



# Theodor-Körner-Schule

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Dear parents, dear students,

After a hopefully wonderful holiday period, during which you all hopefully found new strength, we are excited for the upcoming school year and the work ahead with all of you. In the last school year, following the challenges and restrictions of the pandemic, our "normal school life" gradually resumed, and we were able to engage in a full curriculum. We are optimistic about building upon this progress in the current academic year and aiming for consistent and uninterrupted teaching across all subjects and grade levels.

Starting from the beginning of the school year (right from the first week), our current second-grade students will learn swimming at the Sachsen Therme.

We're also introducing some changes for this school year: We will be teaching four first-grade classes at our school. Additionally, as of August 21, 2023, we will be preparing children whose native language is not German for full participation in regular classes through three German as a Second Language (DaZ) classes. The VKU class (class for Ukrainian children) will no longer exist this school year; the students from this class will be integrated into the DaZ classes or in some cases, already into regular classes.

To facilitate successful teaching, we have set up another classroom over the summer break. This room will also be shared with the after-school care program (double usage). By reallocating another room, we have consolidated all the DaZ classrooms onto one floor (lower level in the "after-school care area"), which will greatly enhance the children's learning experience and improve collaboration among DaZ colleagues. According to current plans, the painter will be active in our school again during the fall break to create an even more beautiful learning environment.

Our teaching team has been enriched by the addition of five new colleagues: we welcome Mrs. Fischer (Class 1d), Mrs. Porwoll (including Physical Education), Mrs. Päßler (trained for special needs education), Mrs. Liatuke, and Mrs. Podolna (both assigned to the DaZ area) to our school. Mrs. González, through "Teach First Germany," will continue to support the transition of our children from elementary to secondary school and assist the teachers. Furthermore, Mrs. Schellenberger, who began her teacher training with us in February, will continue her training at our school. We are excited about the expansion of our staff and look forward to our continued collaboration.

A vital and urgent request for us all and for the smooth continuation of our teaching: If your child is suffering from a cold and/or infectious illness, please keep them at home. Kindly send your child back to school only when they have been symptom-free for 48 hours. We sincerely appreciate your understanding and support. If your child needs to stay home, please ensure to call us by 8:00 AM at the latest and inform us of the reason for their absence. If your child contracts COVID-19, please notify the school principal, Mrs. Kühne, immediately. Depending on the prevailing regulations, we will discuss when your child can return to school. The potential reinstatement of measures and rules related to the COVID-19 pandemic remains uncertain; we will continue to inform you promptly about any changes and updates through Lernsax, our website, etc.



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A few more important pieces of information:

- BrotZeit (breakfast time) will continue as usual from 7:00 to 7:30 AM. In this school year, BrotZeit will begin on the first day of school (August 21, 2023).
- Entry for BrotZeit will be from 7:00 to 7:10 AM at the main entrance of the school.
- Entry for all children not participating in BrotZeit will be daily from 7:30 to 7:40 AM. Please ensure punctuality so your child can start the school day smoothly and orderly.
- Only for Class 1: Only during the first week of school: Your class teacher will pick you up at 7:45 AM at the school door! (Starting from the second week, entry will be from 7:30 to 7:40 AM).
- During the first two weeks of school, all classes will have homeroom instruction. The exact class schedules will be communicated by the class teachers through Lernsax.
- As always, new information throughout the school year will be provided via Lernsax and our school website (details below).
- The entire teaching staff looks forward to a new and successful school year and to collaborating with you, dear parents, and all the students.

Insights into School Life In the 2023/24 school year, around 270 students will learn under the guidance of 28 teachers at our elementary school.

- We have 13 regular classes and three preparatory classes for German as a Second Language (DaZ).
- In July, we bid farewell to 64 students from the past fourth-grade classes. We wish them a successful start at their new schools. This school year, we are excited to welcome our 78 first-graders!

The following teachers will be taking over as class instructors for our first-grade classes at the start of the school year:

- Mrs. Harlandt - Class 1a
- Mrs. Petersohn - Class 1c
- Mrs. Brosse - Class 1b
- Mrs. Fischer - Class 1d

Additionally, students from Leipzig University will support us in their school practical studies at our school this year.



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## Illnesses – Reporting Sickness – Leave of Absence:

For safety reasons, we would like to remind you of a few things:

- Contagious illnesses must be reported immediately according to the Infection Protection Act. (This also applies to head lice infestations!)
- Please continue to adhere to the currently applicable Corona Protection Ordinance, as well as the current school and daycare center Corona Ordinance.
- All students are obligated to attend school.

There will be two flexible vacation days during this school year. These will be announced to you after the School Conference's decision.

Note:

- Testing for possible COVID-19 infection must be done before entering the school premises. Testing is not conducted within our school at this time.
- In the event of illness, your child must be excused by phone by 08:00 AM at the school's secretary's office. Leave a message on the answering machine if necessary. To ensure the safety of your child on their way to school, we initiate inquiries for unexcused absences. If we cannot reach parents, we are obligated to notify the police.
- For exemptions and leaves of absence, a written application must be submitted to the school administration in advance. (§4 School Attendance Regulation Saxony) This also applies to absences due to religious festivals and events. Unexcused absences must be reported by the school to the local authorities and may have legal consequences. So please get in touch with us well in advance! → Attention! Vacation requests during school time will not be approved.

Contact Information: In case of emergencies, it is crucial that you immediately inform us of any changes to the contact details you have provided. You can reach us at [admin.kuehne@tkgs.lernsax.de](mailto:admin.kuehne@tkgs.lernsax.de) at any time.

Pre-information for parents evening:

parents evening: grade 1: 04.09.23, 18.15 Uhr

grade 2: 31.08.23, 17.30 Uhr

grade 3: 04.09.23, 17.30 Uhr

grade 4: 30.08.23, 18.00 Uhr

→ Selection of Parent Representatives and School Conference 07.09.2023 18.00 Uhr

Address of our homepage: <https://www.sachsen.schule/~gskoernl/index2.html>



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## Dates for the upcoming school year 2023/24:

### August:

19.08.2023 enrollment of school starts

22.08.2023 first day of school for everyone

BrotZeit Start (7.00 Uhr) 2

23.08.2023 After School Care parents evening grade 1 and 2

28.08.2023 class picture action of all classes

29.08.2023 parents evening adventure trip of invited children

### September:

06.09.2023 sports day Klasse 1-4

07.09.2023 Selection of Parent Representatives and School Conference

12.09. – 15.09.2023 adventure trip invited children

### Oktober:

02.10. – 13.10.2023 autumn break

30.10.2023 free from classes

31.10.2023 Reformation day → frei

### November:

17.11.2023 reading day

22.11.2023 Buß- und Betttag/Feiertag unterrichtsfrei

### December

14.12.2023 christmas market

23.12.2023- 02.01.2024 christmas break (after school care only closed until 01.01.24)

### January:

04.01.2024 18.00 Uhr parents evening future schools grade 3

09.01.-12.01.2024 winter adventure trip grade 3

### February:

06.02.2024 carnaval

09.02.2024 mid-year reports

12.02. – 23.02.2024 winter break

23.02.24 Schule+Hort päd. Tag → closed



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## March:

04.03. – 11.03.2024 bike training grade 4

28.03. – 05.04.2024 easter break

## April:

16.04.-18.04.2024 City Kids adventure education

18.04.2024 mathematics day 3. und 4. Klasse

24.+25.04.2024 competency test German grade 3

## May:

03.05.2024 competency test Mathematics grade 3

07.05.2024, 18.00 Uhr school conference

09.05.2024 Ascension day – free from classes

10.05.2024 free from classes school and after school day care closed

14.05.2024 school fair

17.05.2024 Mathematics day grade 1 und 2

18.- 21.05.2024: Pentecost break free from classes

22.05.2024 sports day

23.05.2024 0. Parents evening for new first graders SJ 2024/25

27.05. – 31.05.2024 field trip grade 4

## June:

03.06. -07.06.2024 project week: circus project

19.06.2024 end of the year reports and end of school year

2023/2024 20.06. – 02.08.2024 summer break

23.06.-28.06.2024 after school day care field trip starting from grade 2

## July:

01.07.-12.07.2024 after school day care closed

02.08.2024 after school day care closed

We wish everyone a healthy, happy, and successful school year. Your school and after-school care leadership team, as well as the teaching and education staff of Theodor-Körner-Schule.