



Director's Message

Ralf Gabriel



Dear Parents and friends of the Victoria German School,

The new school year is in full swing; children, parents and teachers have slowly settled into the routine. However, this year is by no means "routine" – especially not for me, as this is my first year as director at VGS and I am looking very much forward to this new challenge. I have already had the chance to meet many of you at the UVIC campus in person and I hope to meet many more parents in the near future – maybe at one of our events such as the Laternenfest or the Weihnachtsfest!

Not all is new, though. We continue to maintain our good relationship with the Germanic Department and UVIC as a whole and I would like to express our gratitude for this very important collaboration. Furthermore, we are happy to see many of the experienced teachers from previous years continuing to teach during the 2016/17 term.

Following good tradition, this year we are once again planning a number of cultural events and activities that will enhance the German experience for our students.

Last but not least, I would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new students at VGS and to those who are returning, we are very happy to have you with us again!

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Facts & Figures!

In the academic school year 2016/17 we have **61 students** enrolled in children's classes (3 years – 17 years) and **48 adults** who are learning German in one of our 4 adult classes.

Save the Date!

- Nov. 11th 2016:** Laternenfest / Lanterwalk
- Nov. 12th 2016:** Remembrance Day – no classes
- Dec. 3rd 2016:** Weihnachtsfest (Christmas party)

Herbstelfchen der A1 & A2 Klassen

Petra Kixmüller's students wrote their own poems about autumn.



Herbst

Buntes Laub schimmert,
kühler Wind heult und schlägt.
Bald ist es so kalt.
(Naomi Schoeck)

Herbst

brauner Baum
Halloween, Süßigkeiten, Kostüme,
kalt, dunkel, wunderbar, Thanksgiving,
schön.
(Elyse Roome)



Herbst

Was ist
grün, gross, glatt?
Ein Kastanienblatt
im
Herbst.
(Kamilla O'Brian)

Die Vögel sammeln Essen.
Das bunte Laub liegt auf dem Boden
bis der Wind es wegbläst.
Herbst hat angefangen.
(Henry Heinicke)



Wind

bläst Blätter,
gelb, grün, rot,
tanzen durch die Stadt.

Wind

(Hannah Pirker)

Herbsträtsel

Ich bin grün
und werde braun,
ich trage ein Hütchen
und falle vom Baum.
(Seelja Spak)



Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraiser



The Victoria German School is approved for Thrifty's Smile Card Fundraising

How you can participate:

- Get a registered Smile Card from Ralf on Tuesday or Saturday at the desk
- Load money on the card and use it for grocery shopping at Thrifty's
- Thrifty's will donate 5% of every dollar spent to VGS
- No cost to you and will not affect your air miles!

We can raise up to \$1200 within the scope of the program and this will enable us to purchase educational material.

Thank you for your support!



Events



Nov. 3rd 2016 @ 4:30 pm

SCHNITZEL ABEND Victoria Edelweiss Club

FEATURING RON SERA ON THE ACCORDION

DOORS OPEN AT 4:30



Nov. 11th 2016 @ 4:30 pm:
Laternenfest
(Lanternwalk)

St Barnabas Church
1525 Begbie St, Victoria, BC

Martin's Play, Lanternwalk with brass ensemble, hot apple cider and fresh pretzels in the hall or around a fire outside! (cash only)
In the spirit of St. Martin we ask for a donation of dark socks for Our Place, socks will also be for sale at the event

Please bring a lantern, rain wear and arrive early – limited parking!



Dec. 3rd 2016 @ 10:30 am:
Weihnachtsfest
(Christmas party)

Victoria Edelweiss Club
108 Niagara Street, Victoria, BC



As usual, the Christmas party takes place at the Edelweiss Club. There will be student's performances, music, food, and of course: Santa's visit!
Doors open at 10.30 am.

Volunteers needed! (More detailed information to follow soon!)

Adult Classes

The Victoria German School will once again be offering our popular adult classes. We now have Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced courses available on Tuesdays and Saturdays. Winter term is starting in January – online registration is now open!

Spread the word!

More info under:

<http://www.victoriagermanschool.org/adult-classes/>



Preparing for the Lanternwalk

