

# *Das Laternlein*

January 16, 2008

**No School Reminder:** School will be closed this coming Monday, January 21, 2008 due to the MLK, Jr. Day, VHFLC will also be closed

- **Elternabend/Parent Night – Grade School:** Teachers will meet with parents in their classrooms on Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 6:30 pm. Classroom teachers will send out separate e-mails to provide further information about the evenings activities/topics. Child care will not be available during that time.
- **2008-09 Re-enrollment** has begun and forms have been distributed in parent folders. Deadline for re-enrollment is February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008. Open enrollment for outside applicants will start on February 18, 2008.
- **2008-09 Financial Aid Applications:** Financial aid applications for the 2008-09 school year are now available. The deadline for completed applications is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Jackie at [gspdx@comcast.net](mailto:gspdx@comcast.net) for additional information or to request an application. All requests will be kept confidential.
- **Inclement Weather Policy:** In case of inclement weather (snow, ice, etc.): Call the school (503.626.9089) and listen to our voice mail. The school message will be updated by 6:00 AM on inclement weather days, and the message will inform you of any schedule changes. Check your radio, television, or internet for additional information about GSP. If there is a schedule change for the school, we automatically report this by 6:00 AM to all major news & radio stations. If the onset of inclement weather occurs during normal school hours, you will be contacted by the school or the parent phone tree if you need to pick up your child. If GSP is closed, Vermont Hills will also be closed. If you expect to need childcare on inclement weather days, you are responsible for arranging this with a private sitter.
- **It is auction time once again:** This year's annual auction will be on April 12. We have a new website dedicated to the auction at [gspdxauction.com](http://gspdxauction.com). Check it out for information on silent and live auction items, menu choices and the new benefits of inviting several friends and getting a table! Also, some information will be in your box today regarding the importance of the auction and how you can help. If you are interested in helping with procurement, all necessary forms are now in the lobby as well. If you have any questions, please contact Valerie Vickers or Peter Hoeckel.
- **Musical Matinee:** The German Consulate General and the German American Society of Portland invite you to a musical matinee on January 19, 2008 at the German Cultural Center. This is a student/family friendly concert of about one hour of classical music with a reception following. The concert will be offered free of charge. For more information please see the bulletin board in the school lobby or contact [info@germanamerican.org](mailto:info@germanamerican.org) to reserve seating.
- **Choir shirts** – Choir students (Grades 3-5) are required to have a GSP polo shirt for the upcoming OISO Choral Concert. We will be placing another order for youth polo shirts as well as other GSP logo wear (hats, jackets, adult polo's). Order forms are due on January 25<sup>th</sup>.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Check out the box below the volunteer sign-up board in the lobby. All items in there need some TLC to be used in the classroom again. If you feel you have a hand for making new boxes, sewing etc, feel free to “adopt a toy”. Thank you.