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GISSV STUDENT



**CONTENT: FILM FESTIVAL BERLIN & BEYOND,
OUR PETS,
NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS, RECIPES**



VORWORT / FOREWORD

Liebe Leser*innen,

wir freuen uns sehr, die erste Student Newsletter Ausgabe des Jahres 2022 mit Euch teilen zu können! Seit Beginn des Schuljahres haben unsere jungen Journalist*innen fleißig über Veranstaltungen berichtet, Umfragen an der GISSV gemacht und ihre eigenen Interessen sowie Talente kreativ zum Ausdruck gebracht.

Wir wünschen Euch ganz viel Spaß beim Lesen und erholsame Oster- bzw. Frühlingsferien!

Herzliche Grüße
Euer Student Newsletter Team

Dear readers,

We are very excited to present the first 2022 edition of the Student Newsletter! Since the beginning of the year, our young journalists have eagerly reported on events, conducted surveys at GISSV, and expressed their interests, as well as their talents creatively in the articles you will find below.

We hope you enjoy reading the newsletter and also want to wish you a relaxing Easter/Spring Break!

Sincerely,
Your Student Newsletter Team



Berlin & Beyond: Youth 4 German Cinema in March 2022

By Desmond and Felix S.



About the Berlin & Beyond Film Festival

The Berlin & Beyond Film Festival is a large festival of contemporary German cinema in the US. For the past decade, the festival has been attended annually by 7,000-8,000 film-goers. Over 500 motion pictures from German-speaking countries have screened at Berlin & Beyond to over 200,000 attendees, from independent works to studio pictures to topical documentaries and shorts from the filmmakers of tomorrow.

Many celebrated filmmakers and screen talents joined the previous festivals, including Mario Adorf, Fatih Akin, Moritz Bleibtreu, Daniel Brühl, Doris Dörrie, Lars Eidinger, Hannelore Elsner, Bruno Ganz, Frederick Lau, Christiane Paul, Maria Schrader, Tom Schilling, Dan Stevens, Michael Verhoeven, Simon Verhoeven, Wim Wenders and Ronald Zehrfeld.

The 26th Berlin & Beyond Film Festival took place March 11-16, 2022 in San Francisco, Palo Alto, and Berkeley – highlighted with the special return to San Francisco's legendary movie palace, the Castro Theater.



About the Castro Theater in San Francisco

The Castro Theatre is a historic movie place in San Francisco that became a San Francisco Historic Landmark in September 1976. It is located at 429 Castro Street in the Castro District and was built in 1922. The theater has over 1,400 seats, 800 downstairs and 600 on the balcony.

About Youth 4 German Cinema

GISSV's Middle and High School students from San Francisco and Mountain View attended Berlin and Beyond's *Youth 4 German Cinema* movie screenings on March 11 at the Castro Theater.



About the Movie *Mission Ulja Funk*

San Francis's Middle School students watched *Mission Ulja Funk*. 12-year-old astronomy geek Uja, armed with a stolen hearse and a classmate as driver, journeys across Eastern Europe to monitor the impact of an asteroid.

About our preparation in class before the movie screening

Adventurous or fun, lonely or comfortable? How should the perfect road trip be? What do the chicklet, the comet and the telescope on the movie poster stand for? What does *Ulja Funk* in the title mean? We collected a lot of questions before we watched the trailer and tried to answer some of those questions. The 5c students' favorite character in the trailer is a 12-year-old boy driving a car, wearing a fake light brown mustache to make him look older.

SF Middle schoolers at the Berlin & Beyond Film Festival

The San Francisco middle schoolers were excited about going to the Castro Theater and watching *Mission Ulja Funk* - because going to a movie is always better than school! There were a lot of people at the theater. Before the movie, they showed slides with the partners of Berlin & Beyond including GISSV. Every school clapped and yelled when they got called on



by the Berlin & Beyond people - and so did we. It was glamorous to see our own school promoted on the huge movie screen.

The Castro Theater is an old theater but very pretty, very big and with a giant chandelier. Four high schoolers from the Youth 4 German Cinema jury talked about why the movie is so great, funny and important. Then, finally, it became very dark and ominous... a few seconds later the movie started. The jury was right. The movie was so funny and thrilling - I was always on the edge of my seat about what was going to happen next.

Thank you to the Berlin & Beyond Team to give GISSV the opportunity to join this terrific festival!



MV High schoolers at the Berlin & Beyond Film Festival followed by a special surprise

Later that day, Mountain View's 10th graders watched *Ein nasser Hund* (Wet Dog). The students were especially thrilled to get a surprise visit by 'Wet Dog' lead actor Doguhan Kabadayi the following school day at the Mountain View campus. He - together with youth juror Geraldine Nadia Clausen Garcia - talked to the 10th-graders about acting, the movie and addressed topics such as racism and inequality. Thank you for the visit!



Unsere Haustiere - Our Pets

By Zeeta, Leonidas, Margarida, Martina, Felix S., Abby

Pets are really important because they always listen when you need to say something that's on your mind, and they love you no matter what. Pets give kids and teens responsibilities to mature, and studies have shown that elder citizens live longer when they own pets. Plus, they're really cute and cuddly!

Waffles

My dog is named Waffles. He's medium small, really friendly, and tan colored. That's why he's named Waffles: He's the color of waffles! But because it would get confusing when we're talking about the *food* waffles, and not our *dog* Waffles, we call the *food* waffles 'circle toast'!

Waffles is extremely friendly and *loves* to meet anyone, human or dog. He's not the best trained, but he makes up for it with how cute and sweet he is.

He's a rescue who we adopted from the dog shelter Copper's Dream, almost six years ago on May 4th, 2017, when he was just one or two years old (now he is pretty middle-aged at the age of almost seven years old). Since he is a rescue we don't know his exact breed, so about a year after we adopted him we did a DNA test. He's ¼ Chihuahua and ¼ Chinese Crested, ⅛ Cocker Spaniel, and the rest was so mixed up the DNA test couldn't even figure it out after looking for purebred breeds five generations of his family back! But because of his long body and short legs, we guess that he has some Dachshund in him, too.

Sometimes we call him Wafi, Waf, Waf-waf, Woofles, Woofy, Woof-woof, and any nickname along those lines. It's pretty cool how he knows that all those nicknames mean him! Then he can be quite smart! But normally he's... not as smart. Waffles is normally not the brightest dog, but that doesn't change anything about how much my family and I love him!



Raffi

Mein Hund ist ein sehr lustiger Hund. Er ist weiß und hellbraun. Ich muss jeden Tag mit meinem Hund rausgehen. Er spielt gerne mit mir. Meine Familie mag ihn sehr. Wir haben ihn bekommen, als er ein Welpe war. Am Anfang war er scheu und wollte nicht aus seinem Bett kommen. In der Corona Zeit war er immer bei mir und spielte mit mir.



Herkules und Zeus

Meine Haustiere sind zwei Kater. Der Kater auf der linken Seite mit dem braunem Fell heißt Herkules und der dünne graue Kater auf der rechten Seite heißt Zeus. Sie kommen aus zwei unterschiedlichen Familien. Obwohl sie sehr süß und harmlos aussehen, haben sie schon viele Mäuse, Vögel, und sogar Eichhörnchen erlegt. Wir haben sie am 12. Oktober im Jahr 2020 bekommen, als sie erst vier Monate alt waren. Damals waren sie echt klein. Seitdem sind sie aber viel größer und stärker geworden, aber es fängt an, dass es ihnen an Respekt zu mangelt. Herkules zum Beispiel beißt uns, wenn er hungrig ist und sein Fressen haben will. Zum Glück beißt er nicht sehr hart. Meistens kommen zwei verschiedene Katzen aus unterschiedlichen Familien nicht sehr gut klar, aber die beiden gehen oft freundlich miteinander um und verletzen einander nicht.



Meine Katze Granola ist ...

Aktiv	Beste Freundin	Cool	Detailliert	Elegant
Fröhlich	Genial	Heiter	Ideal	Jung
Klug	Liebenswert	Mystisch	Niedlich	
Optimistisch	Putzig	Qualitativ	Ruhig	Süß
Toll	Uuuu-la-la	Virtuos	Wunderschön	
Zufrieden				



Dyson and Tartine

Yes, my **CATS** are named after a vacuum cleaner and the famous San Francisco bakery! Dyson is fat and fuzzy and only runs when he hears the sound of treats. They both spend most of the day sleeping and they always want to stay with the group. We believe (were not sure) that Dyson is half Tabby and half Maincoon and Tartine is a Tabby. Tartine likes to cuddle with us and will always find a comfy spot where she can sit; she likes blankets a lot. Dyson is smart and will hide in tricky spots to find; if we can't find him, we have to shake the treat bottle, so he comes out to eat. My cats will always hog the best spots in the house. Dyson most will most of the time look like he's grouchy, but in reality, he's not. He will try to go in ANY box, it might be really small or really big, but he will ALWAYS try to get in the box. He also really likes paper bags. Dyson is scared of plastic bags and Tartine is scared of new people and loud vacuum cleaners. If I pet Tartine enough, she will start following me and lie down when I do. Whenever we have chicken, Tartine will try to jump on the table and eat the chicken. Dyson's nickname is Daidai (which happens to mean orange in Japanese, like his fur). Tartines nickname is Teeny (like teeny-tiny). Dyson's name comes from the vacuums from the company Dyson because he eats as fast as a vacuum cleaner. Tartines name comes from Tartine, the bakery, because my old cat named Uli would play with the Tartine bags. Overall, at the end of this story we learn that they're cute, and that's that.



Cookie

Cookie is a Syrian hamster who loves waking people up if she is in the same room as them, veggies, exploring in her hamster ball, and ticking our dog Waffles off.

We adopted her on July 27, 2021 from Radical Rodent Rescue, when her mom gave birth there on June 9, 2021 (so we adopted her when she was just 18 days old). Her name was originally Meadow but when I received mail (at summer camp) that my parents had adopted her the name change was set. She has a half belly stripe on her left side and other than that is a coppery tan-brown. She's kinda big for a hamster!

Cookie has only bitten me once, when I was poking her when she just woke up and was using her litter box. And she only peed on me once, when she was giving me all the signs that she needed to go pee and I thought she was just running around because she was really hyper, but then she went all over my hand! Eeew..! :l



New Year's Resolution 2022 of the GISSV Community

Collected by Felix, Kira, Desmond (SF), Martina, Zeeta (MV)

Most New Year's resolutions have some impact on others. Even if they are about individual self-improvement, they affect families, friends, colleagues and communities. For example, your resolution to get healthy will keep you around longer for your family and friends. What are this year's new year's resolutions of the GISSV community?

"Ich möchte Spanisch lernen, weil wir eine Reise nach Kolumbien planen."

Herr Bormeister, Klassenlehrer 6c



"Clean up my closet to make it pretty and to feel better when I go look for clothes to wear. Because I don't want my mom to get mad at me for not knowing where some of my clothes are and because I want to feel better and be self-confident about my organization."

Student, 5b

"Ich möchte immer pünktlich zur Schule kommen, um mehr vom Unterricht mitzubekommen."

Schülerinnen, 6c und 5c

"Winning the lottery, buying five horses, buying a house, being with friends to live independently."

Uli from the Afternoon Club MV



"Learning saying no sometimes."

Trish Borg, Office SF



"Mehr zu schlafen, um nicht mehr müde in der Schule zu sein."

Student, 5c



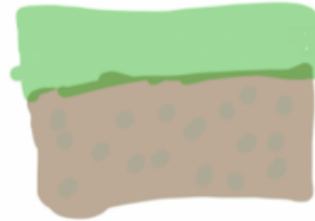


"Glücklich sein, denn das Leben ist zu wertvoll, um es nicht in vollen Zügen zu genießen."

Frau Zimmermann, Head of Middle School

*"Ich will besser in Minecraft werden, weil es mir Spaß macht" +
"I want to be able to beat the ender dragon."*

Two students, 5c und 5b



"Ich will mehr Klavier spielen, weil ich dabei gut abschalten kann."

Frau Hintze, Klassenlehrerin 5c

"Ich möchte nachhaltige Bekleidung einkaufen, weil ich 'Fast Fashion' nicht unterstützen und einen fairen Konsum fördern möchte."

Frau Kranzler, Klassenlehrerin 8c

"Ich will ein neue Sprache lernen, weil ich denke, dass es mir Spaß macht."

Schüler, 5c

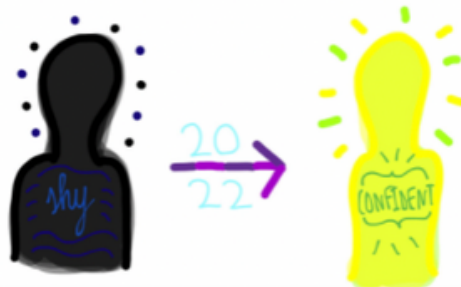


"I want to be able to pet my cat and respect him more (since his cat breed is very sensitive) because I love my cat."

Student, 5b

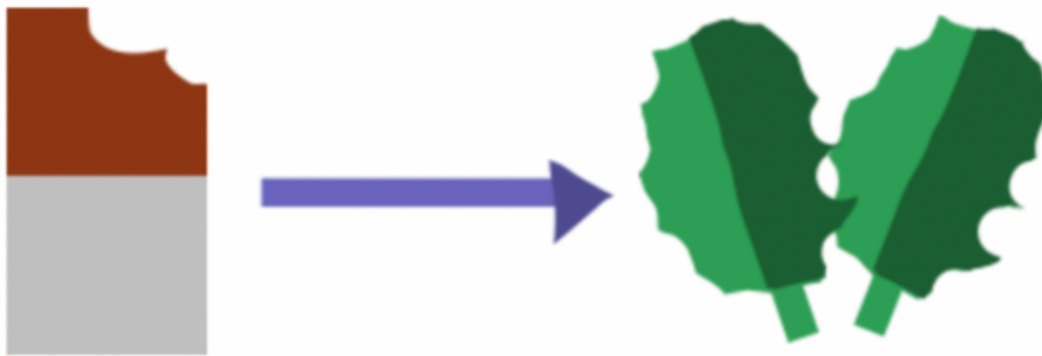
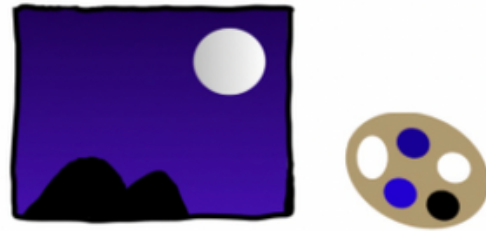
"I wanna get more self-confident because I'm always really shy and a little confidence could go a long way for me. I want to be able to talk to more people."

Student, 5b and 7a



*"Paint on a bunch of canvases
because I want to make cool art."*

Student, 5b



"Weniger Schokolade und mehr Gemüse!" Frau Wenk, Klassenlehrerin 7c

*"Ich will die beiden Standorte
Mountain View und San Francisco
näher zusammenbringen, weil wir
eine Schule sind."*

Schulleiterin Kathrin Röschel

*"To not have a new year's resolution. I
don't like to make promises I might not
keep."*

David Gießen, English Teacher

*"Ich möchte Koreanisch lernen, damit
ich mit meinen Lieblingssängern bei
Fan-Events sprechen kann."*

Student, 6c



Recipes

By GISSV Student Newsletter Team

🍬 *We are all sweet teeth!!!* 🍭

Cookies 🍪

by Victoria & Myra





TESTIMONIALS



Shortbread Cookies

Victoria: "Nice, sugary, and buttery—good texture"

Margarida: "Buttery and sweet"

Myra: "Tastes like frosting, nice and crumbly"

Abby: "Has a hidden sugary taste, and popping frosting flavor"

Martina: "Buttery and sweet and can I have a little bit more :)"

Felix: "Amazing and sweet"

Leonidas: "Good"

Frau Zimmermann: "Yummy crunchy filling, best amount of sweetness"

Chocolate Chip Cookies

Recipe will follow in Edition #4 - something to look forward to :)

Victoria: "Nice and soft"

Margarida: "Soft, chocolaty, and buttery"

Abby: "Nice and sugary, tastes buttery, soft, and cinnamon"

Martina: "Soft and chocolaty"

Felix: "Dream-like chocolate chip cookies"

Leonidas: "So gut, dass sie fast schmecken, als ob sie gekauft worden"

Frau Zimmermann: "Crunchy, but chewy at the same time"



Shortbread cookies instructions

Ingredients:

1. 8 teaspoons of sugar
2. 1 tablespoon powder sugar
3. 7 tablespoons room temperature butter (cut in dice)
4. 10 tablespoons flour



Directions:

- Preheat oven to 320 Fahrenheit.
- Place the butter into a bowl, smush it until it's like applesauce with a wooden spoon. Add the sugar and powder sugar and press against the edges of the bowl.
- Add the flour to obtain a smooth paste. Make a ball with your hands and wrap it with clingfilm. Place in the fridge for at least 15 minutes.
- Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and remove the dough from the fridge. On a floured surface, stretch the dough delicately (it has to be about 3 mm of thickness).
- Cut the shapes how you want it and place it on the baking sheet.
- Place the baking sheet in the center of the oven and let it bake for 30 minutes or until the cookies turn lightly golden brown.
- Let it cool before you eat it!

Butterkekse: Zubereitung

Zutaten:

1. 8 Teelöffel Zucker
2. 1 Esslöffel Puderzucker
3. 7 Esslöffel zimmerwarme Butter (in Würfel geschnitten)
4. 10 Esslöffel Mehl



Backanleitung:

- Backofen auf 150 Grad Celsius vorheizen.
- Die Butter in eine Schüssel geben und mit einem Holzlöffel zerdrücken, bis sie wie Apfelmus ist. Füge den Zucker und Puderzucker hinzu und drücke sie gegen die Ränder der Schüssel.
- Füge das Mehl hinzu, um eine glatte Paste zu erhalten. Mit den Händen eine Kugel formen und in Frischhaltefolie wickeln. Für mindestens 15 Minuten in den Kühlschrank stellen.
- Ein Backblech mit Backpapier auslegen und den Teig aus dem Kühlschrank nehmen. Auf einer bemehlten Fläche den Teig vorsichtig ausziehen (er muss etwa 3 mm dick sein)
- Schneide die gewünschten Formen aus und lege sie auf das Backblech.
- Schiebe das Backblech in die Mitte des Ofens und lasse die Kekse 30 Minuten lang backen oder bis sie leicht goldbraun werden.
- Lass sie abkühlen, bevor du sie isst!



CARAMEL POPCORN

by Abby & Zeeta

TESTIMONIALS



"Sweet and crunchy 😊" – Victoria

"Amazing" – Felix

"Very good, chewy but crunchy. Also sweet" – Myra

"The perfect mix between sweet and salty" – Martina

"Sweet, delicious, and flavorful" – Margarida

"It tasted good" – Leonidas

"Absolutely delicious and a great option for anyone with any allergies! :)" – Zeeta

"GIVE me ALL" – Abby

"Lecker, schmecker!!!" – Frau Zimmermann



CARAMEL CORN INSTRUCTIONS

Ingredients

- 8 cups popcorn (about 1 microwaveable bag, or 1/4 cup kernels)
- 6 Tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 6 Tablespoons light corn syrup
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda (heaping)
- 3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

Instructions

1. Preheat the oven to 200 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Line a jelly roll pan with parchment paper or tinfoil sprayed lightly with nonstick cooking spray. Add popcorn to pan in an even layer and place in the oven to warm.
3. Melt butter in a large non-stick skillet over medium. Once melted, stir in brown sugar, corn syrup, and salt until smooth.
4. Bring to a boil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Soon as the caramel starts to gently boil, boil for two minutes, stirring.
5. Remove from the heat and stir in baking soda and vanilla.
6. Immediately drizzle caramel over popcorn. Toss gently spatula until coated.
7. Bake for 45 minutes, stirring the popcorn every 15 minutes.



NOTES:

SERVING SIZE: APPROX. 1/8 OF A RECIPE.

THIS IS EASY AND QUICK, BUT PRETTY MESSY. STIRRING THE POPCORN AFTER POURING THE CARAMEL ONTO IT IS ESPECIALLY LIKELY TO MAKE IT SPILL OUT OF THE PAN.

I BAKED THIS FOR ONLY 30 MINUTES, STIRRING AFTER 15 MINUTES. BAKING LONGER SHOULD MAKE IT MORE CRUNCHY AND LESS CHEWY. I DIDN'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO BAKE IT THE FULL 45 MINUTES -- AND I LIKE CHEWY CARAMEL CORN ANYWAY.

Zutaten:

- 8 Tassen Popcorn (etwa 1 mikrowellengeeigneter Beutel oder 1/4 Tasse Kerne)
- 6 Esslöffel Butter
- 1 1/2 Tassen hellbrauner Zucker
- 6 Esslöffel heller Karosirup
- 1/4 Teelöffel Salz
- 1/4 Teelöffel Natron (gehäuft)
- 3/4 Teelöffel Vanilleextrakt

Richtungen:

1. Ofen auf 200 Grad Fahrenheit vorheizen
2. Lege eine Jelly-Roll-Pfanne mit Pergamentpapier oder Alufolie aus, die leicht mit Antihaf-Kochspray besprüht wird. Popcorn in einer gleichmäßigen Schicht in die Pfanne geben und zum Erwärmen in den Ofen stellen.
3. Butter in einer großen beschichteten Pfanne bei mittlerer Hitze schmelzen. Sobald sie geschmolzen ist, braunen Zucker, Maissirup und Salz einrühren, bis alles glatt ist.
4. Bei mittlerer Hitze zum Kochen bringen und gelegentlich umrühren. Sobald das Karamell leicht zu kochen beginnt, unter Rühren zwei Minuten kochen lassen.
5. Vom Herd nehmen und umrühren mit Backpulver und Vanille.
6. Karamell sofort über Popcorn träufeln. Den Spatel vorsichtig schwenken, bis alles bedeckt ist.
7. 45 Minuten backen, dabei das Popcorn alle 15 Minuten umrühren.

HINWEISE:

- PORTIONSGRÖSSE: CA. 1/8 DES REZEPTS.
- DAS GEHT EINFACH UND SCHNELL, ABER ES IST ZIEMLICH CHAOTISCH. DAS RÜHREN DES POPCORNS NACH DEM ZUGIESSEN DES KARAMELLS WIRD WAHRSCHEINLICH DAZU FÜHREN, DASS ES AUS DER PFANNE SCHWAPPT ;-)
- ICH HABE DAS POPCORN NUR 30 MINUTEN GEBACKEN UND DABEI NACH 15 MINUTEN UMGERÜHRT. DURCH LÄNGERES BACKEN SOLLTE ES KNUSPRIGER UND WENIGER ZÄH WERDEN. ICH HATTE NICHT GENUG ZEIT, UM ES DIE VOLLEN 45 MINUTEN ZU BACKEN UND ICH MAG SOWIESO KAU-KARAMEL-MAIS.

