

GSoM News

The school year may be coming to a close, but GSoM students are still actively engaging with German while having fun in the classroom..and the community! Keep reading to learn about what the German School has been up to this *Frühling* (Spring) and what you can look forward to in the Summer!



Past Events

Kinoabend (Movie Night)

To celebrate coming back to school from spring break, students enjoyed *pizza* (pronounced pit-zah in German) and watched *Harry*



Potter und der Stein der Weisen ("Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" ..auf Deutsch)! Before the older kids learned about the German wizarding world, the younger children watched "Cars". Students enjoyed the fun re-introduction to German after their regular lessons.

Olbrich *bontanisher Garten* (botanical garden)

GSoM students took a break from their regular classrooms and found themselves learning German while taking *Wanderungen* (hikes) through the beautiful gardens at Olbrich. One of our teachers, Mary Ellen Rutemeyer, discussed directions with students to help them describe their afternoon walk.

Some new German words:

Links: left



Upcoming Events

May 21

International Fest

June 4

Sommerfest (No Sat. Class)

June 12 & August 25

Summer camp begins!

2016-2017 Classes

Deutschlehrer/in: German Teacher
Schuljahr: School year

Entchen (Ducklings)

Noelle Stadler ; Pre-schoolers

Spatzen (Sparrows)

Delaney Jacobson & Michelle Kaestner ; Kindergarteners

Schwalben (Swallows)

Jo Drury ; 1st-2nd graders

Falken (Falcons)

Chris Tabisz ; 3rd-4th graders

Eulen (Owls)

Evan Nelson ; 5th-6th graders

Möwen (Seagulls)

Jonathan Gillette ; 7th-8th graders

Conversational German

Mary Ellen Rutemeyer ; Adults

Rechts: right

Geradeaus: straight ahead

Blumen: flowers

Bäume: trees



Upcoming Events!

IN THE COMMUNITY

Theateraufführung auf Deutsch (German theater performance)

This week only, UW Madison is putting on *Biedermann und die Brandstifter* (Herr Biedermann and the Arsonists) – a play completely in German! *Eintritt frei* (Admission is free) and open to the public with no reservations. This is a wonderful opportunity for German students to practice their German listening skills. And an English synopsis will be available for those with no prior knowledge of German. For more details check out the UW Madison German, Nordic, and Slavic [webpage](#).

Monday, May 1

Tuesday, May 2

Wednesday, May 3

7:30 PM

Madison Männerchorkonzert (Men's Choir Concert)

In 1852, the Madison *Männerchor* (MCC) was formed by German immigrants in order to celebrate their heritage (and have fun!) with *Musik* (music). The MCC is the oldest men's choir in Wisconsin and the second oldest men's choir in the entire nation. You can experience this 165 year old tradition by attending their Spring Concert on this upcoming Sunday, May 7th at Turner Hall in Madison at 3:00 PM. Learn more about the *Männerchor* [here](#).

International Fest – An Isthmus to Connect Us

On Sunday, May 21st from 11 AM – 2:45 PM, all students of language and culture schools in Madison will get together to celebrate diversity and community at Madison's first ever gathering of international schools. GSoM's very own teacher and provisional Administrative Director, Chris Tabisz, has planned an afternoon of singing, storytelling, dancing, crafting, and games to bring students of 8+ cultural schools together. You don't need to be a student to join! All GSoM families and friends are

invited to come and connect with others at the Goodman Community Center. Contact [Chris Tabisz](#) or check out the attached flyer for more information.

AT GSOM

Spieltag & Basteltag (Play & Craft Day)

The last day of classes, May 27th, will be a fun-filled day of games and crafts during lessons. If the weather is nice, there will be field day activities included as well. Looking forward to wrapping up another great year at GSoM!

Abschlussfeier/Sommerfest (Graduation/Summer party)

Graduation will take place Sunday, June 4th this year for all classes. We will celebrate the year with presentations from each class with *Kaffee und Kuchen* (coffee and cake) afterward. More details to come regarding this exciting event – remember there are **no classes** on Saturday, June 3rd!

Sommerncamp (Summer Camp)

Registration for 2017 summer camp is OPEN. All children entering 1st – 5th grade are welcome to join a week full of song, dance, storytelling, sports, crafts, and much much more all in German! GSoM would like to invite children of all German levels, from native speakers to those with no prior experience, to learn more about the German language and culture. Use [this link](#) for registration OR if you would like more information, check out the GSoM [webpage](#) or email [GSoM](#) for more details.

Students are welcome to sign up for one (or both!) of the following sessions:

Summer Camp Session 1: Monday, June 12th to Friday, June 16th (9AM – 3:30PM)

Summer Camp Session 2: Monday, August 21st to Friday, August 25th (9AM – 3:30PM)

Classroom Highlights

Meet a Teacher!

Our newest teacher, Evan Nelson, of the Eulen fell in love with German in Middle School and has gone on to complete an exchange semester at Uni Bonn in *Deutschland* (Germany) and a Fulbright Teaching Assistantship in Hamburg.



Evan also enjoys playing bass guitar with local bands, biking, jogging, hiking, and any other opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

We're glad to have him on the GSoM team!

An Isthmus to Connect Us

International Fest

**Language and Culture
Schools of Madison**

Sunday, May 21st, 2017

11 AM - 2:45 PM

Goodman Community Center

149 Waubesa St. Madison, WI 54704

**Singing
Storytelling**

Dancing

Arts-and-Crafts

Games

**Meet your
Language
and Culture
Schools of
Madison!**

**Bring friends and family!
All are welcome!**