



**Victoria
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Newsletter

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Director's Message

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Dear parents, students, and friends of the Victoria German School,

I hope you and your families have had a good start in the new year and have enjoyed/survived the unusual snowfall! Our students and teachers have been back in full swing for a while now, and I am happy to report on a few of their achievements so early in the year.

Our DSDII students took their exams right after the break in January. The DSDII is a challenging exam, both linguistically and academically, and gives the students who pass access to universities in Germany. I am happy to report that all our students passed their exams. It is not easy balancing the demands of the last years of high school with the extra effort needed to prepare for a German exam, and we are very proud of their achievements. At this point, I would also like to thank their teacher, Jasmin, for her never-ending enthusiasm and continuous home-made cookie supplies to keep her students going, even during the Christmas break. Hats off to all of you!

Our younger students are hard at work as well: the DSDI, A2, and A1 students will have their exams in March and April, and we wish them all the best! Their teachers, Erika, Petra, Mareike, and Tanja, have done extraordinary work with them and have prepared them very conscientiously for the exams. But German School is much more than exams, of course. Our youngest students in Mareike and Britta's Spielgruppe have been singing and dancing, making winter crafts, and playing outside in the sunshine - while speaking German, of course! Erika's Grundstufe 1 class has woken up Mother Earth from her winter slumber a few weeks ago, with songs and spring flowers, both real and crafted. Daniela, Tanja and Ben's classes have been busy making progress reading and writing in German, and we are very proud of the students for working so hard in their second or third (!) language!

We have also started a new term for our adult classes and are happy to report that all are running and that our student numbers have increased from last term. Our adult teachers, Joanna, Petra, and Elke, do an amazing job keeping our adult learners motivated.

In terms of cultural events, we are looking forward to our annual Easter celebration which will take place in April (after Spring Break) this year. As usual, we will be doing crafts, playing games, and going for an egg hunt.

Finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support for our school. Our teachers, administrator, board members, and volunteers do an amazing job and our students appreciate their work immensely.

Liebe Grüsse,

Deborah

Student Numbers Jan 2019

**85 children
33 adults
118 students total**

**Osterfest is coming up!
Check out our events
section for more info**

Events & Dates

German events this spring

- 09.03. Concert Max Raabe & Palastorchester
- 10.05. German-Norwegian Violin Concerto with Eldbjord Hemsing
- 23.-26.05. European Elections
- 23.05. Seventy Federal Republic of Germany, Lecture Event UBC

Please visit the events page of the German Consulate General in Vancouver for more information:
<https://canada.diplo.de/ca-en>



Saturday, April 13

Osterfest (Easter Celebration)

@ UVic (Clearihue Building)



As we do every year, we will host an Easter celebration at UVic. There will be crafts, games and an egg hunt! More details to follow soon!

Other important dates to note:

There are no classes on the following days:

- Saturday, March 16, 23, 30 (Spring Break)
- Tuesday, March 19 & 26 (Spring Break)
- Saturday, April 20 (Easter)

What Classes Does the Victoria German School Offer?

We offer classes in two streams: the German Stream (native-like fluency) and the Immersion Stream (non-native speakers).

German	Grade Level/Age Group	German Immersion	Grade Level/Age Group
Spielgruppe	Pre-school (3-5 year olds)	Spielgruppe	Pre-school (3-5 year olds)
Grundstufe 1	Kindergarten & Grade 1	Grundstufe 1	Kindergarten & Grade 1
Grundstufe 2	Grades 2 & 3	Grundstufe 2	Grades 2 & 3
A1	Grades 4 & 5	A1	Grades 4 -6& Grades 9-12
A2	Grades 5 & 6	A2	Grades9-12
DSDI	Grades 7 -9		
DSDII	Grades 9-12		

In addition to our classes for children, we also offer **beginner, intermediate and advanced classes for adults** three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring terms). Spring registration will open in April. To sign up, visit our website:

<https://www.victoriagermanschool.org/>

Parents of VGS students receive a 25% discount!



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 Debbie 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 provide professional development for our teachers.



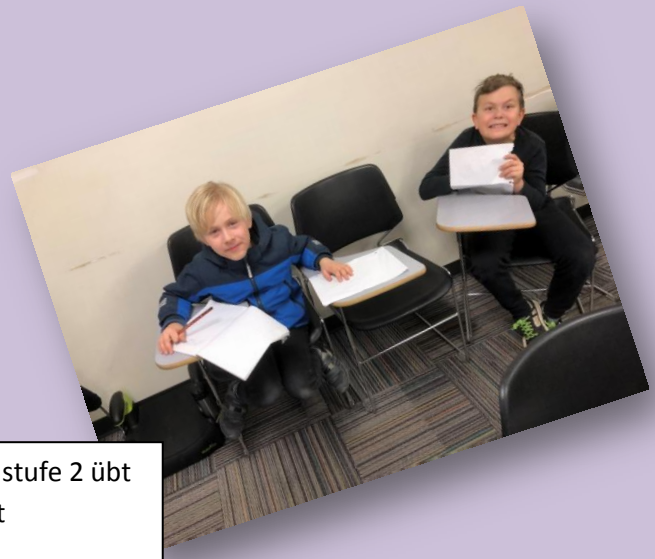
Our Students at Work!



Die Spielgruppe bastelt
ganz konzentriert

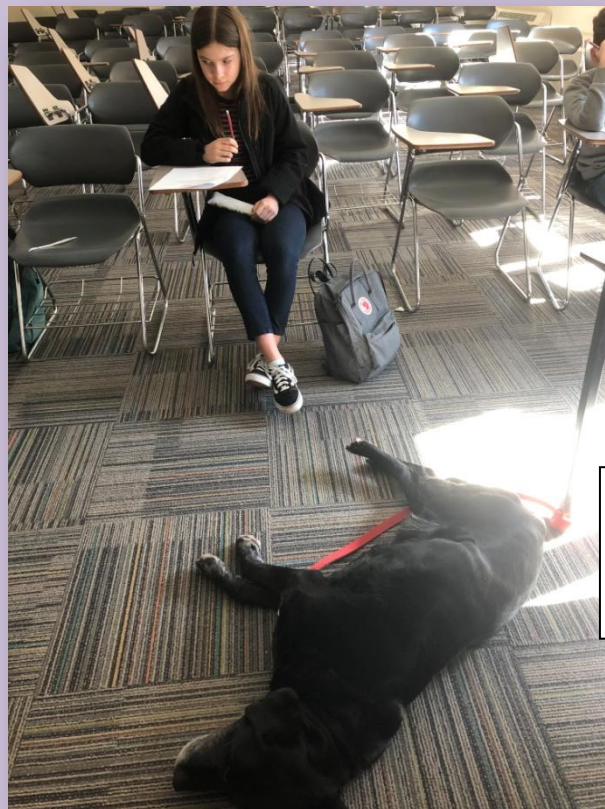
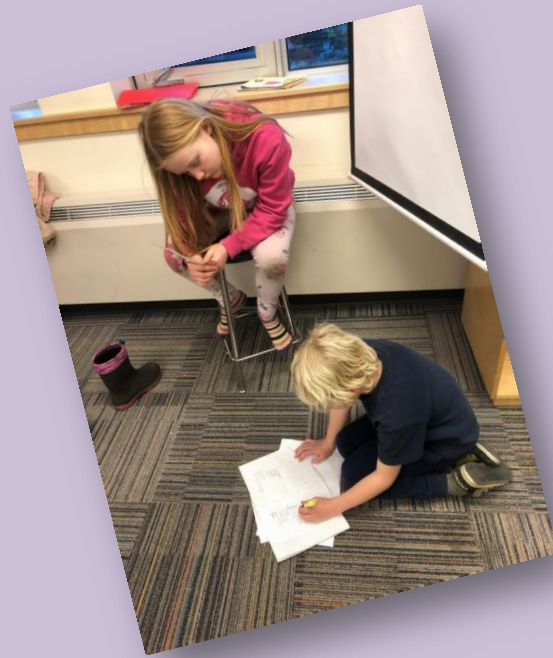


Die Grundstufe 2 übt
fürs Diktat





Die A1 Klasse
schreibt fleissig



Prüfungsvorbereitung
DSDI, mit guest
lecturer Bruno