

August/September 2009

**Welcome back all German Program students and families and a special welcome to our new students and families. GIPA wishes all of you a fun, exciting and successful school year 2009/2010**

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### Carver 8<sup>th</sup> Graders Did It Again!

Like last year, ALL of our German Program IS 8<sup>th</sup> graders passed the German AP test – an unbelievable achievement two years in a row!

Frau Moghani, Carver's Chairperson of the German Program, was very excited: "Like last year, all participants of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade IS class passed the AP exam. By passing this 'Advanced Placement Exam' these kids earned their first college credits. This passing rate is unusually high considering that the national AP scores average in the 30 percentile. This shows how well these kids were prepared and how hard they worked to achieve this success. I firmly believe that the targeted cooperation between Sunset and Carver teachers is part of this achievement. Being one of these kids' German teachers, I am very happy for these students and I want to thank each one of them for their hard work and dedication. It was a pleasure to teach them." These students were: **Briana Araujo, Frederick Bardi, Niko Berger, Amanda Brenlla, Fabio Biondolillo, Christiane Czaszar, Daniel Funnen, Adrian Garcia, Madeleine Intriago, Isabella Kahle, Tobias Kammerer, Andrew Langen, Andres Lopez, Jacquelyne Prieto, Houston Ross, Julian Santiago, Miguel Sandoval, Khamai Simpson and Claudia Skiadas. CONGRATULATIONS!**

### Our German Teachers

Welcome back to our German teachers at Sunset: Frau Brown, Frau Schuler and Frau Riedel, who are joined by Frau Horak, who is back after a 1 year break as well as Frau Romaguera, who previously was a German teacher at Coral Reef. At Carver we welcome back Frau Moghani, Frau Staertzel and Frau Leontaridis and at Coral Reef Frau Davidson is joining Dr. Krupp as a German teacher. Welcome to all and GIPA wishes all of you a great school year.

### A Special Welcome to Our New Students and Families



As it is tradition in the German Program, the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade parents invited the incoming German Program families to a 'Welcome BBQ in the Park' on the Sunday before the beginning of the school year. A special thank you to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade moms Susan Henrys and Evelyn Penton for organizing this fun event. The new parents and students had the opportunity to meet some of our wonderful German teachers, get information about GIPA at the welcome table which was beautifully set up by Membership Coordinator Daniela Kuczurba, and meet other members of the GIPA board – but most of all it gives the new students the opportunity to meet other first graders and help ease their 1<sup>st</sup> grade anxiety. GIPA wants to thank everybody who contributed to this successful event.

### **A “Sweet” Welcome to Our New First Graders** by Frau Maria Brown

Following a German tradition, Sunset Elementary first graders within the German International Studies Program received on their first day of school “Schultüten”. These colorful paper cones were filled with surprises like school supplies and sweets. Some tensed faces brightened up when opening this welcome present sponsored by the German International Parent Association. A big thank you to Daniela Kuczurba and Jacqueline Duester for crafting these treats! Finally, German teachers Gabi Riedel and Maria Brown took a picture of each first grader to be carried home as a souvenir.



### **GIPA NEEDS YOUR HELP**

GIPA is entirely run by volunteers and the German Program would not be possible without the constant efforts and work of these volunteers to raise the funds necessary to run the program. Please help in your class, attend our great events and respond if you are asked for help.

### **Oktoberfest 2009 Planning Underway**

Oktoberfest is a fabulous event which is getting better year by year! Susan Schuler is gathering her group of volunteers to plan the event. Please check with your GIPA room-moms how you can help. We need everybody to come together to make this Oktoberfest the best ever.

### **New Initiative to Recycle School Uniforms to Benefit GIPA**

In an effort to recycle used school uniforms German Program 9<sup>th</sup> grader Adrian Garcia started a campaign to collect used, no longer needed school uniforms to sell at events like the upcoming Oktoberfest to benefit the German Program. The response so far has been great. Uniforms can be dropped off at Carver Middle, where Frau Moghani offered to collect them. Frau Brown at Sunset Elementary offered to collect uniforms during the month of September. **Please remember: Second-hand Uniforms will be for sale at the Oktoberfest at drastically reduced prices to benefit GIPA.**

### **Todo Alemán: Goethe-Institut New York Launches Trilingual, Cross-Cultural Youth Portal**



Todo Alemán is Spanish for “Everything German,” but its English translation also means “To do German.” Todo Alemán is designed to help boost German as “an important language in an increasingly global and multilingual environment,” says Michael Hoefig, project manager and mastermind behind Todo Alemán. Todo Alemán primarily aims to attract students and young adults from Latino backgrounds, as this demographic already speaks Spanish—German’s toughest foreign-language competitor in America. However, Todo Alemán is also meant to

serve as a medium of integration and targets young adults from Anglo-American backgrounds as well. Todo Alemán is therefore designed for young people across the globe who are interested in “Everything German,” be it soccer, fashion or music.

### **Are You a GIPA Member Yet?**

Please make sure that you have paid your GIPA membership. The German Program depends on everybody’s contribution to ensure its continued high quality education. A membership form is attached to this newsletter – please make out your check to GIPA. You can now also pay with credit card.

### **GABC Monthly “Stammtisch” and other Events**

Please check the German American Business Chamber website [www.gabc.com](http://www.gabc.com) for their monthly “Stammtisch” and other events. Everybody is welcome.

### **“German American Social Club” Offering “A Taste of Germany”**

Chef Tano of the German American Social Club, located at 11919 SW 56 Street in Miami invites us to join him every third Wednesday of the month for a tour of a new and wonderful German region. Every month he will feature a “Traditional Cuisine”, highlighting another region in Germany. You can find the menus and more information on the homepage of the club at: [www.germanamericanclub-miami.org](http://www.germanamericanclub-miami.org).



German International Parent Association

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2009 /2010 SCHOOL YEAR\***

\*Membership expires June 30, 2010

New Member       Membership Renewal

STUDENTS' INFORMATION		Grade								High School Year			
Name:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	FR	SO	JR	SR
Name:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	FR	SO	JR	SR
Name:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	FR	SO	JR	SR
Name:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	FR	SO	JR	SR

MOTHER'S INFORMATION (Please print clearly)	
Name:	Email:
Address:	Phone (H):
	Phone (Cell):
	Nationality:
Hobbies:	Profession/Company:
Interest to volunteer: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> No	

FATHER'S INFORMATION (Please print clearly)	
Name:	Email:
Address:	Phone (H):
	Phone (Cell):
	Nationality:
Hobbies:	Profession/Company:
Interest to volunteer: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> No	

**We would like to support GIPA by joining at the following membership level:**

Basic \$50<sup>[1]</sup>       Family \$100<sup>[2]</sup>       Sponsor \$250       Patron \$500       Other \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>[1]</sup> covers one child

<sup>[2]</sup> covers two or more children in the program

ALL DONATIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Ask your employer about matching contributions!

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NEW: Credit Card:  MasterCard  Visa  American Express  \_\_\_\_\_

Card No: \_\_\_\_\_ Valid thru: \_\_\_\_/20\_\_\_\_ Verification Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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