

GSoM News

Our students and families have been busy with several celebrations this winter – from St. Martin’s Laternenfest to Faschingsfest. Eight of our students have been awarded scholarships to attend [Waldsee](#), the German immersion summer camp in Minnesota.



Past Events

St. Martin – Laternenfest (St. Martin – Lantern Fest)

The Eulen presented the story of St. Martin in a short skit in German and English, and the entire school community enjoyed singing several songs around a fire at the Shorewood Hills Community Center.



Kids and families lit their lanterns and paraded through Shorewood Hills singing and connecting with friends, and everyone returned to the Community Center for a delicious potluck dinner and some music and games.



Upcoming Events

April 8 and 16

[MMSD Spring Break](#)

(no classes)

April 29

[Road Home](#) at Lake Edge UCC

(no classes)

2016-17 Class Schedule

Entchen (Ducklings)

3-4 years old

Spatzen (Sparrows)

Kindergarteners

Schwalben (Swallows)

1st-2nd graders

Falken (Falcons)

3rd-4th graders

Eulen (Owls)

5th-6th graders

Möwen (Seagulls)

7th-8th graders

Conversational German

Adult class



[St. Nikolaus \(St. Nicholas\)](#)

Once again, the school community has gathered to meet the amazing and generous Saint Nikolaus, who told a couple of stories from days of yore and delivered small packages of candy to our young ones. Some kids made snowflakes, Christmas tree ornaments, while others played musical chairs among other games. The community brought together a bounty of tasty food at the evening's potluck dinner.



[International Festival](#)

The German School of Madison had a fantastic location in the lobby of the Overture Center at the International Festival 2017, which exhibited cultural and linguistic organizations from all over the world. The amazing diversity of the small town of Madison shined through on this cool winter day. We were able to meet with many Madisonians who are interested in being involved in our school.

[Faschingsfest \(Carnival Celebration\)](#)

Helau! Alaaf! As people attending the festivities of Fasching or Karneval in German-speaking central Europe, our school community celebrated with colorful costumes. The kids made masks and had some face paint before enjoying the sweet goodies – cookies, cake and candy. All the kids paraded through the community room and hallway to music from the Carnival capitol, Cologne.



Upcoming Events!

Sommerfest (End-of-School-Year Celebration)



On Saturday, June 3rd, the GSoM will have the last classes for the school year 2016-2017, but don't worry! We will be celebrating our entire school year at our yearly Sommerfest. The classes will have short presentations, and there will be plenty of music and games for the whole family as well as food! More details to follow.

Sommercamps

The GSoM Sommercamps were so successful last summer that our camps are extending hours this coming summer. We are offering two one-week camps from 9 AM to 3:30 PM at [Bethany United Methodist Church](#) on Mineral Point Road. Many of the counselors from last summer will be back to enjoy the warm, sunny summer with you! Sign up today! You can find the link to the registration on the [GSoM website](#).



Getting involved in GSoM

If you would like to [plan an event](#) for our GSoM community and/or add an event to our GSoM newsletter, please let us know, such as movie nights, craft afternoons, board game evenings, etc. [Contact us](#).

Classroom Highlights

GSoM Library

Falken – 3rd & 4th Grade

Eulen – 5th & 6th Grade

Check out our school library in the hallway! A huge thanks to Shaili Pfeiffer for organizing this!



The Falken say *Danke* to the [German Consulate in Chicago](#) for some amazing teaching materials!



The Eulen spent their breaks selling goodies to the GSoM students and parents, collecting more than \$100 for a donation to the [Goodman Community Center](#). Also, please make sure to walk down the school's hallway to see the Eulen's projects on German history.