

Workshop and Visit on May 29, 2008 at the GHLS in Halifax

Fachberaterin Kanada-Ost, Hannelore Müller

The German Heritage Language School ended its term with Beginner I and II classes at the end of May. Teachers wrapped up their last lesson at 5:15 pm, when Hannelore Müller came for a visit from Toronto.

The students assembled in one classroom, and Hannelore Müller asked them to pull questions out of a box. Each student was able to say a few sentences concerning the questions. With this warm-up and introduction exercise everybody was ready to learn more. Worksheets were distributed showing a square full of letters. Could anybody discover verbs in there? The students worked in pairs and when the first group found 10 different verbs, Hannelore Müller was ready to hand out prizes for the winners. Participants worked eagerly and everybody received a small prize (a pen and a computer pad).

During the last part of the class the students received various pictures and had to tell a story. One hour passed by in no time. The students really enjoyed this entertaining session and said good-bye till next term in September.

6 teachers stayed on for another hour. Hannelore Müller informed them about the "Deutsches Sprachdiplom" and German Language Certificate DSD-A2. We were told that some of the previous activities could be part of the oral component (understanding and speaking) for the examination and the Certificate. This was followed by a lively discussion addressing how we could accomplish the integration of this Language Certificate in the classes of GHLS.

One of the teachers had brought tea and cinnamon buns which was appreciated by all.

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