

BaSICS NEWSLETTER

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ISS BaSICS on the Map!

On Friday, 1st June I was invited to the International School of London to meet with their Mother Tongue support team and colleagues from the Vienna International School. The purpose of our meeting was to discuss cutting-edge methodology in supporting mother tongue development, to promote additional language learning and support cognitive development while learning in, through and about additional languages. The reason I was invited was because the IS London Group Academic Officer (responsible for 3 schools in the UK and Qatar) visited ISS with the accreditation team visit in November and was blown away by our Dual Language approach. Sharing best practice between schools can only help us to continue to grow and develop ideas for further promoting student learning.

Last Wednesday, the Board of the Association of German International Schools visited BaSICS. Again these Heads of Schools all commented on the positive learning atmosphere in our school and asked to find out more about our Dual Language teaching.

Sarah Kupke
Head of School

Holidays around the world.

To start the next school year off with a colourful splash of internationality, we'd love to display postcards from all around the world. When you are away on holiday over the summer, please send us a postcard and have your child write a message about what they notice about the culture of the place they are visiting.

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BaSICS

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Germany

Class Grouping and Staffing for the School Year 2012 / 2013

We are already preparing to say farewells to our leaving families at the end of June. Some of these families have been with us for a long time and remember how the school has grown and developed. We look forward to hearing from you when you move and settle into new homes and schools around the world.

As we look forward to the next school year, we are planning the class combinations and staffing. We are not going to group the students for the combined grade level classes until we have a clearer picture of the new students who are still in the process of applying. We try to balance ages, main languages spoken, gender and years at ISS BaSICS. You will be informed during the summer holiday, so that students can look forward to their new class before returning. For your information, the combinations and staffing is given below and on the following page:

Teaching staff Primary school (Early Years to Grade 5)

Class or Subject	Teachers	
Early Years	Lesley Gibson	
Grade 1+2 C	Amanda Clem & Susanne Alvarez	
Grades 1+2 K	Matthew Knights & Elke Clarus	
Grades 3 + 4 K	Jennifer King & Kristen Scholz	
Grades 3 + 4 A	Rosamaria Albano & Ulli Hennig	
Grade 5	Alan Northouse & Andrea Haake	
German through Art	Early Years to Grade 4	Kathy Kubacsek
	Grade 5	Stephanie Langer
ICT	Early Years and Grades 1&2	Julia Daniel
	Grades 3 to 5	Al Northouse
PE	Early Years to Gr 2	Kathy Kubacsek
	Grades 3 to 5	Kathy Kubacsek & SVB
Music	Early Years and grades 1&2	Jennifer Buxkemper
	Grades 3 to 5 and after school choir	Gudrun Egle
Drama	Early Years & Grades 1+2	Kathy Kubacsek
	Grades 3 to 5	Pam Grimes

Learning Assistants

Sandra Bitomsky	Kindergarten Learning Assistant
Aaron Chivington	Grades 1+2 C
Kirsten Donié	Grades 1+2 C
Malayika Keck	Grades 1+2 K
Ursula Sites	Grades 3 + 4

Subject teaching Middle School

	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grades 8+9	Grade 10
English 1	Casey Haapaniemi	Casey Haapaniemi	Pam Grimes	Pam Grimes
English 2	Casey Haapaniemi	Casey Haapaniemi	Pam Grimes	
German 1	Elke Clarus	Anja Knabe	Anja Knabe	
German 2	Elke Clarus	Anja Knabe	Ray Schneider	
Math	Carrie Scafe	tba	tba	Rebecca Jones-Buerk
Homeroom	Ray Schneider	Casey Haapaniemi	Robin McMullen	Rebecca Jones-Buerk
Science	Carrie Scafe	Carrie Scafe	Robin McMullen	Carrie Scafe
IT & DT	Robin McMullen	Robin McMullen	Robin McMullen	Robin McMullen
Humanities	Ray Schneider	Ray Schneider	Ray Schneider	Ray Schneider
Spanish	Adriana Henao	Adriana Henao	Adriana Henao	Adriana Henao
Arts				
Drama	Casey Haapaniemi	Pam Grimes		
Art	Stephanie Langer	Stephanie Langer	Stephanie Langer	With 8+9
Music	Gudrun Egle	Gudrun Egle	Gudrun Egle	With 8+9

Whole School Learning Support

Alina Wrona-Eden	School Counselor and Child Psychologist. 2 full days each week (probably Tuesdays and Thursdays)
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Support staff:

Annette Cieslewicz	Secretary
Almir Ibrsimovic	Hausmeister
Genny Rumancik	Intern

NEW STAFF

- Gudrun Egle – Music from grade 3 to Grade 10
- Matthias Knights – Grades 1+2
- Genny Rumancik – Intern
- Annette Cieslewicz – Secretary
- Sandra Bitomsky – Early Years Learning Assistant
- Andrea Haake – German Team Teacher

Changes to the BaSICS High School Day 2012/2013

BaSICS is implementing a new class just for high school students, grades 9 and 10, in September 2012. This class will help all students organize and carry out their own personal study time. As we move our students forward to the diploma course at ISS Degerloch in grades 11 and 12, they need to acquire and solidify a specific set of personal management skills which include organizing their home learning assignments, researching effectively, developing good revision techniques, independently planning and carrying out their weekly and monthly study schedule, as well as staying up to date with their assignments – “getting ahead of the game” rather than “playing catch up.”

In addition to the help BaSICS staff give students in these areas within their roles as subject and homeroom teachers, we will provide a time, space and supervision at school for students to work on these aspects of their approaches to learning on a weekly basis. The class, which will be a part of the timetabled schedule of all grade 9 and 10 students, will take place on Wednesdays from 12.40 – 13.40.

Students will be guided in developing their personal study plans by their homeroom teachers, so that each student can focus on his or her own needs during this hour. A member of BaSICS staff will actively support all students during the actual class time, helping them carry out their individual plans, giving them advice as to how to use this time effectively, supporting students in organizing their materials, and acting as a resource when students need help in a particular subject area.

For both classes this is also an opportunity to carry out personal inquiry into internship possibilities, prepare applications and write curriculum vitae, develop and carry out personal projects, update reading, studying and personal project logs.

We are looking forward to this addition to learning at BaSICS as a response to the needs of the older students as delineated in discussions with them and their teachers this year. It is also a way to support the development of the “Growth Mindset” (Carol Dweck of Stanford University – <https://www.stanford.edu/dept/psychology/cgi-bin/drupalm/cdweck> and www.mindsetonline.com), a mindset in which people believe that their most basic abilities can be developed through dedication and hard work.

PTG NEWS

June 22nd Healthy Breakfast

Healthy Breakfast will be held Friday, June 22nd during snack time. Please remember to send your children with .50 cent Euro so they may participate.

June 28th Last Day -End of the Year Picnic

Theme: Luau style

Each family is invited to bring their own lunch and drinks. You may want to also bring a lawn chair. The picnic will begin after the kids come out of school. The last day of school is a half day. Wear flowery/ Hawaiian style shirts if you have them. We'll have the picnic outdoors, unless it raining. If it is a rainy day, our secondary plan is to have the picnic in the cafeteria.

PTG CO-CHAIRS 2012-13

A Message from Current PTG President Karla Marroquin- Time to Transition: "Make new friends, keep the old, one is silver and the other is gold".... The end of an academic year tends to bring some changes. As PTG Chair, I had a very fun time and made wonderful memories and friends. We want to thank all the BaSICS Parents who came to a PTG sponsored activity such as the Christmas Picnic, Sensapolis, Swimming Pool, May Day and the play, "Love Letters." Many parents helped in the monthly Healthy Breakfast, others brought food for different events and others were instrumental in planning activities, some shared their interest and talents at our festivities. Next year, we are delighted to have three Co-Chairs: Denise Hall, Jennifer Nemecek, and Erin Jackson. The Treasurer will be Leanda Newman. They will bring new excitement and energy to the PTG. They'll welcome you back to school with the Annual Welcome Back Picnic at the beginning of the next academic year. Here's a few words from each of the ladies:

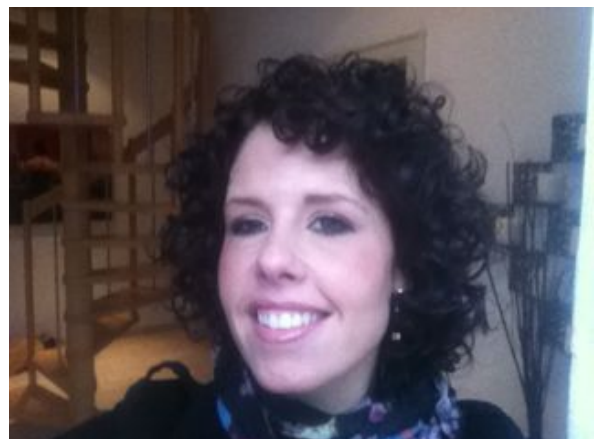


My name is Erin Jackson and I originally hail from Charleston, SC. My family and I are here on assignment for my husband's company, Bosch. I retired from my full-time job as a general manager for Gap to become an international stay-at-home-mom! We are loving Germany and are looking forward to more adventures over the next 3 years.

Jennifer Nemecek

We moved to Stuttgart in November 2011 after 2.5 years in Paris. Before Paris we lived in Michigan. My husband, Charles works for Bosch and we have two boys at ISS BaSICS. Peter is in Mrs. King's 3/4th grade class and Alex is in Ms. Gibson's Early Years classroom. We plan to stay in Germany for at least three years. I work for a US University and I travel throughout Europe recruiting students to study for a 4 year degree. In my travels I see many international schools around Europe and I can honestly say that the atmosphere that has been created at ISS BaSICS is inclusive, innovative and very special. These unique qualities contributed to my desire to be part of the PTG and motivated me to help co-chair the PTG this coming year. I am so happy we are a part of the BaSICS family and I look forward to helping out more this coming year!

Hello! I am Denise Hall. My family and I have been in Germany now for 2 years and love it. My son Daniel is in Early Years with Mrs. Gibson and I have a 4 year old, Peyton, who attends German school. I am very much looking forward to serving this exceptional school as a PTG co-chair. If you see me, please introduce yourself. The better I know you and your children, the better I can serve you!



URBAN BLUEPRINTS

The Early Years 3 students have been working on an art project with a professional artist throughout the school year. The overall theme is "Discover Sindelfingen through the eyes of a child." Together with the photographer, Tarek Musleh, the students took photographs, made collages and developed them using the blueprint technique. Our result is entitled "Urban Blueprints." You are invited to view these photographs in the exhibition in the Art Gallery in Sindelfingen. Please see below for further information. We look forward to seeing you at the vernissage.

Lesley Gibson
Early Years Teacher

Ausstellung KUNST-STOFF-SOMMER 30.06. bis 02.09.2012

Vernissage 30.06.2012 | 11:00-18:00

Lassen Sie sich begeistern von den Kunstwerken unserer jüngsten Nachwuchskünstler, die innerhalb eines Jahres geschaffen wurden. "Mit Kinderaugen Sindelfingen entdecken" - die so im Dialog zwischen Kindern, KiTa-Pädagogen und regionalen Künstlern entstandenen Werke werden in der Galerie erstmals der breiten Öffentlichkeit zugänglich gemacht.
Ort : Galerie der Stadt Sindelfingen

Kinder-Sommerfest und Flohmarkt 30.06.2012 | 11:00-18:00

Interaktionen mit regionalen Künstlern und viele andere Überraschungen erleben Groß & Klein zum 2. Kunst-Stoff-Sommerfest **zwischen der Galerie und dem Rathaus auf der teilgesperrten Vaihinger Straße ein.** Zum Trödeln lädt unser 3. kids@kita-Flohmarkt ein.

Exhibition of the Art Projects of the Kindergartens in Sindelfingen

Vernissage 30.6.2012 11 am – 6 pm

You are invited to come and see the exhibition of our young artists: „Discover Sindelfingen through the eyes of a child“. These works of art were created in a dialogue between children, educators and regional artists and will be opened to the public for the first time.

Location: Gallery of the Town of Sindelfingen

Childrens' Summer Festival and Flea Market 30.6.2012 11 am – 6 pm

The Summer Festival will be taking place between the Art Gallery and the Town Hall in the Vaihinger Strasse. As well as the Flea Market there will be many surprises for old and young.

LIBRARY NEWS

Dear Parents,

The Yearbook for 2011-2012 is ready for ordering. There is a draft copy available on the roundtable at the reception for you to look at. **The Yearbook costs 23.25 Euros each. Please make orders and pay the money at the main office.**

Also, please send all the library books from BaSICS library back with your children. Look for them in your houses and in your cars. Overdue slips will be coming home the next two weeks. Keep your eyes open for the Cherub series books by Robert Muchamore, which are Middle Years books. Many of them have been borrowed without checking them out.

Here is the list of the missing Cherub series books:

The Sleepwalker
Divine Madness
Man Vs Beast
Brigands M.C

After the 22nd of June the library will be closed for borrowing. Quite a few library books are missing and we have to do an inventory. Therefore the students will not be able to borrow books over the summer.

Thank you for your understanding.

Julia Daniel
BaSICS Librarian

FENCING TOURNAMENT

We are excited to announce that the ASAP Fencing children will take part of their very first Tournament in June 30th Saturday in Böblingen.





450 Wünsche am Himmel

Stichtag: Spendenlauf der International Community School

Das Sportsponsoring der Swiss Stripes & Lindtger International Community School wurde sehr erfolgreich von allen Schülern der International Middle School gesponsert. Im Projekt für den Welt Family Running und dem Welt Family Running wurde eine tolle Veranstaltung zwischen der Schule und dem Verein der Schilddrüsenkranke durchgeführt für all die Kinder und Jugendlichen, die die „Wünsche für eine gesunde Welt“ bereits im Vorfeld an die Swiss World Family Running gesandt hat, welche im Luftballon in die Welt. Die Idee für diese Aktion hatte die Swiss World Family Running. Diese Aktion, die vielen Schülern an der International Community School ist, die ist für die Welt Family Running gesandt haben, um ihre Wünsche der Kinder anlässlich der Swiss World Family Running in die Luftballon-Aktion aufgeben und auf

geschrieben haben, dachte ich, dass das auch eine tolle Idee für unsere Schule sein. Ich habe die engagierten Schilddrüsenkranke, die haben ein gemeinsames Ziel – zu wissen, dass auch die Menschen auf der Welt besser werden und gut fühlen, um viele Projekte umsetzen und ich hoffe, es viele Projekte umsetzen wird. Ich habe helfen die Kinder und Jugendlichen mit ihren Wünschen in der Formel tragen, um dem Ziel, um in die Welt zu tragen und die Menschen auf der Welt besser werden zu machen. Die Projekt der Swiss World Family Running ist ein Projekt in der Schweiz der Schilddrüsenkranke durch Swiss World Family Running und die Welt. In der „Wünsche“ möchte die Welt eine Plattform haben, um andere Kinder und Schülern für eine gesunde Welt zu unterstützen und zu unterstützen. Eine Vorstellung dazu ist die neue Seite www.weltfamilyrunning.ch

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