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The mission of Hainerberg Elementary School is to provide exemplary educational programs that inspire and prepare all students for success in a global environment.



UPDATE YOUR CALENDAR

May 4

PTO Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7

**Volunteer Appreciation Tea
3:00-4:00 Media Center**

May 25

Memorial Day - no school

June 11

End of 4th Quarter - last day for students

June 12

Teacher Work Day - no school for students

August 31

First Day of School

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School Hours

Admin 0730-1600

Instructional Day 0810-1435

Secretary 0800-1500

Students arrive at 0800

"You Made the Grade" Program

Kids, did you make all A's and B's on your last report card??
Take your report card to AAFES main store and pick up your coupon book - a small reward for all of your hard work!!

Notes from the Music Department

Mark your calendars!! Saturday, May 2 is the day the 3rd graders will perform at the festival sponsored by Big Bucks for College!

The festival starts at 2:00 p.m. at the High School.

The 3rd graders' performance time is 5:25. Third graders need to be in the hallway outside the high school auditorium at 5:05 for line up.



Come listen to the great singing after spending the afternoon playing at the festival!

Student/Parent Middle School Orientation

Parent Orientation

May 7th - 6pm

Wiesbaden Middle School Gym

5th Grade Orientation

May 20 - 10am

Wiesbaden Middle School Gym

This is a great chance for parents to have their questions about middle school answered.

School Lunch Menu

Go to <http://odin.aafes.com/nutrition/menus.htm>



RAZ-Kids

It's here! It's another way to read with your child at home. It's called RAZ-Kids. RAZ-Kids.com is a website that has on-line books and quizzes. Some students are already using it. Is your child or children?

The Hainerberg PTO has bought subscriptions so that the kids from Pre- Kindergarten through 5th grade can read these fun and fascinating books at school, home, a hotel, the library, or at Grandma and Grandpa's house. The best part is it that you can use the site until the beginning of next school year. No more loss of reading skills over the summer. No more searching for books on your child's level. They're here. It's fun, it's easy, and it's free to you.

Each student will have a login and password that will take him or her to a bookroom with books to hear, to read aloud and possibly be recorded, and a quiz about the story he/she read. Points are collected as rewards and may be used to decorate a rocket ship designed exclusively for and by your child.

Students improve their reading skills by:

- Listening for modeled fluency
- Reading for practice
- Recording their reading
- Checking comprehension with quizzes

Students log in to choose books in the bookroom and to get books and quizzes assigned by their teachers.

The login site is: <http://www.raz-kids.com/main/Login>



Cool Websites

LANGUAGE ARTS

http://www.internet4classrooms.com/lang_element.htm

MATH

http://edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/ekowalc/math/elementary_web_sites.htm

EARLY ELEMENTARY

<http://etcc.lrhdsd.org/archives/child.html>

SOCIAL STUDIES

http://families.owc.edu/children/social_studies.htm

SCIENCE

<http://www.ncsu.edu/imse/4/elementaryEd.htm>

ALL SUBJECTS

<http://jc-schools.net/tutorials/interact-socst.htm>

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month

What is Communication?

Communication refers to the different ways we give and receive messages. Communication involves receptive language, expressive language, articulation, fluency, voice, hearing and pragmatics.

Receptive Language

Receptive Language is the ability to understand what others are saying.

Expressive Language

Expressive Language is the ability to express thoughts, feelings, and ideas verbally or in writing.

Articulation

Articulation is the ability to pronounce speech sounds or speech patterns.

Fluency

Fluency is the smoothness in which sounds, syllables, words, and phrases are joined together when speaking.

Voice

Voice is the production of sound using the vocal cavity. Areas of vocal production include quality, pitch, nasality, and volume.

Hearing

Hearing is the sense that allows an individual to hear what is being said.

Pragmatics

Pragmatics is the area of language function that Embraces the use of language in social contexts: knowing what to say, how to say it, and when to say it.

How many people have speech, language, and hearing disorders?

- The prevalence of speech sound disorders in young children is 8-9%. By first grade, roughly 5% of children have noticeable speech disorders; the majority of these speech disorders have no known cause.
- Between 6 and 8 million people in the United States have some form of language impairment.
- 1 in 6 or 42 million Americans have a speech, language, or hearing disorder.
- Over 10 million Americans have hearing loss because of excess noise exposure.
- As many as 738,000 individuals in the U.S. have severe to profound hearing loss. Of these, almost 8% are under the age of 18.
- About one million persons in the United States have aphasia (partial or complete impairment of language comprehension and expression caused by brain damage, most often from stroke).
- It is estimated that more than 3 million Americans stutter.
- Approximately 7.5 million people in the United States have a voice disorder.

For more information, please contact one of the Speech and Language Pathologists at Hainerberg Elementary School.

Want more information about DoDDS schools??
Check out these websites....

Department of Defense Education Activity
www.dodea.edu

DoDDS-Europe
www.eu.dodea.edu

Student Council Info.....

The Student Council was busy in March!

They organized a Bake Sale during the March PTO Bingo. The goal was to raise money for their end of the year party. The SC members brought in baked goods and ran the table. It was a huge success! Thanks to everyone for all your donations.



The money is finally counted and the Student Council raised **\$185.00 for the Fisher House from the Euro Cent/Penny Drive!!** We will make a donation to the Fisher House and they will be able to spend the money where it is needed. A Big Thank You to EVERYONE who made a donation big or small!!

From the Host Nation Corner:

German Holidays and Customs in May

May Day and Maypoles

The first day in “the lovely month of May” (Camelot) is a national holiday in Germany, Austria, and most of Europe. International Workers’ Day is observed in many countries around the globe on May 1.

Oddly, the widespread of celebrating Labor Day on the first of May was inspired by the events in the United States, one of the few countries that does not observe Labor Day in May! In 1889, voted to support the U.S. labor movement’s demands for an 8-hour day. They selected May 1, 1890 as a day of commemoration for the Chicago strikers. In many countries around the world May 1 became an official holiday called Labor Day – but not in the U.S., where that holiday is observed on the first Monday in September. Historically the holiday has had special importance in socialist and communist countries, which is one reason it is not observed in May in America. The U.S. federal holiday was first observed in 1894.

In Germany, May Day (erster Mai, May 1st) is a national holiday and an important day, partly because of Blutmai (“bloody May”) in 1929. That year in Berlin the ruling Social Democratic (SPD) party had banned the traditional workers’ demonstrations. But the KPD (communist party of Germany) called for demonstrations anyway. The resulting bloodbath left 32 people dead and at least 80 seriously injured. It also left a big split between the two workers’ parties (KPD and SPD), which the Nazi soon used to their advantage. The National Socialists named the holiday “Tag der Arbeit” (“Day of Labor”), the name still used in Germany today.

Unlike the U.S. observance, which cuts across all classes, Germany’s Tag der Arbeit and most European Labor Day observances are primarily a working class holiday. In recent years Germany’s chronic high unemployment (Arbeitslosigkeit, over 5 million in 2005) also comes into focus each May. The holiday also tends to be a day of Demos that often turn into clashes between the demonstrators (more like hooligans) and the police in Berlin and other large cities. If the weather allows, nice, law-abiding people use the day for picnicking or relaxing with the family. But there are other German May customs that reflect the end of winter and the arrival of warmer days....

Der Maibaum – the Maypole

In Austria and many parts of Germany, especially in Bavaria, the tradition of raising a Maypole (Maibaum) on May 1st still serves to welcome spring – as it has since ancient times. Similar Maypole festivities also can be found in England, Finland, Sweden, and the Czech Republic. A Maypole is a tall wooden pole made from a tree trunk (pine or birch), with colorful ribbons, flowers, carved figures, and various other decorations adorning it, depending on the location. In Germany the name “Maibaum” reflects the custom of placing a small pine tree atop the Maypole, which is usually set up in a town’s public square or village green. Traditional dances, music, and folk customs are often associated with the Maypole. In small town virtually the entire population turns out for the ceremonial raising of the Maypole and the festivities that follow, with “Bier und Wurst” of course. In Munich a permanent “Maibaum” stands at the Viktualienmarkt.

Walpurgis – Walpurgisnacht

Walpurgis Night, the night before May Day, is similar to Halloween in that it has to do with supernatural spirits. And like Halloween, Walpurgisnacht is of pagan origin. The bonfires seen in today’s celebration reflect those pagan origins and the human desire to drive away the winter cold and welcome spring.

Celebrated mainly in Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Germany, Walpurgisnacht gets its name from Saint Walburga, a woman born in what is now England in 710. “Die heilige Walburga” traveled to Germany and became a nun at the convent of Heidenheim in Wurttemberg. Following her death in 778 (or 779), she was made a saint, with May 1 as her saint day.

In Germany the “Brocken”, the highest peak in the Harz Mountains, is considered the focal point of Walpurgisnacht. Also known as the “Blocksberg”, the 1142-meter peak is often shrouded in mist and clouds, lending it a mysterious atmosphere that has contributed to its legendary status as the home of witches (Hexen) and devils (Teufel). That tradition predates the mention of the witches gathering on the Brocken in Goethe’s “Faust”: “To the Brocken the witches ride...”.

In its Christian version, the former pagan festival in May became Walpurgis, a time to drive out evil spirits – usually with loud noises. In Bavaria Walpurgisnacht is known as “Freinacht” and resembles Halloween, complete with youthful pranks.

Here are places you can visit and enjoy during the loooong summer break!

Open Air Parks

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| • Taunus Wunderland
www.taunuswunderland.de | Schlangenbad | Tel.: 06124-4081 |
| • Erlebnispark Lochmühle
www.lochmuehle.de | Wehrheim | Tel.: 06175-790060 |
| • Holiday Park 67454
www.holidaypark.de | Haßloch/Pfalz | Tel.: 0180-5003246 |
| • Opel Zoo
www.opelzoo.de | Kronberg | Tel.: 06173-79749 |
| • Open air museum Hessenpark
www.hessenpark.de | Neu-Anspach | Tel.: 06081-5880 |
| • Rheinland-Pfalz Open-Air Museum
www.freilichtmuseum-badsobernheim.de | Bad Sobernheim | Tel: 06751-3840 |

Birds

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| • Falconry Castle Maus
Open until end of October
daily except Mondays | St. Goarshausen | Tel.: 06771-7669 |
| • Falconry Niederwal
open March 23 - November 3
www.adlerwarte-niederwald.de | Rüdesheim | Tel.: 06722-47339 |
| • Vogelburg Hochtaunus (parrots)
A non-commercial bird park with
Tame parrots and cacadus
Open from March 15 - Nov.15
www.vogelburg.de | Weilrod (Hasselbach) | Tel.: 06083-1040 |

Animal Parks

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| ○ Fasanerie
www.wiesbaden.de/fasanerie | Wiesbaden | Tel.: 0611-460933 |
| ○ Wild- und Erlebnispark Daun
Open from March 15 - Nov. 15
www.wildpark-daun.de | Daun | Tel.: 06592-3154 |
| ○ Wild- u. Freizeitpark
www.freizeitpark-klotten.de | Klotten/Mosel | Tel.: 02671-605440 |

Forest/Nature

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| Baumwimpfelpfad
www.wipfelpfad.de | (tree top path)
Fischbach b. Dahn | Tel.: 06393-92100 |
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Barfusspfad
(barefootpath)
open from May - Oct.
roundwalk 3,5 km
www.barfusspfad.info

Bad Sobernheim

Tel.: 06751-81241

Trips for Kids: Museums for Little People

Technik Museum Speyer
Airplanes, submarines,
oldtimer, trains
www.museumspeyer.de

Speyer

Tel.: 06232-67080

Auto & Technik Museum
www.museum-sinsheim.de

Sinsheim

Tel.: 07261-92990

Schloss Freudenberg
Experiences for all senses
(feel it, hear it, see it...)
www.schlossfreudenberg.de

Wiesbaden-Dotzheim

Tel.: 0611-9410726

Harlekinaeum Lachmuseum
Laughmuseum - A trip into the
world of humor, surrealism. See
the dancing shelves, walk through
a giant cheese, invent a jungle
bathroom and a lot more..
www.harlekinaeum-wiesbaden.de

Wiesbaden-Erbenheim

Tel.: 0611-74001

Siegfried's Mechanical Music Cabinet
One of the largest collections of
self-playing music instruments
(about 350) from the 18-20 century.
www.siegfrieds-musikkabinett.de

Rüdesheim

Tel.: 06722-49217

Opel Live
Tour through the car making
process
diewerkstour@de.opel.com

Rüsselsheim

Tel.: 06142-765600

Struwwelpeter Museum
Schirn am Römerberg

Frankfurt/M.

Tel.: 069-281333

Heinrich-Hoffmann-Museum
You will find all the characters
of the famous "Struwwelpeter" book,
kids can play and dress up in the
different costumes.
www.struwwelpeter-museum.de

Frankfurt/M.

Tel.: 069-747969

Natural History Museum Senckenberg www.senckenberg.de	Frankfurt/M.	Tel.: 069-75420
Money Museum of the German Government Bank www.geldmuseum.de	Frankfurt/M.	Tel.: 069-95663073
Explora (Museum+Science+Technology) Hand-on-museum. You may take Pictures - dogs are allowed, too! www.exploramuseum.de	Frankfurt/M.	Tel.: 069-788888
Children Museum of the Historical Museum Concept is to show children special aspects of city and cultural life. Hand-on-museum. www.kindermuseum.frankfurt.de Go on a Rhine river cruise -	Frankfurt/M.	Tel.: 069-21235154
Köln-Düsseldorfer Schifffahrtgesellschaft www.k-d.com		

...and Amusement Parks

- Hansa-Park, Sierksdorf www.hansapark.de/front_content.php
- Heide-Park, Soltau www.heide-park.de
- Phantasialand, Brühl www.phantasialand.de
- Holiday Park, Hassloch www.holidaypark.de
- Erlebnispark, Tripsdrill www.tripsdrill.de
- Legoland, Günzburg www.legoland.de
- Europapark, Rust www.europapark.de
- Ravensburger Spieleland www.ravensburger-spieleland.de

Last not least take a look under

www.wiesbaden.de click on the English flag, go to "living in Wiesbaden" and under "recreation" you will find some more info about fun places to go in and around Wiesbaden.

...And by the way - the summer vacation in Hessen are from July 13 to August 21, 2009!
(Which means - kind of empty swimming pools in the morning until July 13!)
Have a nice summer!
Host Nation Teacher

Have a Great Summer