



Dear Parents,

After having landed safely in Accra, from attending the training for heads of schools and the one organized by the Bosch-Foundation, I would like to briefly mention a few important points and also answer the questions that have been asked by parents.

Monday Ritual

The next Monday Ritual will be taking place on 01.10.2018 at 8:00 a.m. on our basketball court. As usual you are all warmly welcome.

Parents' discussions/Learning Progress Discussions

You have the opportunity twice every year to have discussions with the class teachers of your children. In these discussions, especially for class 3 and above, the focus should mainly be on the working and social behaviour of your child. Ideally then from class 3, agreements on the targets set will then be made together with your child as well.

The class teacher will beforehand, collect all the required information from the subject teachers who teach the core subjects. 15 minutes are definitely enough for these short feedback discussions.

I would especially like to emphasize that you can always schedule individual meetings with any of the teachers whenever it is required.

Project “ Support by Bosch-Foundation“

Quoted from (Parents' letter September 2017)

The GSIS applied for the German School Award in the past years. Now the Bosch-Foundation, which is mainly responsible for the financing of the German School Award has invited 20 schools which are worthy of support to a programme. During a period of 2 years, the foundation will provide a facilitator who together with us will work on the further development of the school. We will therefore be able to interact with other selected schools and will set goals together and will be engaged in an intensive exchange of ideas. The aim of the support is that after 2 years ,we would have been able to work out the important areas of the school and possibly re-apply for the school award.

Our main working areas with the Bosch-Foundation are All Day School and the establishment of leadership structure in the school. For this reason, Ms. Schanzmann and I also attended a meeting in Berlin this week.

An important element of the evaluation in this support programme is the so-called Peer Review. Three teachers from a secondary school in Essen, the “Essen-Nord“ will be our guests from 05.11.2018-08.11.2018 and among other things they will be All Day school concept. We will introduce the colleagues to the school community on 5.11.2018 at 8:00 a.m. At the end of their visit we will receive a report with which we can proceed with our work.

As already announced, with the move into the new administration block, we have also newly defined our assignments within the administration. Please find attached the current plan, in which you will find out who is responsible for which area.

Olympics in Windhoek

A wonderful event of how being intercultural can be practiced, is what we experienced during the 17th Olympics of the German Schools in Sub-Saharan Africa, which took place in Windhoek..

Our Olympics team under the leadership of Mr. Hoffmann and Ms. Mäder put in much effort and fought and were well- behaved , setting a good example of comradeship. It was nice to see how we were able to tackle all hurdles. I would like to say thank you to all the participants. Special thanks to my colleagues, Jörn Hoffmann and Danja Mäder. You all together represented our school in an exemplary manner and we have gained more respect because of that. .

With regards to this, I would also like to thank Mrs. Schemmer, Mr. Schülbe and our colleague Kevin Stepper.

In two years we will be on our way again to: “The Olympics in Johannesburg“. Maybe, we will then for the first time, win our first medal.

Dates:

29.09.2018	3:p.m.	Family Celebration – German Reunification Day
03.10.2018		German Unity Day –no school---
05.10.2018		Parents’ discussions / Learning Progress Discussions
09.10.2018	6:00 p.m.	General Meeting
15.10.-19.10.2018		Autumn Break
28.10.2018		Accra-Marathon
03.11.2018		Sponsored Run for Chance for Children

Best regards,
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