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**Dear parents, guardians, and staff,
Dear members of the school community,**

With this letter we would like to encourage you to join the Friends of WMIS e.V.: Your annual financial contribution and in-kind support help strengthen the school with digital essentials, class materials, class projects, field trips, library support, staff trainings and many more.

Who are we?

The Friends of WMIS e.V. is an independent, state-registered volunteer organisation by parents, WMIS staff, and community members. It was created in 2018 to foster educational, interpersonal and infrastructural development at WMIS. Our activities are funded entirely by membership fees, individual and corporate donations and fund-raising events held throughout the school year. Parent support is vital; each contribution, in cash or in kind, furthers our ability to provide a welcoming learning environment in which our children can thrive and live up to our school motto 'Earth – Arts – Action'.

Why join?

As a state school, funding at WMIS for curriculum-related and material improvements is sometimes limited. Funding, however, is needed to ensure the quality of bilingual education and provide the many opportunities to the benefit of our children. You will be joining a growing community. Already more than half of all WMIS families contribute to the Friends, raising over 25,000 EUR for essential projects annually. You also support our ability to act in solidarity with our Kids in Need. Stay tuned to our recent projects and initiatives at www.friendsofwmis.de.

Recent highlights, activities & purchases include the following:

- Run2Read fundraiser for library infrastructure and books (7.500 EUR)
- Acquisition of a Grant from Bayer Science Foundation for "Discovering the Senses" project (1.100 EUR)
- Acquisition of Community Development Grants for the school garden (2.900 EUR)
- Funding of GEV and class email distribution lists (140 EUR p.a.)
- Purchase of a stage, shadow theatre, music room acoustics (6.500 EUR)
- Set-up and management of WMIS Online Shop, Production of yearbooks and event management in cooperation with GEV
- Acting as trustee for the school's education budget that has funded all consumables, classroom projects and equipment for the past two schoolyears (totalling 21.000 EUR)

Glimpse into the new school year:

We are looking ahead to financing a set of tablet computers for weekly digital lessons for all classes (6.000 EUR) plus we are proud to make a new cooperation with "Tanz ist Klasse" from the State Ballet Company/ Staatsballett Berlin possible (3.000 EUR).

You may suggest cooperation projects and fundraising opportunities or can mobilise in-kind donations? Please contact us at any time!

Donation receipts

For a membership contribution or one-off donation of up to 300 EUR (per fiscal year), you can hand in your bank statement or a bank transfer confirmation together with a copy of *Vereinfachter Zuwendungsnachweis* (cf. our website) as part of your tax declaration. For contributions over 300 EUR, we will send you a donation receipt.

Thank you for your support!

The Friends of WMIS e.V.

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