter-school exchange in the interests of helping children in Africa. Monika Handwerker, who spoke to our Middle School students about the project, organised the art exhibition and arranged the activities connected with the project writes:

Thank you so much for all your background support for moving on MCP. And we hope and trust that our input has enriched representing international awareness. Here is some info that you might want to share with your school community:

We sold 35 punch cards, amounting to a donation of € 175.

People could vote with their punch card for the following projects:

- a) mobile library
- b) kids sports festival
- c) Mayana Meho Kindergarten

The great majority of the votes went to the mobile library. This means that we can replace or get about 80 new books for the mobile library in Mayana which is available to all people of the village, free of charge. This makes a huge difference to the people of Mayana. Please check our website to find out more about our projects: www.make-change-possible-ev.de

Many thanks / *pandu nene* in name of the the people of Mayana. We are looking forward to keeping in touch with you and would be excited to visit BaSICS again soon. Best wishes, Monika & the MCP Team

## PTG meeting on Wednesday, 23rd at 8:30 am - 9:45 am

Agenda Items:

- 1. Budget Report
- 2. Reflection on May Day: celebrations and improvements
- 3. Healthy Breakfast,
- 4. Runathon for India- fruit and water
- 5. Transitions, looking forward.

All parents are welcome, and please email <u>karlamarroquin@yahoo.com</u> if you would like any items to be added to the PTG agenda.



Congratulations to all BaSICS students, parents, and staff who participated in the 20th Annual Sindelfinger WerkStadt-Lauf 2012. Special congratulations to age-group winners Cedric Donie and Julia Zerbe. We're already looking forward to the run next year!



## **RUNATHON FOR INDIA**

When: Tuesday May 29 at 11:45am

**Where:** Track at SVB Paladion Silberweg 18, 71032 Böblingen

**What:** The Runathon is an annual "fixture" in the BaSICS school calendar, forming one of the main fundraising events for our partnership with India which the International School of Stuttgart and BaSICS has supported for many years. The money we raise is our small way of helping children in a different part of the world.

A sponsor form was sent home with your child today, and we kindly ask you to help your child find sponsors. The sponsor form is due back on the day of the Runathon.

#### Details for the day:

-Students will walk with teachers from BaSICS to SVB before lunch. Hot lunch will be canceled for this day, and students will need to <u>bring a packed lunch</u> to eat at the picnic at the SVB.

-Parents are welcome to come cheer on the runners.

-The event will take place <u>rain or shine</u>. Please bring or send with your child weather appropriate gear such as a hat and sun-screen.

-After the event, children will walk back to school and dismissal will be at the <u>regular time at</u> <u>school</u>.

Wann: Dienstag 29 Mai 2012, 11.45

**Wo:** SVB Paladion Gelände Silberweg 18, 71032 Böblingen

**Was:** Der Runathon ist ein fester Bestandteil unseres BaSICS Schulkalenders und eines der wichtigsten Ereignisse zum Sammeln von Spenden für Indien, eine Einrichtung für mittellose Kinder, die von der Internationalen Schule Stuttgart und BaSICS seit vielen Jahren unterstützt wird. Das gesammelte Geld ist ein kleiner Beitrag, die Bedürfnisse dieser Kinder in einem anderen Teil unserer Erde zu befriedigen.

Wir bitten Sie herzlich, ihm beim Finden von Sponsoren behilflich zu sein. Abzugeben ist dieses Formular am Tag des Runathon.

## Details für der Tag:

-Die Schulklassen werden vor dem Mittagessen zum SVB laufen. Bitte geben Sie Ihren Kindern ein <u>verpacktes Essen</u> zum Picknick vor Ort mit, da es an diesem Tag kein warmes Mittagessen gibt.

-Die Eltern sind eingeladen, um die Läufer anzufeuern.

-Die Veranstaltung wird <u>bei jedem Wetter</u> stattfinden. Bitte geben Sie Ihrem Kind entsprechende Kleidung mit (z.B. Schildmütze, Sonnencreme).

-Danach kommen die Kinder wieder zur Schule zurück, das <u>Schulende ist zur regulären</u> <u>Zeit.</u>.

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