



From the desk of Principal Rasnick



Upcoming Events

September 2 nd	5:30pm	Kindergarten Orientation
September 2 nd	7:00pm	All grades - Orientation/Meet the Teacher Night
September 2 nd		Back to School Haircuts
September 7, 2010		First day of the 2010/2011 School Year
September 11,		Back to School Pledge Kick Off Picnic
September 15	6:00pm	Board of Trustees Meeting
September 16	8:30am	Pastries with the Principal
September 21	5:00-7:00pm	Back to School Night
September 29	6:00pm	Parent University



New Web Site: Check out our new and improved Web Site! Our office staff has been hard at work revamping our Web Site. Check it out at www.goethecharterschool.org. Teachers are setting up pages for their classes as well as general office information, calendars, upcoming events, policies and more! Be sure to bookmark it, as you will want to keep checking for new information. We plan on making updates often!



Kinder "Garden": Do you have a vision for transforming the garden into a magical play area for our youngest students? The garden area needs some TLC to make it the perfect place to play. Those that can assist with cement work, clean up and planting are needed as well as donations of Kindergarten appropriate outdoor play toys such as Little Tykes play structures, ride-on toys, trikes and more.



Office Hours: Our school office is open Monday-Thursday, from 9:00am to 3:00pm for the month of August. The office will also be closed August 30th-September 1st. Our phones have not been installed in the new office space (Room 45A), so please leave a message or email Sherrell at Sherrell@goethecharterschool.org if you need assistance.



Back to School Haircuts: Carol Earle and Director (formerly Principal) Fowers will be cutting hair on Tuesday, September 2nd at GICS. Haircuts are \$15 with 100% of the proceeds going to GICS. Please contact Carole Earle at prosystemson@yahoo.com for an appointment.



The Middle School Amendment Task Force has been hard at work this summer. We're all looking forward to our school becoming a K-8! In the next weeks the charter amendment will be finalized and our school will begin our outreach effort. If you are interested in helping us in our efforts (recruiting potential families, have a middle school background, charter /grant writing background, etc.) send me an email: goethemiddleschool@gmail.com - Kristin Zurek, Middle School Project Amendment Manager

Four new interns are eagerly awaiting their assignment at our school:

Tilman Steurer hails from Schwaebisch-Hall in Baden-Wuerttemberg and recently graduated from the University of Education in Karlsruhe. He is a huge supporter of bilingualism and believes that cross-cultural education at a young age will help develop cultural sensitivity and foster global awareness. He is very much looking forward to being in a classroom with students from a myriad of backgrounds and to be part of a teaching team with members from different countries and cultures. Tilman comes from a family of educators; both his parents are Elementary School teachers. This won't be his first trip to California; Tilman is a graduate of the Huntington Beach Junior Life Guard Program and, a couple of years ago, as part of his studies, he completed a semester abroad at Cal State Long Beach. In his leisure time, Tilman likes to play soccer and basketball. Other hobbies include swimming, fencing, running, skiing, and kayaking. He plays the Cello, loves to read, and is a passionate cook who loves to explore the international cuisine.

A native of Frankfurt in Hessen, **Julia Furtmann** is pursuing her studies in German and History and is a year away from graduating from the University of Mainz. She is thrilled to be able to gain international teaching experience at Goethe International Charter School and to immerse herself in another culture while also improving her English language skills. During High School, Julia spent some time as an exchange student in France and in Italy and both times enjoyed living with a host family and getting acquainted with the host family's way of living. Education runs in Julia's blood; both her parents are teachers. Julia has an older sister who lives in Paris, and a brother who is eight years younger than her.

Julia is an enthusiastic field hockey player and used to play for a club, but now plays mostly at the university. She also likes to run and to swim. Furthermore, Julia is an Art and History geek and loves going to the museum and the theater.

Lesley Thiels joins us from Saarlouis in Saarland. She is studying English, German, Education, and German as a Second Language at the University of Trier. Lesley is eager to share her German culture with Goethe students, and to experience and apply in a Goethe classroom what she learned in a recent college course called "cross-cultural aspects of second language acquisition", a course designed to facilitate and encourage successful collaboration in a multi-cultural classroom setting. Lesley feels a strong connection with the United States that started even before her stay in Seattle as an exchange student in 2004. She is very much fascinated by the American culture and way of living. Lesley's dream is to one day get a teaching job in the United States. In her spare time, Lesley likes to dance (standard and Latin), read, listen to Rock Music, and watch American movies and sitcoms. She is passionate about Volleyball and Soccer, and loves to spend time with her dog, Jerry.

Sarina Lichtenberger got her Masters of Arts degree in English Language and Literature from the Katholische Universitaet Eichstaett and now works towards her Elementary School teaching degree at the same University. Two of her most recent college courses called "US Current Events" and "Life in the USA" convinced her to apply to Amity's intern teaching program to combine the experience of the American life and culture with getting insight into a foreign school. Sarina is eager to get a first-hand glimpse at an American classroom to see what the children here are learning in the first few years and how the lessons are organized. She is also hoping to improve on her English skills, as well as her tutoring and teaching abilities. Sarina's recreational activities include dancing, reading, sports, arts and crafts, and listening to music.