

Dear parents,

I hope that you had excellent vacation and had a good start into the new school year!
The present Newsletter will deal with issues and news about Canteen, Transport, the purple pavilion (container) and PA-internals.

Canteen:

As reported before the summer break the story about the need to almost completely renew the kitchen and the canteen area because of a water damage continued.

Almost the whole summer your parent's representatives were busy with said issues and almost daily changing news.

The latest development: the canteen will start "normal" with minimal restrictions after heavy sealing, measuring and replacement work of walls during the summer break. At present there is no contamination (formation of mould) in the critical areas and an independent investigation gave green light for the use of the canteen for the coming school year. All the measuring and investigation, however, have shown that a complete renovation will be needed and the canteen will be closed essentially for 9 to 12 month of from next summer break onwards. At present temporary solution are proposed which will need a lot of more discussion and "fine tuning".

What remains is that, surprisingly for all, a contamination of the teachers Mensa has been found and the room has been closed and sealed. We will host the teachers and the staff of the school in the rest of the canteen.

According to the Bauamt there will be a weekly control of the canteen during the school year.

Transport:

Whilst transport has always been "slightly chaotic" at the beginning of a school year it reached an unacceptable level for some bus lines this year.

The city of Munich has further condensed the transport. Instead of 3 large busses (and many small ones) we have now 6 large (and less small ones) with the effect of significantly longer travelling times for many children. As "usual" and practised with some regularity every year all responsible for the transport of the city of Munich went on vacation just after having sent to us inadequate plans.

This time the protest wave of some parents was so forceful that some "superiors of the superiors" of those being on vacation got involved and promised to "as fast as possible" to provide some more busses in order to reduce the travel time. In addition a meeting will be organised to find better solutions in the distribution of the tasks between MVG, the Munich Schulreferat and the parents association (currently only acting as a "post officer between parents and MVG")

As parents association we are very happy to get such a strong support from parents. However some of the understandable "individual interventions" led to ad hoc changes of bus routes with the effect of no proper and timely information (we simply did not know!) to the other parents. This caused further protests since children were waiting for a bus which did not come or stopped somewhere else. "Improved plan for some" might lead to a worse plan for others.

One positive issue is that at least the transport of from the patent office at 07:30 will be for free since the MVG accept the office address as the "home address".

Purple container (or pavilion):

An old rule says if you measure you will find. Unfortunately it appears that some of the limits defined for aldehyde concentrations in the air were exceeded and that an improved aeration

of the building over the summer did not help to bring all limits down to an acceptable level. We have just got the newest measurements and recommendations from an independent institute, which requests that a strict aeration scheme to be implemented. As reported by them in a recent meeting the levels have been brought down and the rooms are "safe". Nevertheless, measuring and monitoring will continue. We very much welcome the positive and transparent attitude of the school and the local authorities in this matter.

General Assembly: The preliminary agenda for the General Assembly (allgemeine Mitgliederversammlung) has been published on the Web-page of the parents association. It will take place on 15th of October 2015 at the premises of the school. Parents being interested to candidate for one or the other position in the board are invited to contact me in case they may need further information.

Yours truly,
Georg Weber