

NEWS FROM YOUR PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

We are very happy to welcome several new members to the parents' association board this year. At our first meeting on Thursday, 15th November 2007 members were elected to the various posts. Our new President is Markus Gammelin and Cindy van Velzen is our new Vice-President.

The parents' representatives for the different language sections were also elected and will represent the parents' interests in the educational and administrative councils;

Language Section		Name	Contact
German	Primary	Anja Bühner	anja@fractalis.de
	Secondary	Markus Gammelin / Andria Mang	markus.gammelin@ec.europa.eu
English	Primary	Beth Klawun	eklawun@gmx.net
	Secondary	Ana Gorey	ana.gorey@coe.int
French	Primary	Michel Messmer	michel.messmer@siemens.com>
	Secondary	Blandine Aslanides	aslanides.blandine@wanadoo.fr
Dutch	Primary	Cindy van Velzen	
	Secondary	NN	
Italian	Primary	NN	
	Secondary	NN	

As you can see we still have a number of vacancies which we would very much like to fill. If you would like to get involved and help to represent your language section, please get in touch with us.

For a complete list of your representatives, their responsibilities and how to contact them, please visit the PA's pages on the school website:

<http://www.eskar.org/en/people/parents/pacontact2.html>

We want to get to know you!

❖ New office opening hours

Wednesdays	08.00 – 10.00	Cindy van Velzen
Fridays	11.00 – 12.30	Ingrid Graham

❖ Invitation to a Christmas drink at the next parents' association board meeting

on Thursday 13th December 07 at 9pm. Get to know your reps, ask questions, give us your ideas.

RSVP: Markus.GAMMELIN@ec.europa.eu

❖ Pre-Christmas festivities on 17th and 18th December 2007

Because getting to know you is our top priority the PA will be hosting a Christmas drink for all parents on the occasion of the primary school **christmas carol concert** on **Monday, 17th** and **Tuesday, 18th December 2007**. Join us for a drink, introduce yourselves and get to know us. We look forward to seeing you there and will arrange a similar event for secondary school parents in the New Year.



Newsletter der Elternvereinigung und der Schule

Europäische Schule Karlsruhe 02 / November 2007

Herausgegeben von der Elternvereinigung der Europäischen Schule Karlsruhe
Albert Schweitzer Straße 1, 76139 Karlsruhe, Tel. (0721) 6800945

Membership

The parents' association represents parents' interests within the school and on the Board of Governors in Brussels. The association is a non-profit making organisation and membership is voluntary. The annual membership fee is currently €15 per family.

Membership of the parents' association automatically involves you in a dialogue with the school community and gives you a number of concrete advantages:

- The PA represents parents at all levels.
- The PA provides information and answers to your questions.
- The PA wants to involve you in your children's school.
- The PA offers support in solving conflicts which may arise within the school.
- The PA supports many important activities which pupils may be involved in and which are part of the rich variety of school life at the ESK. In recent years we have been able to offer subsidies to the "Abi-Ball", pupils taking part in the Model United Nations and the Model European Council, pupils taking part on other study trips, the Kangeroo Maths Competition, the St. Martins' procession in the nursery and primary school and much, much more.
- In special cases of financial hardship we are also able to support members in order to allow individual pupils to join in with class trips or study trips.

You will find further information and membership forms on the ESK website (www.eskar.org) or from the parents' association office which is on the first floor of the admin block.

If you are already a registered member you need only pay the annual membership fee at the beginning of the new school year. Your membership will be extended automatically.

Membership from the previous year expires on 30th November 2007 so after this date you will need to fill in a new membership form.

Please make payment – €15 per family – to the following account:

Elternvereinigung der Europäische Schule e.V.

Kontonummer: 128597

(account number)

Bank: Volksbank Karlsruhe

BLZ: 661 900 00

(bank code)

Name des Kontoinhabers falls anders als Familienname _____

(Account holders name)

**Angaben über Kind/er: Vorname, Familienname, Sprachsektion/Klasse
KG/GS/OS**

(Children's details: full name, language section / class – nursery, primary, secondary)

News from the Transport Committee

Contacting us

The transport committee office is open for parents and pupils on Mondays from 8am to 12 o' clock and on Thursdays from 12.30 to 3.30pm. You will find us in room 212 in the admin block. You can also contact the transport committee by email, transport@eskar.org , by telephone on 0721/68009-45 or by Fax: 0721/68009-50.

Urgent

The transport committee is urgently required to pass on a recent photo of all pupils who use a *scoolcard* to the KVV (tram operator). Please give the photos (with name und date of birth on the reverse) to Frau Marmillot or put them in one of the special letter boxes set up in the school outside room 212 in the admin block or next to the vending machine in the secondary school.

The special 12.30 school service on tram lines 17 and 18 will probably not be operational on Mondays until after the christmas holidays. Nursery and Primary pupils travelling on the regular line 17 trams will be accompanied on their way home. The line 18 service has been cancelled until christmas.

European Kangaroo-Maths competition 2008

The parents' association will be giving even greater financial support to the very successful Kangaroo-Maths competition this year. The mathematics competition is held in many European countries and is a popular annual event for ESK pupils of both the primary, 4th and 5th year, and secondary school.

This year the competition will take place on 10th and 11th April and unfortunately due to varying national bank holiday dates we will only be able to take part in the German, Dutch and English competitions this year.

The coordination will, as usual, be taken on by Frau Elke Schubert.

50 Years of European Education

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of European School Education the European Commission is hosting a conference on the topic of „The future of the European Schools“. The conference will take place in Brussels on December 7th and is open to experts, parents, pupils and other interested parties. Five main topics will be discussed including development of the European School system as well as discussions on the European Baccalaureate. The parent's association will be represented at the conference. If you would like to know more please use the link set up especially for you on the ESK website: www.eskar.org

NEWS AND DATES FROM THE SCHOOL MANAGEMENT

Burundikids e.V.

27.10.2007 - Assembly Hall - 19:00

On Tuesday, 27.11.2007, the ESK, in cooperation with the Humboldt Gymnasium and the Merkur Akademie International, will be hosting a Burundi-Evening. The event will take place at 7pm in the assembly hall. Philip Ziser, journalist and one of the founders of the charity, will talk about the charity, the project „A teacher for Burundi“ and his own personal experiences in Burundi.

The evening will also be an evening of song, photo reports and hopefully also a Burundi Market selling toys made by the children.

Entry is free but a donation would be appreciated. Any money raised on the evening will go towards the “Teacher for Burundi” appeal of the Burundi project.

„Die Waldstadt in Karlsruhe“

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Waldstadt a book, entitled „Die Waldstadt in Karlsruhe“, has been published and will be released for sale on 01.12.2007. Our former secondary school *conseiller*, Herr Demeersman, has contributed many photos and a report about the history of the ESK and its importance to the Waldstadt. You will be able to purchase the book from the school for €24.80. Please place your orders with Frau Herrmann or Frau Marmillot.

NEWS AND DATES FROM THE PRIMARY SCHOOL

November in the Nursery and Primary School

On 12.11 the nursery started the week with a festival of light in the nursery garden. We enjoyed seeing the children singing, dancing and playing by the bonfire. Thank you to the whole nursery team for this lovely event.

On 13.11 enthusiastic teachers, parents and pupils organized a cake sale which raised over €300 for our „Christmas in a shoebox“ project. Thank you to everyone who helped.

On Wednesday, 14th November, we celebrated the 100th anniversary of the birth of the famous Swedish author, Astrid Lindgren. Mrs. Herrmann and pupils of the Swedish language section prepared a short but very interesting and moving presentation for all our primary colleagues. If you are interested you may visit our A. Lindgren book exhibition next to the canteen.

The **ESKADO Choir** was very involved in the celebrations to mark the laying of the corner stone of our new canteen on **15th November** and again on **23rd November** at the event to open the new playground. The songs were dedicated to the songs' authors and the “new-born” monster friend – „Dragon Eliot“.

December in the Nursery and Primary School

We are enjoying advent and looking forward to Christmas:

On 6.12. we begin with our traditional Christmas concert. This will take place for pupils in the morning and for parents at 6pm.

Pupils in the first and second year classes will visit Christmas events in the Puppet Theatre.

Our primary Christmas concerts and festivities will take place on **Monday, 17th** and **Tuesday, 18th December** at **6pm**. The Parents' Association would also like to take this opportunity to invite all parents to a pre-Christmas drink.

On behalf of the whole nursery and primary school team I would like to wish all parents and friends of the school a merry Christmas and a happy New Year 2008.

Dana Pavličíková

Dutch Cultural Evening

The **Dutch section** of the primary school will be hosting a special „Sinterklaas“-Evening on **Friday, 30.11.07 at 6pm**.

Mrs. Dana Pavličíková will officially open the festivities at 6pm and “Sinterklaas” will arrive at 6.15pm. Pupils from years 4 and 5 of the Dutch section will entertain us with their play „Sinterklaas in Hackersland“.

A traditional dinner, „Hollandaise & Flammant“, will be served at 8pm; „Erwtensoepp met worst“.

Unfortunately this will be the last time that the Dutch primary pupils will be able to put on a play for “Sinterklaas” because in future years there will not be enough children in the Dutch section to do so.

The “Sinterklaas” evening will therefore be a very special one this year. If you require any further information please contact Eugen Voorneman in class 5N GS, Bau B.

NEWS AND DATES FROM THE SECONDARY SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS CONCERT OF THE SECONDARY

Dear students, teachers and parents,

on **Tuesday, 4.12. 2007**, we, the musicians, will start the Christmas season in our school.

We will have a **concert during the 7th and 8th** period after the lunch break in the **Aula**, so that all of you can participate by listening and singing as well.

So parents, friends, brothers, sisters, teachers and students come and join us !

Sincerely

Christine Schott

Elmar Klages

Theo Muller

Conference on the topic of nanotechnology

Secondary school pupils from year 5 will take part in a conference on nanotechnology on Wednesday, 28.11.2007. The conference will be presented by Alexis Vlandas from the Max Planck Institut in München and is coordinated by Philippe Carre.

Eurosport

From **25.-28.3.09** the European School will be hosting the **EUROSPORT** tournament. Pupils from all European schools will come to Karlsruhe to take part in the games which include basketball, football, table tennis, running und swimming. In addition to the sporting activities there will be a social and cultural programme all of which make EUROSPORT an important exchange event for the European schools. We will be pleased to welcome the over 400 guests from a variety of countries here in Karlsruhe but also need your help in making the event a success. In particular we would like to ask you to consider providing host accomodation for the competitors and their teachers. During the days our guests would be in school where they would also have a midday meal. For breakfast and evening meals they would join their host families. We would be grateful if you would already consider getting involved in this great event by offering to host one or more guests and would ask you to let us know of your interest as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support

Head of secondary school and the secondary sports teaching team.

OTHER NEWS

Important news for parents of pupils in the French section.

Gratuité pour les classes de terminale pour les français de l'étranger:

Il me paraît utile de vous le faire parvenir ces précisions quant à la mise en œuvre de la gratuité de l'enseignement dans les classes de Terminale pour les élèves français de nos lycées à l'étranger.

- 1 - La gratuité s'applique à tous les élèves français de Terminale, sauf prise charge par ailleurs, dûment justifiée ;
- 2 - Les crédits existent et suffisent à la mise en œuvre de cette mesure ;
- 3 - La mise en œuvre est basée sur un principe de confiance : les seuls justificatifs demandés sont relatifs à la nationalité et à la résidence ;
- 4 - L'avis favorable ou non donné par le consul ou le proviseur ne porte que sur des actes administratifs, et n'est pas un jugement sur le bien-fondé de la prise en charge ;
- 5 - Il n'y a pas de plafond de revenus pour la prise en charge ; les informations demandées sur les revenus sont purement déclaratives et ne doivent être justifiées par aucun document ; les informations seront transmises sous pli fermé à des agents de la fonction publique astreints au secret ;
- 6 - Les familles ayant déjà payé les frais de scolarité seront intégralement remboursées.

Pour tous renseignements complémentaires, contactez **Mme Cécile HEGER, comptabilité de l'école européenne au 0721 68 009 36.**



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Looking for an apartment

Single mum with 2 primary pupils is looking for an apartment, 80-100m², for a maximum rent of 700 €, including all bills, and with good transport connections to the ESK. Offers please to michel.messmer@gadz.org.

Looking for a host family

Marina Belotti & Stefano Abruzzini, parents of a pupil in year 4 of the French section of the European School in Brussels, Brüssel II "Woluwe", are looking for a host family for a four week period from **7th January to 1st February 2008**.

As part of the European School exchange programme Aurora would attend school in the French section of the ESK.

From the family's letter;

We are looking for a host family in Karlsruhe who would be willing to give our daughter a home during her 4 week stay in Karlsruhe.

Ideally we are looking for a German speaking family with children of a similar age to our daughter (14) who are interested in this form of cultural exchange. As well as German Aurora speaks French, English and Italian and therefore your children could also practise these languages with her. Aurora sings in the school choir, plays piano, dances Hip Hop and ice skates. She likes reading, listening to music and is a great fan of Tokio Hotel and Greenday.

Of course we would also be very happy to welcome your child in return in Bussels. We are an Italien-French family (we speak Italien at home) with 2 children; Aurora und Arturo, who is 12 years old. We have already taken part in exchange programmes and hosted pupils from other schools, especially in connection with Aurora's choir activities. We have always found such experiences to be very enriching.

Would you be willing to be a host family for Aurora for 4 weeks from 7th January to 1st February 2008? If you have any queries please contact us: marina.belotti@ec.europa.eu

Marina Belotti & Stefano Abruzzini
Avenue de Juillet, 41
1200 Bruxelles

GETTING INVOLVED IN THE NEWSLETTER!

The newsletter is written by parents for parents. I would therefore be pleased to include your contributions to this important source of information and communication.

Please send any contributions or queries to: Andria Mang (mang.ag@t-online.de)
You can always find the most up-to-date information at www.eskar.org

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