

PSG Newsletter 4, **14 October 2010**

WELCOME WALK:



The walk on Friday 8th October was a great success. We had 40 participants, lovely weather and refreshments on the sunny roof top at V&D! Thanks to everyone that joined in and special thanks to Mariette Peeters and Els Bosch for organising this.

Watch this space for news of all future walks.

(Photo provided by Svetlana Kirtland)

PSG Open Meetings

The Parent Support Group Board members would like to remind you that all parents/guardians of pupils of the school are members of the PSG.

As you may already be aware we help raise funds for the school but we are also here to help provide support and friendship for all parents /guardians, especially those who are new to the UWC Maastricht. We are going to begin monthly open meetings and would love to see as many people as possible. It will give us the chance to meet you, but more importantly, it will give you the chance to meet us, find out more about the PSG and hopefully make new friends. We all understand what it is like to be new here and together we have a wealth of experience and information to share with you. We will have an agenda prepared which will include upcoming fund raising and social events where everyone will have the chance to offer their help. This is a great way to meet people and also share experiences with new and old members.

These open meetings will be chaired by the relevant Vice Chair (supported by Chair and other members when available) and will be followed at suitable intervals by a full school open meeting.

The next meeting will be for Primary school parents and will be on Wednesday 27th October at 8.30am in the Primary School staff room. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available.

At this meeting, we would like to inform the parents about upcoming activities we will be organizing throughout the year, asking for their input for fund raising events and how we can



further contribute in supporting socially the parents within the school community. We are looking forward to your participation.

Parent Volunteers

If you haven't managed to catch us at any of the events so far there will still be lots of opportunities coming up for you to contribute to the school community by volunteering your time. Please check the **sign up sheets** (located on the PSG Board outside the main office in Primary School) where you can sign up to help at various events and on various committees. We would really appreciate any time you can give us.

Specifically, please read the following:

URGENT!

The 2010 Fall Festival/Halloween Party committee is STILL desperately seeking additional members! We are looking for people to help in the planning of the:

- Disco
- Haunted House
- Wizardweg 'neighborhood' - Harry Potter, Morgana, Merlin, Mickey Mouse Sorcerer's Apprentice, etc.
- Monsters-on-the-Maas 'neighborhood'
- Spiritstraat 'neighborhood'

CAS students will be assisting all of the planners, as will the rest of the committee! The event is now just over 2 weeks away on October 29, so any and all help is more than welcome.

Please email Amy Raslevich-Kelly at araslevich@gmail.com and let her know on which project you would like to work. We look forward to meeting you!

English Conversation

The English Conversation group is continuing this year co-ordinated by Linda Campbell. If you are interested in joining the group on a Monday morning 9:30 – 11:00 then please contact Linda l.campbell@hetnet.nl - please note that this is simply to practice your English and NOT English lessons.

Gym Clothes

Please note that Gym Clothes are still available to order but new prices will be advertised shortly. All special prices have now finished and any new orders received will have to be at the new prices.

Upcoming Events



Fall/Halloween Party

2010 Fall Festival/Halloween Party - Friday, October 29 18:00-22:00

Admission Price: 4 euros/person

Food and drink to be purchased at the event.

This year's event will consist of four 'neighborhoods' which will each have games, crafts and activities; a disco; haunted house/farm (Hauntedhoeve); food and drink concession; family-carved pumpkin contest; and a costume contest/parade.

Ticket sales will start next week.

Winter Fair

The Winter Fair will be on Friday 10th December. It is also a fun event for the whole family and again we urgently require your help. We are still looking for a 2nd Co-ordinator as well as more volunteers. Signup sheets are on the PSG board.

Other Information

DUTCH LESSONS FOR BEGINNERS AND ADVANCED PEOPLE

I would like to introduce myself. My name is Yvonne Westerhof. I have been a teacher for all of my working life. I was in schools abroad in Qatar, Brunei, Indonesia, Aberdeen and in the Netherlands. Since 1987 I was attached as a DFL (Dutch as a Foreign Language) Teacher to the Haagsche School Vereniging (HSV), an identical school as the UWC-primary school. I also taught Dutch to adults in evening classes.

I have now settled with my husband in his native town Maastricht and I would be glad to share my extensive teaching experience with those people who are interested in learning the Dutch language. I taught a group of mums after Easter this year and if there is enough interest I will start again this new school year.

In close cooperation with the staff of the UWC Maastricht it is suggested that lessons are given in the school to parents, who are interested in learning Dutch and who are beginners. Times would be adjacent to the morning drop off time, i.e. from around 08:30 to 10:00 hours on a



Tuesday morning. We are looking for a group of some 5 or more participants. It is also possible to start with an advanced group. Day and time has to be discussed.

The price for 10 classes of 1.5 hours will be € 150, for 5 or more participants.

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If you are interested in taking these Dutch lessons you can either contact Yvonne direct or contact Diane Clark diane.clark07@gmail.com (Please note these are **not** the lessons arranged by Maastricht University)

Please take note of all future Thursday packs / updates for PSG information. This will either be in the form of a Newsletter or simply added to the weekly update provided by management. There is also a PSG website which you can find at www.ism-psg.org This will soon be incorporated into the new school website.

We look forward to meeting parents new and old at any of our coming events, if you have any questions in the meantime don't hesitate to contact any of your board members.

Warm Regards
Your PSG board.