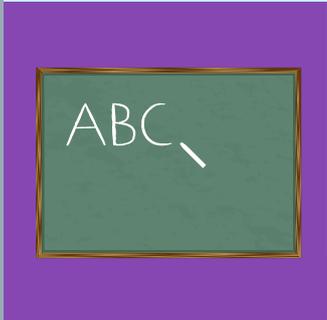




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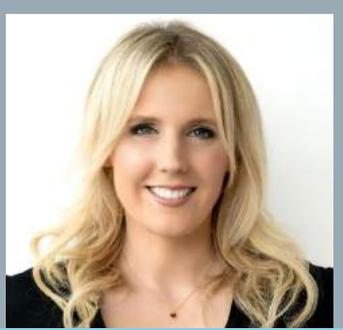
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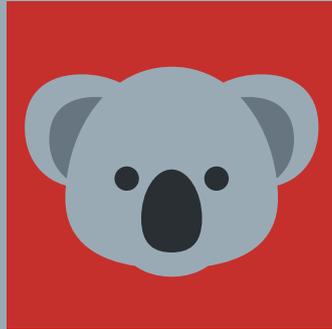
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ERIKA KOHL



Guten Tag!

My name is Erika Kohl, I'll be one of the two the Lion's representative and I'll also have the pleasure to lead the efforts of the "Elternbeirat" this year.

I have two kids: Caro and Basti; they have been in the school since they turned 2yrs. My husband is Florian Kohl and we have been in Dallas for over a decade.

German traditions, culture and language is important for our family, therefore my commitment for this school year is: Helping, in the best of my capacities, to build the guidelines for a strong Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) that will be able to continue to strength thru the upcoming year as well as facilitating the communication between the stakeholders (parents, teachers, school and board).

I'd love to see everyone in any of the upcoming school gathering opportunities (St. Martin or Christmas Market).

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Best,

Erika Kohl



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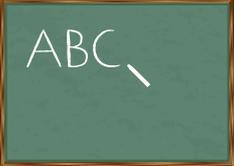


I am Dr. Gabriela Simion Howard and my son Mathew started Pre-k in the Loewen group this year. Foreign languages had always been my passion and became my profession as well. Along with his siblings who attended bilingual schools in Austria and Germany, I considered that GISD is the right place for Mathew. After 21 years of teaching K-12, I started a new journey at the University of Dallas. I believe that education is a noble, powerful profession which transforms lives and empowers human beings to thrive and improve our democratic society and diverse, changing world. Teachers and parents can help change the world and create an amazing future. We can understand the unique privilege and accept the great responsibility that comes with this charge, and learning a foreign language is the first step.



Lower Elementary/Kindergarten Representative/ CO- PRESIDENT

JOHANA NOEDING



Hi everyone,

I'm Johana Noeding, happy of being your PA for Kindergarten and Low Elementary the present school year 2018/19.

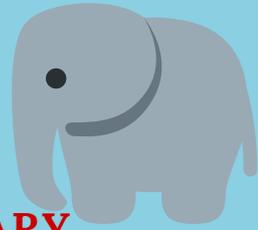
I would love to share with you who I am; I'm mother of 3 amazing girls, all of them are part of GISD family, Heidi is in Lion class, Gia is in 1st grade and Sophie 3rd grade. My husband Cali, our daughters and I moved back to Texas after 8 years living out of State.

We recently moved from California after 3 years having our girls at the German International School of Silicon Valley GISSV. During these years I had the great opportunity to be part of the Parents Association as a PA Representative for Kindergarten class for 2 consecutive years.

I'm really thrilled with the idea of assisting parents, teachers and kids to make this school year a great experience. looking forward to an amazing year ahead helping organizing activities and events for the class. Also, help to build a strong community engaging parents building social networks within the school.

And the most important motivation is help as much as I can to keep elementary growing and moving forward; having my 3rd year daughter here is a big reason to work close with the school.





Elephant's Class Parent Representative/ SECRETARY

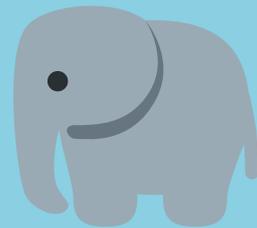
MICHELLE WILLIAMS

My name is Michelle Williams and I am honored to serve as Secretary of the inaugural GISD Elternbierat. For the past 4 years GISD has been a significant part of our family and I look forward to giving back through this role. Our family values the GISD educational program and are strong advocates for the values of the school, teachers, administrators and children.

German ISD welcomed us to their family in April, 2014 when we returned to the United States following an ex-pat assignment in Vienna, Austria. James and I have have three children: Faith (8), who graduated from the Lions in 2016, Wesley (3.5 an Elephant) who has attended since 18 months old, and Charly (17) our host daughter from Chemnitz, Germany. During the weekday hours you can find me at Southwest Airlines, serving our Technology Portfolio Management Office and Lean, Six Sigma practice. Our family enjoys spending time together on leisurely family walks, exploring new places, trying new recipes, crafts and more.



Elephant's Class Parent Representative



CAROLINE LINK

We are new to GISD this year, and I am proud to represent the Elephants on the Elternbeirat! My husband's name is Marcelo, our son Nicky Link is an Elephant, and his younger brother Daniel will be a Koala in the Spring (biggest brother Raphael attends Oak Hill Academy in Dallas). We fell in love with the German schooling method and culture offered at GISD, which really set it apart from the other preschool programs in Dallas. The whole family is excited to participate in the German traditions celebrated throughout the year.



Penguin's Class Parent Representative



ANNIKA SOMMER

My name is Annika and I am Henry (Penguins) and Noah (Lions) Summers' Mama. I am from Germany and we moved to Dallas three years ago for my husband's work. We have been with GISD since the beginning of 2016 and we are glad that our children are able to grow up bilingually with the support of the German school. I am also a teacher for German as a foreign language and I coordinate the language program of the Dallas Goethe Center. I am happy to get the chance to become more involved in the school, help coordinate volunteer work and advocate for families.



Penguin's Class Parent Representative



JENNIFER GARCIA

My name is Jennifer and I am Kaden's mama. When I was a child my father was in the US military and we lived in Schweinfurt and Obbach and I have very fond memories of spending afternoons in playgrounds in Kitzingen. My wife Jackie and I moved to Dallas in 2011 after years living and working in New York City, Boston, Cincinnati and North Carolina while I earned my MBA and she earned her MSW.

I am in my 21st year at Fidelity Investments and currently manage about 40 programs that are designed to inspire employees to give their best contributions to the business, innovate and feel a strong sense of community with their peers, the region and the greater DFW community. I am also studying German at the Goethe Center so I can help Kaden with his language at home.



Giraffe's Class Parent Representative



TARAH POPP

Hello! My name is Tarah, and my daughter Hanna is in the Giraffe group. We recently moved to Dallas and joined the GISD community this school year. We are hoping to have many years with the school for both Hanna and her younger sister Maya (future Koala). My German husband Stefan and I were ecstatic to find a German language school to foster our children's understanding of the German language and culture. I am looking forward to taking an active role in the school, advocating for our students and families.



Giraffe's Class Parent Representative



DALE SCHROETER

Hello! My name is Dale, and my daughter Wilhelmina is a Giraffe after starting as a Koala last year. We moved to Dallas from Switzerland in 2016 and look forward to our youngest daughter, Charlotte, joining as a Koala soon. My husband, Jakob, is from Germany and I'm from N. California and were so excited to have our children learn German and be part of the culture here in Dallas. I am excited to be part of the Elternbeirat this year.



Koala's Class Parent Representative



MARION THARP

Hi! My name is Marion Tharp and I am Collin's mom; he started in the Koala group a few weeks ago, he is now 20 months old. I am from Germany and moved to Dallas 18 years ago. My husband Chad is from Dallas. We also have a new baby girl, Berkley, she is now 12 weeks old.

I am a fulltime working mom and my mom, Doris, has been looking after the kids while we are at work.

Our goal is to raise our kids with a strong German background.

I am looking forward to being part of the Elternbeirat and making a difference for our kids and teachers!





Koala's Class Parent Representative

NATHAN ELLSWORTH

Hello,

I'm Nathan Ellsworth, and my daughter is Annabelle in the Koala class. We have been part of the German ISD family for almost 2 years, since my daughter turned 18 months, and are planning on being part of the GISD thru all of the program levels. We were drawn to the school due to its teaching style, caring staff, and fluent language use. While my wife, Tara Ellsworth, and me do not speak German our family has a strong German heritage. I am thrilled to be part of the Elternbeirat this year and helping the parents and school in any way they need.



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