

Immanuel German School

Spring 2009

The Initiative "Schools: Partners for the Future"

On Tuesday, March 31 Principal Christina Frei and Head of School Marlene Stocks, along with nine other northeast-based German schools, traveled to New York City to accept a plaque from Dr. Thietmar Bachmann, the head of the cultural department of the German Consulate in recognition of German Foreign Ministry's "Schools: Partners for the Future" Initiative. The Immanuel German School is one of 1,000 worldwide specially chosen schools to be an official partner of the Federal Republic of Germany.



Dr. Frei with Immanuel German School's *Schulen: Partner der Zukunft* plaque.



Dr. Frei (third from left) with colleagues from other German schools, Dr. Thietmar Bachmann (second from right) and Dr. Inke Pinkert-Saeltzer, Fachberaterin für Deutsch (right).

"Federal Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier launched the 'Schools: Partners for the Future' Initiative. Its goal is to build up a worldwide network of at least 1,000 partner schools through which to awaken young people's interest in and enthusiasm for modern-day Germany and German society. Additional funds to the tune of 45 million euro have been earmarked for the initiative in 2008.

The objective of this initiative is "to develop fruitful and long-lasting ties with Germany and inspire schools, their teachers and pupils to enjoy an open exchange of views and engage in cooperation. By providing additional courses the initiative will help both pupils and teachers to acquire training with a long-term impact. The initiative will thus extend young people's skills, preparing them for study in Germany and a subsequent career."

For further details: www.auswaertiges-amt.de/SchulenPartnerDerZukunft

Source: *Schulen: Partner der Zukunft* brochure



The Immanuel German School is beginning a collection drive of **ANY** used ink or toner cartridge, which it will then recycle at Staples store. For each cartridge or ink toner recycled it will receive \$3.00 in "Staples Rewards" that can be used for supplies such as paper, labels, and other necessities. The drop off box is located in the school office. Please start saving these cartridges now and during the summer months. Thank you!

Congratulations/Herzlichen Glückwunsch

We extend our sincerest congratulations to incoming Immanuel German School Executive Director, Tammy Sergejev, for receiving the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Award™ on April 1, 2009. This award is presented annually to child care teachers from around the country pursuant to an application process that attracted 250 applicants. The 50 winners were selected based on an educational, age appropriate project they designed for their classroom. Mrs. Sergejev's project was entitled "Pre-K's Eric Carles" and integrated the arts to actively engage four year olds so that they will be able to become environmental stewards by understanding the terms threatened, endangered and extinct. The topic is especially meaningful and relevant to the children because of the recent razing of natural woodland adjacent to their Chesterbrook Academy school and the subsequent loss of native wildlife.

For her winning project, Mrs. Sergejev received the funding to implement the project and an individual cash award of \$500 as an acknowledgement for her dedication to the profession. Mrs. Sergejev has generously donated her cash award to the Concordia Trust, a nonprofit charitable foundation that promotes and supports German language education, scholarship and cultural programming. Her contribution will be matched by means of a corporate matching program and thereby double the donation to \$1,000. We are indebted to Mrs. Sergejev and thank her for her generous gift, which will benefit the Immanuel German School and its students. *Herzlichen Dank, Frau Sergejev!*



Marlene Stocks and Christina Frei congratulating Tami Sergejev and her husband, Alexander, during the Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's TYLENOL® National Child Care Teacher Award™ ceremony.



Congratulations to **Ian Ochs** for his participation in the regional high school band competition and for being chosen to further his science fair project with a trip to Florida.

We also congratulate former Immanuel German School student, **Gabriela Kappes**, for being named Lower Moreland High School's student of the month for April.

Alles Gute!

Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars:

April 11: **Easter break – no classes.** Frohe Ostern!



April 18: The Mercer Museum field trip is postponed until the 2009/2010 school year.

April 25: **AATG Awards Ceremony** at the Cannstatter Volksfest Verein. The following Immanuel Students have been invited to attend:

Christoph Grosse
Marc Gehman
Alexander Birkel
Valentin King
Daniel Sergejev



May 2: **Last Day of Classes and Awards Ceremony**



Please join the students of the Immanuel German School as they present their Steiff Bär projects in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the passing of the founder Margarete Steiff. Our Steiff Bär will be traveling from class to class and you won't want to miss the adventures.

For the past several weeks, the children have worked very diligently on their video, newsletter, pen pal letter exchange, posters, photo albums, and dioramas. Many of the projects will be exhibited in the auditorium lobby between 9:30 and 10:30 for you to enjoy.

Keeping with the Steiff Bär theme, one of the projects is a student compiled newsletter entitled "*Bienenstich*". As a parallel activity to this project, we invite the parents to share their favorite *Bienenstich*, which we would like to serve with coffee prior to the awards ceremony. We have many wonderful bakers in our Immanuel family and would appreciate you baking your favorite recipe and sharing your talent with us. Please contact Marlene Stocks 215.947.5490 or mhkstocks@verizon.net if you would like to contribute a *Bienenstich* on May 2.



The remaining projects will be presented during the awards ceremony, which begins in the auditorium at 10:30. We strongly encourage you and your children to attend this last day of the 2008/2009 school year as we recognize the scholastic achievement of our students. We will also formally introduce incoming Principal Ray Anderson, Executive Director Tammy Sergejev and Treasurer Karin Hazzard.