

Dear Parents, Friends, Students and Teachers.

Time is flying – don't you think? The last time we sent out a newsletter was just before Christmas 2007 and now, the school term is over the halfway point!

We already celebrated 'Fasching' with 21 children (four classes ages 5 – 13). And we are just as proud to have 36 adult students attending the German Heritage Language School in various levels. As our spring term is the continuation of where we started in September we currently have one conversation class, one intermediate I class, an intermediate II class, and a beginners II and beginners I class.

The Meteorologists say spring already started and we can only hope that the weather will show it soon – we don't know and have no influence on it. The one thing that is definite, Easter is just around the corner and we should start thinking about the tradition of *Ostereier* :

Because in the Christian tradition eggs were not allowed during Lent, one would have been forced to hard boil the eggs that the chickens produced so as not to waste food, and e.g. for this reason the spanish dish *hornazo* (traditionally eaten on and around Easter) contains hard-boiled eggs as a primary ingredient. In the north of England, at Eastertime, a traditional game is played where hard boiled *pace* eggs are distributed and each player hits the other players egg with their own. This is known as "egg dumping" or "egg jarping". The winner is the holder of the last intact egg. The losers get to eat their eggs. It is also practiced in Bulgaria, Croatia, Serbia, the Republic of Srpska and other countries. They call it *tucanje*. In parts of Bavaria, Austria and German-speaking Switzerland it is called *Ostereiertitschen*. In South Louisiana this practice is called *pocking* eggs and is slightly different. The Cajuns hold that the winner eats the eggs of the losers in each round (better not win?)

In accordance to these traditions, Christine Hoehne is preparing a get-together for the adult students on **March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**, during the class hours from 4:15 – 6:15 pm. There will be all kinds of traditional Easter preparations e.g. egg-colouring, and of course a lot of fun.

## Term II Information

**March 13:** March break, enjoy

**April 3:** Last class and Closing Ceremonies  
All parents and adult students are invited to join the children to celebrate their successes, enjoy their presentations and the „Auf Wiedersehen“ Party after.

**In case of a snowstorm:  
If public schools are closed, we are closed!**

For further information and updates please visit our website:



[www.german-language-school.ca](http://www.german-language-school.ca)

## Schedule German Canadian Association

**März 2008**

**kein Stammtisch**

**Sonntag, 23. März, 14 Uhr**

**Ostergottesdienst**

Little Dutch Church,  
5342 Brunswick Street,  
Halifax

Anschließend Kaffee und Kuchen in der  
St. George's Kirchenhalle

**Dienstag, 25. März, 19 Uhr**

**Deutscher Film:**  
**Alles auf Zucker** (Go for Zucker),  
Direktor: Dani Levy (2004) 91 Min

MacMechan Auditorium, Killam Library, Dalhousie University

**Samstag, 29. März, 14:00 Uhr Kaffeekraenzchen**

Lutherische Kirche  
Ecke Windsor / Allan St.,

(see: [www.germancanadianassociation.ca](http://www.germancanadianassociation.ca) )

**im März 2008**

## GERMAN HERITAGE LANGUAGE SCHOOL



**Unterm Baum im grünen Grase**

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Sitzt ein kleiner Osterhas'!

Putzt den Bart und spitzt das Ohr,

Macht ein Männchen, guckt hervor.

Springt dann fort mit einem Satz

Und ein kleiner frecher Spatz

Schaut jetzt nach, was denn dort sei.

Und was ist's? Ein Osterei!

(unbekannter Verfasser)