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From our Director, Fred Runkel

Drivers and Pedestrians around the FIS: This week there was a traffic accident at the intersection of our Marie Curie Str. and Allee am Roethelheimpark which runs along our property. With the opening up of the apartments across the street from us, as well as the large volume of traffic coming to the FIS each morning and leaving the FIS at the close of school, there is a larger amount of traffic in our area and we ask all parents to be extra vigilant when driving in our school neighborhood. Children should be crossing the street only at intersections and then should be on the lookout for cars which may not be obeying traffic signals. Parents can certainly do their part by reinforcing good habits while crossing streets, whether around school or in your neighborhood at home. In this way we can keep our students a little bit safer.

Rehearsals in the Aula on Mondays

As part of our After School Activity Program, the FIS will begin rehearsals for the production "What Moves Me" which will be presented in the fall as part of the Music Chamber Festival in Nurnberg and will be featured in our Grand Opening Celebrations for our newly constructed Arts Center. The rehearsals take place each Monday afternoon directly after school. We ask parents who are picking up their children at the close of the school day to please leave the building after pick-up time so that the cast and directors of the performance can rehearse in a quiet atmosphere. Many thanks for your help and cooperation.

FIS Fasching Celebrations

Friday, February 17 will mark the FIS Fasching celebrations. Students can come dressed up in costume and both Kindergarten and ES will celebrate the day with PTO sponsored activities. The PTO will also sponsor "Krapfen" for both MS and HS students during the course of the school day. Many thanks to the moms of our PTO for organizing another special day for our students.

After School Activities @ FIS – Important Attachment!

Our popular After School Activity Program will begin on **Monday, February 27, 2012**. Please find in the attachment the **ASAP Choice Form for SY 11/12 Semester 2**, with information of which courses will be running. A detailed description of the courses is also attached to this newsletter.

Please return the ASAP Choice Form **no later than Friday, February 17, 2012**. Due to organization reasons it will not be possible to accept any returned form at a later date. We appreciate your understanding.

Sports @ FIS: The FIS U14 Basketball Teams host their first Friendly Tournament

On Saturday, February 4th, the FIS hosted a friendly U14 basketball tournament. Along with the International School of Stuttgart and the International School of Frankfurt Rhein-Main, the FIS had two teams participate for both the boys' and girls' squads. All the players had plenty of opportunities to take part in the games and did a great job competing throughout the day-long tournament. We also had a large amount of supporters in attendance cheering on the teams. A special thanks is in order for all the parents who donated baked goods and volunteered their time at the concession stand.



IB Information Evening for Grade 10 and Grade 9 Parents

This coming Tuesday, 14th Feb, Mr. Bird and Mr. Ariel will host a presentation for Grade 10 parents and students about our High School Program, and the International Baccalaureate options within this program for school year 12/13.

We will begin informally at 17:30 in the Library for a social gathering, where we will also have a range of IB materials for you to look at.

The informational evening will begin at 18:00 in the Aula.

We will present our High School Program and explain how we incorporate the IB Diploma Program into it.

At the end of the presentation you will have an opportunity to speak with teachers from various subject areas and ask questions specific to your child.

We hope that by the end of the evening our Grade 10 students and their parents will have sufficient information to begin discussions about their option choices for next year.

Welcome to FIS!

This week we were delighted to have Yi (Eric) Wei (1A), Matheus Bruni (9H) and Ying Xuan Liu (4C) joining us. A warm welcome to all of you and have a good start at FIS!

Message from the School Nurse – Scarlet Fever (“Scharlach”) in Kindergarten

Dear All,

So far no more cases of Fifth Disease were reported.

However, two students in K4 have been diagnosed with Scarlet Fever (“Scharlach”). This is an infection with Streptococcus Pyogenes and causes sore throat, fever, body rash and the typical bright red “strawberry” tongue. Vomiting and diarrhoea can also occur.

As this infection is airborne and easily transmitted, children (and adults) who have or are suspected of having Scarlet Fever need to stay at home and seek medical advice. The infectious period finishes after 24 hours of antibiotic treatment.

There is no vaccination available and it is possible to contract this illness more than once. Scarlet fever during pregnancy can be treated but should be avoided like any other infection.

Please keep your child/children at home if they are unwell or if they are showing any of the above mentioned symptoms!

I'm here for you if you need advice!

Sincerely,
Hannah Bauer
School Nurse
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CARE Valentine Sweets Package

Dear Kindergarten and Elementary School Parents and/or Legal Guardians,

For the past couple of weeks, the Franconian International School has begun to establish a partnership with the organization CARE.

“CARE is a leading humanitarian organization fighting global poverty. We place special focus on working alongside poor women because, equipped with the proper resources, women have the power to help whole families and entire communities escape poverty. Women are at the heart of CARE's community-based efforts to improve basic education, prevent the spread of disease, and increase access to clean water and sanitation, expand economic opportunity and protect natural resources. CARE also delivers emergency aid to survivors of war and natural disasters, and helps people rebuild their lives.” Visit <http://www.care.org/> for more information.

Our goal is to raise awareness for the organization within the school, and support it with fundraiser activities. For the upcoming Valentine's Day, we would like to ask you to donate money. In return for each donation, your child will receive a “CARE Valentine Sweets Package” which we will be given out on Valentine's Day to your child. We have been giving out envelopes to all Kindergarten and Elementary School classes this week, in which you may enclose your donations. You can also find the form attached to this newsletter.

Thank you for your support, because you can make a change.

Kind Regards,
CARE CAS Group – Denisa Galaskova & Theresa Eckert (Grade 11)



If you are interested in the history of Valentine 's Day here is some info (source: history.com):

The Legend of St. Valentine The history of Valentine's Day--and the story of its patron saint--is shrouded in mystery. We do know that February has long been celebrated as a month of romance, and that St. Valentine's Day, as we know it today, contains vestiges of both Christian and ancient Roman tradition. But who was Saint Valentine, and how did he become associated with this ancient rite?

The Catholic Church recognizes at least three different saints named Valentine or Valentinus, all of whom were martyred. One legend contends that Valentine was a priest who served during the third century in Rome. When Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those with wives and families, he outlawed marriage for young men. Valentine, realizing the injustice of the decree, defied Claudius and continued to perform marriages for young lovers in secret. When Valentine's actions were discovered, Claudius ordered that he be put to death.

Other stories suggest that Valentine may have been killed for attempting to help Christians escape harsh Roman prisons, where they were often beaten and tortured. According to one legend, an imprisoned Valentine actually sent the first "valentine" greeting himself after he fell in love with a young girl--possibly his jailor's daughter--who visited him during his confinement. Before his death, it is alleged that he wrote her a letter signed "From your Valentine," an expression that is still in use today. Although the truth behind the Valentine legends is murky, the stories all emphasize his appeal as a sympathetic, heroic and--most importantly--romantic figure. By the Middle Ages, perhaps thanks to this reputation, Valentine would become one of the most popular saints in England and France.

Reminder Lunch Deadline

If your child is not in the hot lunch programme but would like to start, please let us know by the 15th of the month. If your child no longer wants to participate in the hot lunch programme, please notify us of that as well by the 15th of the month by filling out a form at the reception desk or by e-mailing us at lunch@the-fis.de. The change will become effective by the first of the next month. Thank you for your support!

MS Dance - Mark your Calendar!!

On February 24th from 7 – 9 p.m. the MS Student Council invites all MS students to join the MS Dance which will take place in the gym. **Further information see the attachment.**

Fasching Break coming up



There will be no classes at the FIS on Monday 20th February and Tuesday 21th February for the Fasching long weekend.

Donate a Coat!

Felix Kastellan (9H) and Johannes Heyl (9S) are currently organizing a project for the Erlangen Tafel, where students can donate coats (or anything else that is warm) that will be given to people in need. Give any coats that you do not need (and that are in good condition) to Felix Kastellan or Johannes Heyl. If you have any questions, please contact them.



Siemens School Partnership Event - Girl's Day April 26, 2012

Interested boys are also welcome!!

In conjunction with the Siemens School Partnership, female students in grades 5 and up are invited to participate in the Siemens Girl's Day Activity. The event will be held at various Siemens locations throughout Bavaria with the intent of fostering interest in technological fields of study. In particular, representatives of the Health Care, Energy and City Planning sectors will be giving insight into the various facets of their work and the important role women play in these fields. Female students aged 12- 19 are welcome to apply as participants. More information about the event can be obtained at www.siemens.de/girlsday. Students interested are asked to email Bettina Wiegel at Bettina.Wiegel@the-fis.de or Bryan Landmann at Bryan.Landmann@the-fis.de to obtain registration information. Registration for this event is open from February 1st through February 29th.

School Calendar 2012/2013

The school calendar for the school year 2012-2013 is now available on the webpage. The calendar shows all special days which are already confirmed in the FIS School Calendar. Some special events such as field trips may not yet be confirmed and will be announced closer to the event taking place.



Next Week @ FIS

	13 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French School CE & CM ➤ 15:45 – 16:45 ASA Irish Dancing ➤ 15:45 – 17:15 “What Moves Me” Performance Ensemble ➤ FIS Sports Training: 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball Varsity Boys and Girls
Tuesday	14 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:15 Girl Scouts regular meeting ➤ FIS Sports Training: 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball U14 Boys and Girls ➤ IB Information Evening: 17:30 social gathering in the Library 18:00 start of presentation
Wednesday	15 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:35 – 16:35 French School Maternelle ➤ 15:45 – 17:15 ASA Music for “What Moves Me” ➤ 15:50 – 16:50 French School CM ➤ 16:00 – 17:00 FIS Singers Room 1.25 ➤ FIS Sports Training: 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball Varsity Boys and Girls
Thursday	16 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 15:45 – 17:15 ASA Music for “What Moves Me” ➤ FIS Sports Training: 16:00 – 17:30 Basketball U14 Boys and Girls
Friday	17 th Feb	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 9:00 Kiga/ES Assembly & Fasching celebrations ➤ 12:50 – 13:15 Grade 3 & 4 Singing Group

Coming up:

- 20 February - No Classes – Rosenmontag/ Carnival Monday**
- 21 February - No Classes – Faschingsdienstag / Shrove Tuesday**
- 24 & 25 February - Music for “What Moves Me” workshop**
- 24 February - MS Dance**

27 February - Start of ASA 2nd semester program

FIS School Newsletter The FIS newsletter is published on a weekly basis and is emailed home each **Friday**. Contributions to the newsletter should be emailed to the school at info@the-fis.de by **Wednesday**. The newsletter contains items of information relating to school operations, PTO News, for-sale items placed by members of our community, and much more. 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.