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Karlschule – Westberger Weg 17/19 – 59065 Hamm

To the parents/guardians of the
students of the Karlschule

2nd Parent Letter in the 2024/2025 School Year

Hamm, 30.10.24

Dear parents, dear guardians,

The autumn holidays are behind us, and so is summer! The darker season is coming and we are rapidly approaching the Christmas season.

With the 2nd parent letter in the 24/25 school year, we would like to give you an insight into our school life and provide you with relevant information until the Christmas holidays.

What has happened so far? – A review

On 22.08.24, 29 new **5th graders** at the Karlschule. The school time at the secondary school began with two great weeks of getting to know each other in which team training and trust were the top priority. During the activity days for grades 5 and 6, the students were able to practice once again how they can be strong together. Before the autumn break, the class went on a trip to the Arnsberg Forest under the motto "Together we are colorful - together we can do it". The new Karl students have settled in well, new friendships have been formed and everyone enjoys learning and living at school.

Other students are above the school station as **lateral entrants** to the Karlschule. In the first few weeks, they were able to build up trust with the teachers and social workers before they were all assigned to their respective classes and have now found new friends in their classes and have been able to get to know more teachers at the Karlschule.

At the beginning of the school year, all students, teachers and staff were welcomed by the school management team in the gym. All new Karl students were warmly welcomed with great applause. Everyone present was given a brief overview of the year and everyone was invited to share their wishes and ideas with the school management, SV teachers or their class teachers at any time in order to play a greater role in shaping school life and the community.



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On 29.08.24 the 1st took place at the Karlschule. **future workshop** Here, students, teachers and parents worked together on school development processes, developed visions for change and redesign of lessons, school and community life and planned measures for implementation.

During a test alarm, all students, teachers and staff practiced the absolute emergency under the supervision of the fire brigade. The fire alarm sounded and everyone had to go to the local assembly point as quickly as possible. The



The fire department was very satisfied with the overall result.

The well-known Hammer graffiti artist "The Uzey" redesigned the area in front of the main entrance and the toilets with a group of young people in a 3-day workshop at the beginning of September. The eye-catcher is our motto "Together, colorful", in keeping with our colorful school life with students, teachers and employees from all over the world, which is now **graffiti** illuminated the wall. Everyone had a lot of fun and is very happy with the result.

The first meetings took place in our parent cafés with pleasant conversations over a delicious breakfast.



On World Peace Day (18.09.24) there was a large Action. All students, teachers and Employees formed a peace sign in the schoolyard and In the bright blue sky, pigeons flew as

Signs of peace over the heads. **Peace begins with you!!**



On World Children's Day, special attention was paid to the rights of children around the world within various projects. During the break, the day was sweetened with delicious waffles from the 9s home economics group and Mr. Wenning.

The result of the Day of Gratitude has been adorning the window front facing Westberger Weg since September 23rd, 2024. Students have thought about what they are "grateful" for. The results are just as colorful as our school life. Many thanks to all students and colleagues who took part.

The 10th grade completed their three-week **student internship**. Everyone was able to gain practical experience of what a typical working day looks like, what work processes there are, etc. During an internship, skills such as teamwork, the ability to accept criticism, flexibility and organizational skills are learned. We would like to thank the companies that have taken on a student for this period and thus made a valuable contribution to their personal development.



And last but not least, the summer was marked by the support association's "Barbecue in the school garden" campaign as well as the Holicolourfest the fall break due to the schoolyard and the students were brightly colored and had a lot of fun - in the spirit of "Together Colorful".

What will happen next! – A look ahead

From now on there is the possibility - after prior registration via Iserv - to have a small breakfast at school from 7.15 a.m. and start the lesson with a good feeling.

Immediately after the holidays, shortly before Halloween, classes 5 and 6 will **pumpkin festival** celebrate at school. The program includes making and painting pumpkins, cooking pumpkin soup, carving pumpkins, making campfires, telling scary stories and sleeping in the gym. It will be great fun and we are looking forward to it.



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Shortly afterwards, on Halloween day, we will have a small **Halloween party** organize at school. Costumes are a must to ensure everyone gets a real scare. There is a make-up stand, a small disco, scary stories are read, and there is scary food for everyone in the cafeteria. So between 12.40 p.m. and 3 p.m. it will be really scary at Karlschule.

But before it gets really scary, we'll have a 2. **future workshop** This time, however, ALL students and teachers will take part in the event. There are various stations in the gym and everyone's opinion is needed here in order to think about school change processes and redesigns in a participatory manner.

In the last school year we have **class council** introduced as mandatory in all classes at the Karlschule. The class council promotes democratic cooperation and participation in the school. It is the democratic forum of a class. In the weekly meetings, the students advise, discuss and decide on topics of their own choosing; on the design and organization of learning and living together in the class and school, on current problems and conflicts, on joint planning and activities.

In addition, the class representatives now meet every 8 weeks with representatives of the student council, the school management and the teaching staff for a **student conference** meet to discuss various topics related to living together.

Through the initiative of the Förderverein Karlschule eV, at least once a month a **action** after school, which are intended to make school life even more colorful. Here, there are joint game afternoons, cooking sessions, craft activities, etc., for which the students must register in advance via Iserv.

We would therefore like to say a big thank you to all colleagues who support these activities with their personnel and make them possible.

And for you, dear parents, dear guardians, there are further opportunities for exchange among each other. Come with teachers, social workers, school management at our monthly **parents' café** in the cafeteria.

Dates for November and December:

We would like to invite you to a small breakfast. There is no cost to you. You are welcome to bring younger children with you.

In this year's **parent-teacher conference week** There will be colleagues in the foyer who will offer you interesting discussions with advice and support on the subject of "media addiction". The days are getting longer, darker and colder again! The right time of year to bring joy into the world with lights, to set a sign of hope, peace and unity, to inspire people



To enable "rays of hope". Light is considered in all cultures as **Symbol of divinity, awakening,**

joy and beauty This life-affirming meaning of light is based on the interaction between light and dark, good and evil.

We would therefore like to organize a large event with the Karlschule on 27.11.24, between 16-19 o'clock. **Festival of Lights** celebrate and welcome the dark season. There will be cozy seating areas with fire pits in the schoolyard and there will be various hands-on activities and stalls in the building.

We want to end the festival with a sparkler firework display and keep this "ray of hope" - the glow, the radiance and the warmth - in our hearts for the cold and dark times to come.

Would you like to support us in the preparation and/or implementation?

We need help with the buffet, the fire pits, and so much more.

Please feel free to contact us directly!

And then it gets cozy – Christmas time is here! From 01.12.24 your child/protégé can again attend the morning **Wintercafé** Start your day in the cafeteria with hot cocoa and cookies. Every day a small **Advent calendar story** which is intended to brighten up the time until Christmas or the holidays.



And on the last day of school, the Christ Child comes to the **general assembly** and tells of the good and not so good events of the year before sending each class off into the Christmas holidays with a present.

Förderverein der Karlschule eV

The Karlschule Friends Association is a very important and supporting pillar of our school community. The Friends Association is involved in school life in many ways and supports the many colorful activities during the school year financially and organizationally. You are welcome to join the Friends Association with a small annual fee of €12. Donations are also welcome at any time. Take a look at our Instagram channel; such activities are only possible through CO-financing of the Karlschule eV support association. Would you like to help? – Even without a membership, donations are always welcome:

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appointments until the Christmas holidays

When?	What?
01.11.24	All Saints Day - no classes
in November	reading competition
03.11.24, breaks	Sandwich Day FöVeaktion
04.11.- 08.11.24	sending the "Blue Letters"
04.11. - 22.11.24	Student Internship Grade 9
05.11.24, 3:15 pm	Chocolate fountain/chocolate fruits – FöVeaktion
15.11.24, 08:15 – 09:30 am	parents' café
15.11.24, 9 am - 1 pm	Education Fair in the Central Halls for Grades 9 and 10
18.11. - 22.11.24, 8 am - 3 pm	Parent-teacher conference (several classes on individual days)
25.11.24	Potential Analysis Class 8a
27.11.24	Potential Analysis Class 8b
27.11.24, 5 pm	Karlschullichterfest
in December	Wintercafé - FöVeaktion
in December	Visit Christmas musical
02.12.24	Feedback discussions potential analysis class 8a
03.12.24, 3:15 pm	Cookie Baking - FöVeaktion
04.12.24	Feedback discussions potential analysis class 8b
06.12.24	St. Nicholas campaign - FöVeaktion
06.12.24	Nikolaus tournament (SV)
13.12.24, 08.15 - 09.30 am	parents' café
13.12.24, break	Hot Chocolate Day - FöVeaktion
20.12.24, 8 – 09.30 am	Last day of school before the Christmas holidays Class teacher team teaching (Breakfast together in the classes) General assembly
09:45 am – approx. 11:00 am	
23.12.24 - 06.01.25	Christmas holidays
02.01.25, 09:30 am	New Year's breakfast

Dear parents, dear guardians,

We wish you a good time, good health and many “rays of hope” in the coming weeks!

We would be delighted if you would contact us with any requests, suggestions, ideas, but of course also with any concerns or criticism, and we can talk together so that we can provide you and your child with the best possible support during their time at school.

Best regards

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representing the school management