

22 January 2021

School Newsletter



Important Dates

February

2 Director Chat (MAP Testing) & PSG Meeting - Online at 7 PM ([Click here to join the meeting](#))

12 Professional Development for QSI Staff - No School

15 Distance Learning Day (Lessons at home)

17 SO Nominations

26 End of Quintile 3

Director's Letter

Dear QSI Families,

We are wrapping up our 2nd full week of distance learning. We are very fortunate to have talented and dedicated teachers who can navigate the brave new world of distance learning. During the past week, I received some positive feedback from parents on the arrangement of the classes and the availability of the teachers. This feedback is greatly appreciated and is passed on to the teachers. Thank you. In connection to feedback, please know you can contact the teacher's or myself with any information regarding our distance learning. Should the feedback be positive or constructive, we want to hear about your child's digital learning experience.

As many of you may have heard from the news, the German government has extended the lock down until February 15th. From what I have read on the news, the extended lock down date does not come with any new changes in how distance learning will be provided. At the time of writing this letter to the QSI community, I have not received any updated information from the NRW department of education yet with any changes. Should I receive any relevant information from them, I will provide an update as soon as possible.

In the next 1-2 weeks, you will be receiving information from your child's homeroom teacher about our school's NWEA MAP test. The test is for students aged 5-17 YO. The test is not a "high" stakes test (a test

that impacts a student's grades or long-term academic plans). I really do not like to call it a test; it is more of an academic highlighter that helps the teacher make lesson changes based on your child's needs. It is a test that identifies strengths and weakness in English and Mathematics; the results are used so the teachers can adjust the future lessons between now and summer.

Usually, the test is given on campus. With COVID present, we will be giving the test remotely for the first time. This is a new option provided by the testing company and are excited to have access to it. Depending on your child's age, there will be 2-3 different tests over the course of a week. During the identified testing dates, the teacher's may adjust the class schedule or the amount of lessons. While it is not a "high" stakes test, we do not want to overwhelm the students with daily homework and the test. Again, the teachers will provide information in the next 1-2 weeks on how the testing will be arranged for your child.

There is no pressure for the students to get all the answers correct on the test. The students do the best they can do on the test. The NWEA MAP test is an adaptive test. This means that the test will provide test questions based on the success of previous test questions. There is not a "perfect score" to be achieved on the test. The purpose of the test is to see your child's strengths and areas that may need support.

To prepare for the NWEA MAP test, we have a few links shared below to help. The first link is a practice test for the younger students. The practice test is short and can be completed with the parents. Getting correct answers on the practice test is not the purpose. The focus of the practice test is for students to experience what the test looks like. We do not want to create stress for the students by having them work on a digital platform they have not used before. The practice test lets them become familiar with the platform; this allows them to focus more on the content during the real test. The second link is the link for the NWEA MAP test. It is important that you test the link to make sure your device works with the test. Most tablets and computers purchased within the past 3 years will work the testing platform.

In the next PSG meeting on Feb 2nd, I will share more information regarding how the teachers use the NWEA MAP test results.

If you have any questions about the above information, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

Dr. Garner

NWEA Practice Test Link for 5-11 YO

For the 5-11 YO students, it helps

Link for the practice test - <https://practice.mapnwea.org/#/practice-landing>

username: grow

Password: grow

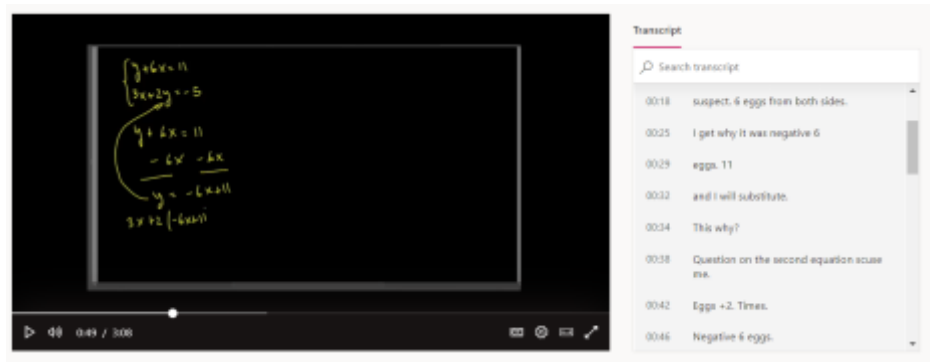
Map Testing Browser Address for 5YO-17YO

Below is the web address for the students to take the MAP test. Information on the testing dates and time will be delivered by the homeroom teachers.

<https://test.mapnwea.org>

- This browser needs to allow pop-up windows to be turned on
- You may need to adjust the pop-up windows setting on the testing device

Distance Learning in Action



The screenshot shows a video player with a math lesson. The video frame displays a blackboard with the following work:

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 6y = 11 \\ 3x + 2y = -5 \end{cases}$$
$$\begin{array}{r} 3x + 6y = 11 \\ - (3x + 2y = -5) \\ \hline 4y = 16 \\ y = 4 \end{array}$$

The transcript on the right side of the player contains the following text:

00:18 suspect 6 eggs from both sides.
00:25 I get why it was negative 6
00:29 eggs 11
00:32 and I will substitute.
00:34 This why?
00:38 Question on the second equation scare me.
00:42 Eggs +2. Times.
00:46 Negative 6 eggs.

1 - Teacher records **custom** math lesson so students can watch and rewatch. The video provides English transcript on the side for students who want to read what was explained.

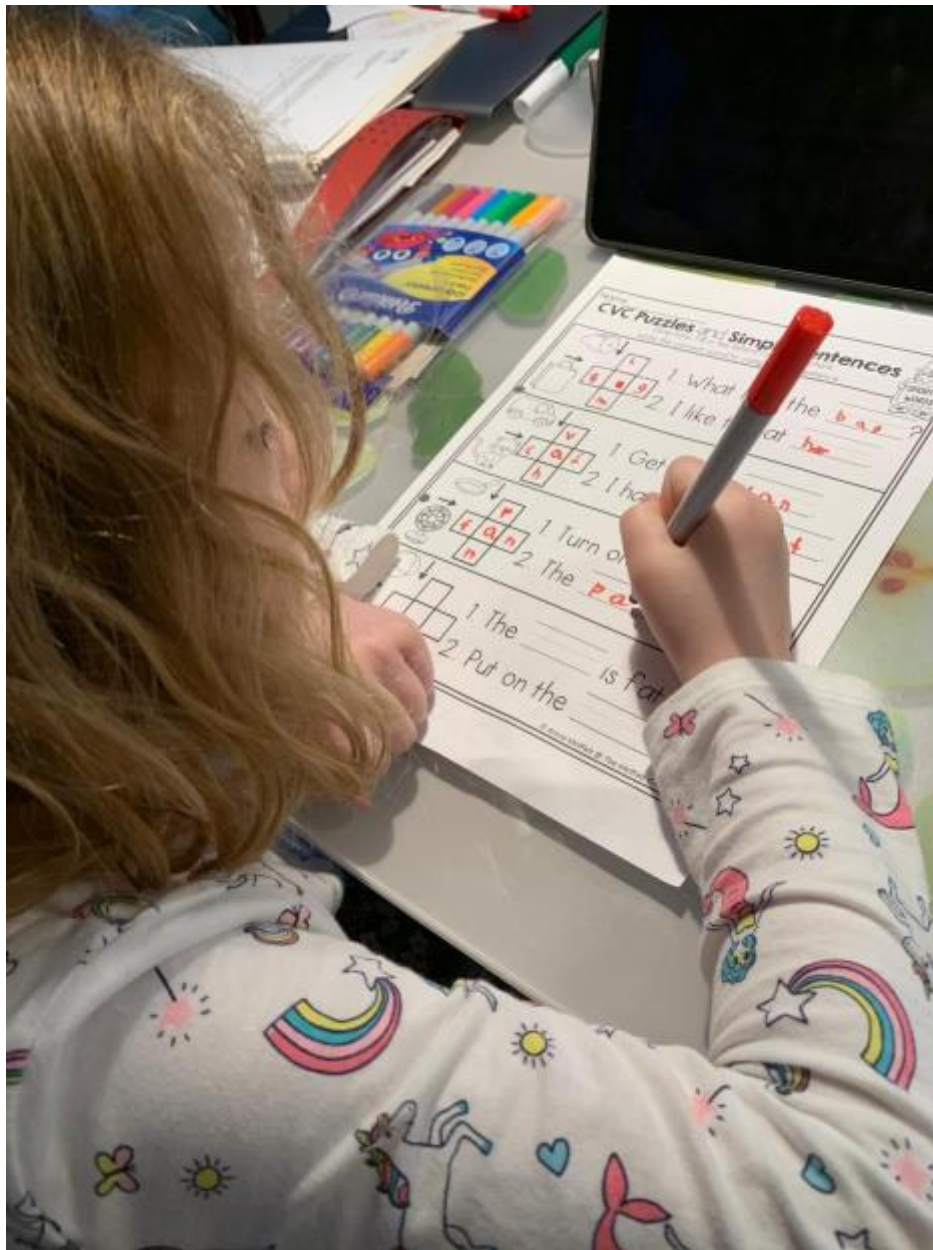


The screenshot shows a Kahoot! quiz interface. At the top, the title "Was ist das?" is displayed. Below the title is a large image of an eagle in flight. To the left of the image is a purple circle with the number "12". To the right of the image is a blue button with the text "1 Answer". Below the image are four colored buttons with German text:

- Red button: ▲ der Hahn
- Blue button: ◆ der Adler
- Yellow button: ● das Huhn
- Green button: ■ der Truthahn

At the bottom of the screen, there is a small logo for "Musik" and a "Kahoot! Game ID: 6108864" label.

2 - German teacher hosts a multiple choice quiz on a digital platform called Kahootz.



3 - Working on English



4 - Group lesson via Teams



QSI Success Orientations

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR



TRUSTWORTHINESS



CONCERN FOR OTHERS



RESPONSIBILITY



GROUP INTERACTION



KINDNESS & POLITENESS



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION



Parent Support Group (PSG) Contact

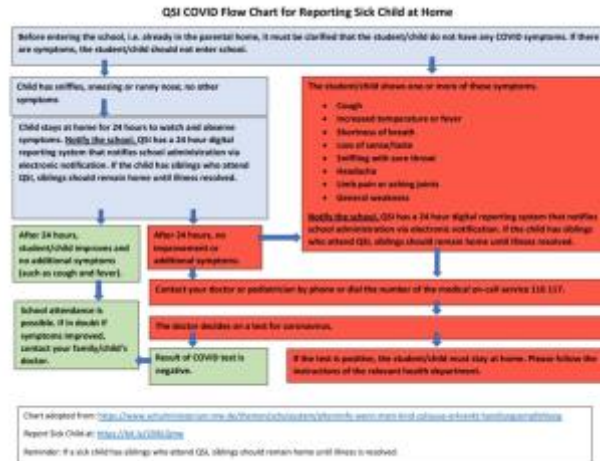
The QSI Parent Support Group is available on WhatsApp and Facebook.

WhatsApp: Contact Mrs. Lawes at lauralawes@outlook.com to be added to the WhatsApp group.

Facebook: You can find the PSG Facebook page at the link - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1626025644281325>

Absence Reporting Form

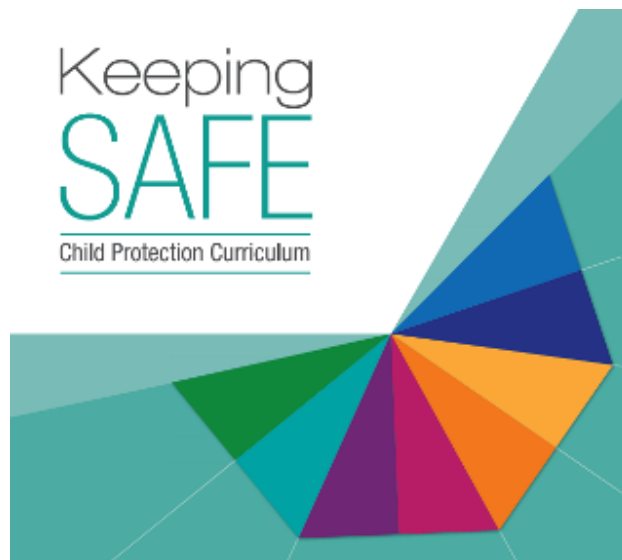
If your child will be absent, please complete the absence form. [Click here for the form.](#)



Early Departure Form

If you are picking up your child in the middle of the school day, please complete this form so the school can record the departure. [Click here for the Early Departure Form.](#)

Keeping Safe Curriculum



Homeroom teachers have started to include the Keeping Safe Curriculum in the weekly lessons. These are short lessons that educate children on how to keep themselves safe and who to ask for help in unsafe situations. This is a global curriculum that QSI uses at all campuses. Below is a list of the key themes and focus areas that students will study. More information on the program can be [found here](#).

Themes

The curriculum follows 2 main themes:

- we all have the right to be safe
- we can help ourselves to be safe by talking to people we trust.

Focus areas

The 2 themes are explored through 4 focus areas:

- the right to be safe
- relationships
- recognizing and reporting abuse
- protective strategies.

Playground Reminder

Please remember that the school playground is not accessible while school is in session between 8:00 AM and 3:45 PM.

QSI Safety Reminders Via Success Orientations



SHOW CONCERN FOR OTHERS



**WEAR A
MASK**



BE RESPONSIBLE



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**

Community Announcements

If you know of any upcoming family friendly activities or events that maybe of interest to our QSI families, please share them and they can be added to this section. NOTE: Any event shared is not connected to QSI.

QSI School Operations During COVID-19:2020-2021

[Click here to access the COVID-19 Operations PDF file.](#)

[Click here for 2020-2021 Parent/Student Informed Consent Letter – Covid19.](#)

You can sign and e-mail to brian-garner@munster.qsi.org. You will be able to sign at school as you drop your child off at the entrance.

Scheduled Appointment on Campus

If you have a scheduled appointment for an "in the building meeting" with Dr. Garner or Ms. Siejen, please make sure to complete the electronic visitor form on our entrance door.

The visitor form is a QR code that can be scanned by your phone. The QR code takes you to an electronic form so you can input your information. If you are new to using a QR code, [click here for a tutorial on scanning a QR code](#). I will also place a link to the form in this QR article. [Click here to access the form without the QR code](#).

Thank you for supporting our contact tracing system.

School Calendar

School Calendar 2020-2021

First Term

First Day	27 August (Thursday)
Last Day:	18 December (Friday)
Holidays:	19 – 26 October (Monday - Monday) Autumn Break 26 – 27 November (Thursday - Friday) Staff Professional Development 21 December – 08 January (3 Week) Winter Break
Quintile 1:	27 August – 15 October
Quintile 2:	16 October – 16 December
Quintile 3:	17 December – 26 February

Number of school days: 74

Second Term

First Day:	11 January (Monday)
Last Day:	26 March (Friday)
Holidays:	12 February (Friday) Staff Professional Development 15 February (Monday) Rosenmontag (online learning day)
Quintile 4:	01 March – 27 April

Number of school days: 54

Third Term

First Day:	29 March (Monday)
Last Day:	24 June (Thursday)
Holidays:	02 – 09 April (Friday – Friday) Spring Break 13 – 14 May (Thursday – Friday) Ascension 24 – 25 May (Monday – Tuesday) Whit Monday 03 – 04 June (Thursday - Friday) Corpus Christi
Quintile 5:	28 April – 24 June

Number of school days: 52

Total Number of School Days: 180
The school week is Monday through Friday.

Stay in Contact

Thank you for selecting QSI International School of Münster and trusting us with your child's education. If you have a question on the curriculum being taught, the curriculum can be viewed at <http://curriculum.qsi.org/>. Should you have a question or concern regarding the content or selected assessments, please reach out to the teacher or the school Director. If you need to contact me, my contact information is below.

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