



Garmisch EMS Weekly Newsletter



ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE 11/20/23

Happy Monday, GEMS families!

This week is a short week with there being no school on Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday. The school office will be closed these days and we will be back on Monday at our regular time.

Tomorrow is the Turkey Trot! I hope to see you out there either running with the kids or cheering them on. Also, we will be operating on a Thursday schedule tomorrow. Lunch/Recess will begin at 1134.

Have a great week and long weekend!

Jenn Seguin



REMINDERS

- ✓ The next Pizza Hot Lunch is on December 8. Be on the lookout for an order form soon!
- ✓ Thrilling Thursday Registration starts on Friday, November 24 at Hausberg Lodge
- ✓ Our Character Counts focus for November and December is Responsibility.

After School Clubs:

- **Run Club:** FINAL meeting TODAY 11/20
- **Haus Council:** 2nd & 4th Tuesdays 2:30-3:30
- **Math Counts:** Mon. 2:45-3:30 Grades 6-8
- **GEMStone Club:** Wed. 2:30-3:30 Grades 1-3



NEWS YOU CAN USE



The 11th Annual Turkey Trot is tomorrow!

The event will start a little after 1300. Come show your support!

TURKEY TROT

On Nov. 28, representatives from Munich International School (MIS) will pay a visit to our 8th-grade students at 0930. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend - the presentation will last roughly one hour.

On December 6, GEMS will be visited by author Chef Arlena Strode. She will read one of her books to the elementary students and then students will have the opportunity to do an experiment!



IMPORTANT DATES



November 20

Author Visit book order due

November 21

TURKEY TROT, following a Thursday schedule

November 23-24

No School- Thanksgiving Break

November 28

MIS visit to GEMS @ 0930

December 5

SAC meeting 1530

December 6

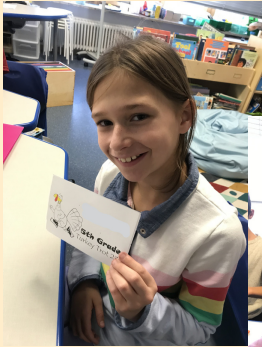
Author visit for K-5
Pizza Hot Lunch order forms due

December 8

Pizza Hot Lunch



Pics of the week



Gearing up for the Turkey Trot!

First snow!

Kindergarten students are examining the characteristics of isopods



NEED MORE INFORMATION?

- **Up-to-date school calendars and other important information can be found on our school website:**
<https://www.dodea.edu/garmischems/index.cfm>
- **Like us on Facebook:**
<https://www.facebook.com/GarmischCS>
- **IMCOM site for hazardous weather warnings, road conditions and school closures:**
<https://home.army.mil/bavaria/>

SCHOOL GOALS

Goal 1: Literacy

By the end of SY 2023-2024, Garmisch Elementary Middle School will strengthen implementation of College and Career readiness for all students by ensuring all classrooms teaching Literacy skills reflect standards-based instruction as measured by performance on the DoDEA CCR Summative Assessment by a 5% increase (over baseline) yearly of students "meeting or exceeding expectations" and decrease by 3% students in the did not meet or partially met performance levels on SY 21-22 assessment and ORR in grades K-3.

Goal 2: Math

By the end of SY 2023-2024, grades 3-8 & Algebra 1 will increase by 5% students in the met or exceeded performance levels by and decrease by 3% students in the did not meet or partially met performance levels over two years as reported on the system-wide CCRSM Summative Assessment.

CORE BELIEFS

It is important to engage students in learning that promotes opportunities to become lifelong learners.

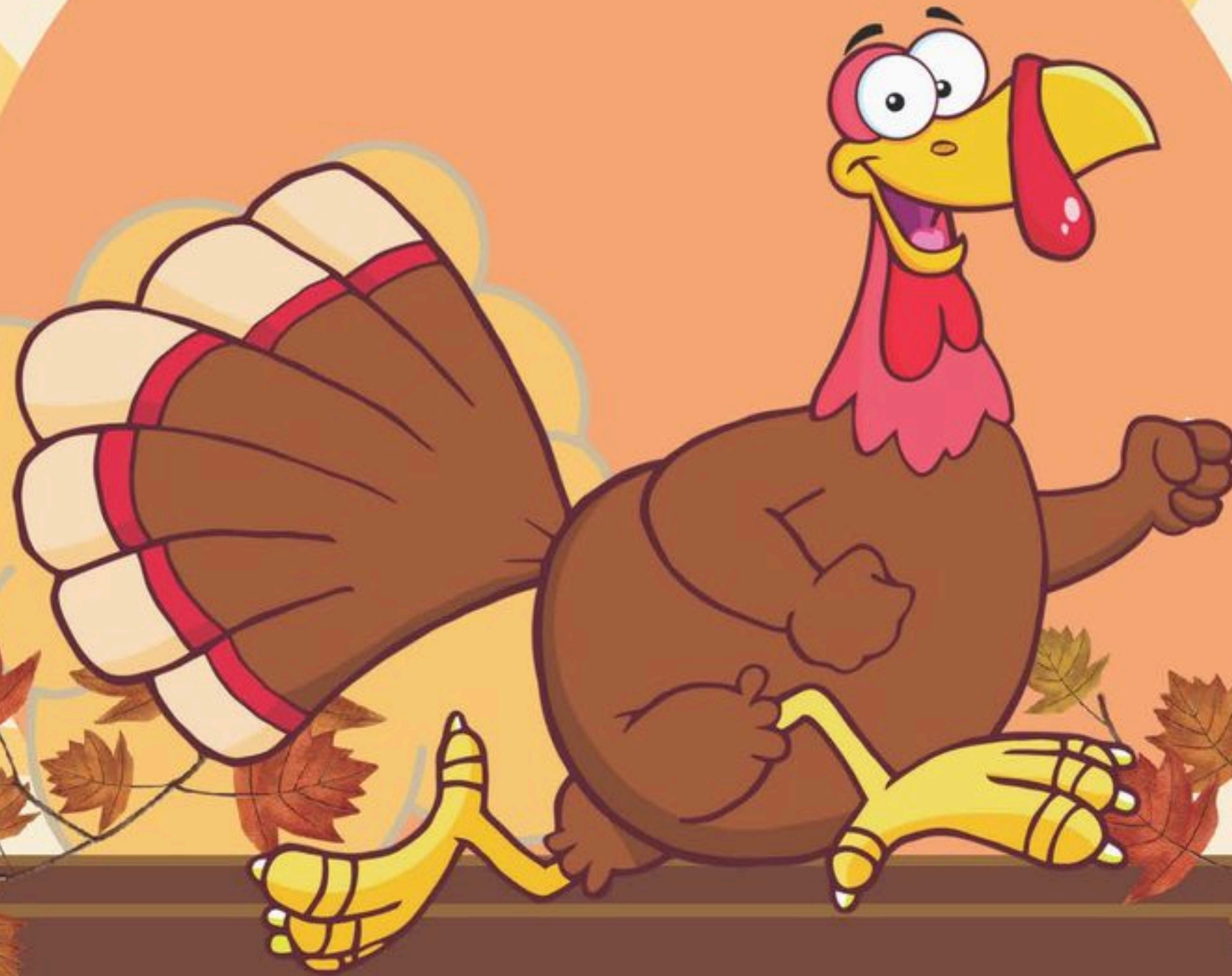
All students and staff should feel safe, valued, and represented in the school.

All students should have high expectations and be supported so they can achieve academic and social excellence.

11TH ANNUAL GEMS

TURKEY TROT

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 1:00 PM



FUNDRAISING STARTS NOW!

PLEASE COME SUPPORT OUR STUDENT RUNNERS AT THE TURKEY TROT! MAKE SIGNS, CHEER FOR THEM, AND DONATE ON THEIR BEHALF! ALL DONATIONS GO TO FUND SPECIAL EVENTS, CLASSROOM TEACHERS, AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS, THRILLING THURSDAYS, & MORE!



SCAN THE QR CODE TO DONATE!



AUTHOR VISIT

Chef Arlena Strode

Thank You for your purchase

childrensculinaryinstitute.com



AUTHOR OF THE BOOK SERIES "CHANGING THE WORLD ONE KITCHEN AT A TIME"



Chef Brazier was an amazing example of female entrepreneurial spirit, and true grit to overcome and rise above. **"Six Star Chicken"**



Chef Escoffier took a childhood passion of art and turned cooks into culinary artists, forever changing the way we dine out. **"The Emperor of Chefs"**



Chef Fannie Farmer was a pioneer in food science who had to overcome a childhood illness that left her unable to walk. She changed everything we know about recipes and how to cook. **"A Pinch of This and a Dash of That"**



Mary Mallon lived in a time before we knew much about personal or kitchen hygiene. We can learn a great lesson from this larger-than-life cook. **"The Worst Cook in New York"**

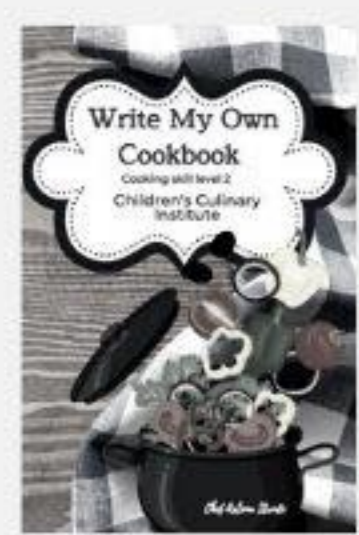


Chef Leah Chase championed social reform in the southern United States with her community service and great big bowls of gumbo. **"Food Bridges"**

Coloring books for little cooks



Write My Own Cookbook



It isn't a cookbook.....till you write it! These books are filled with culinary terms and skill-appropriate recipe suggestions to help you develop your skills and your own cookbook. Each level of the book comes with pages where you can record your recipe experience, track your progress, and earn a completion certificate. It's the perfect way to learn how to cook from the comfort of your own home!

Name _____

Location Information _____

Six Star Chicken

A Pinch of This and a Dash of That

The Emperor of Chefs

The Worst Cook in New York

Food Bridges

Write My Own Cookbook
Level 1 Level 2 Level 3

Coloring books
New Foods Kitchen Tools Recipes



TOTAL _____

Fill out the order form and place it with the total in an envelope with your name and "Author Visit" on the outside of the sealed envelope.

November / December

Focus

Responsibility

- Do what you are supposed to do.
- Plan ahead.
- Be diligent.
- Persevere.
- Do your best.
- Use self-control.
- Be self-disciplined.
- Think before you act.
- Be accountable for your words, actions & attitudes.
- Set a good example for others.
- Choose a positive attitude.
- Make healthy choices.

RESPONSIBILITY

starts with *me.*



Hear ye! Hear ye!

The November edition of the school newspaper is available on the GEMS website. There is a chance to earn prizes. Stay tuned for the next edition the week of December 11th!



Come & Celebrate

Winter Festival



December 6, 2023

5:00-7:00PM

at

The Pete Burke Center

Chili Cook-Off | Tree Lighting | Bake Sale

Scan the QR code to:

- Participate in Chili Cook-off-
- Sale Baked Items-
- Volunteer at the event-



Thrilling Thursday Seasonal Equipment Rental Form, \$90 each

***One completed form per child.**

Name _____

CMR Address _____

Telephone _____

E-Mail _____

Ski, Make, Length, ID # & Serial #

Skier Weight, Boot Sole Length, DIN Setting

Snowboard, make, Length, ID # and Serial #

Boot, Make, Size and ID #

Poles, Type and Size

Issued By: _____ Signature _____

I assume full responsibility for the items which I have rented for the season.

I further understand that damage above and beyond what is normal will be subject to fees for repair or replacement if needed. Thrilling Thursday Rentals are due back by 1 April 2024. Late returns will be charged at \$10 per week and will need to be returned to the Alpine Adventures at the Edelweiss Hotel.

Received By:

Signature and Date _____

Return Date & Staff Signature _____

_____ This equipment has been returned in satisfactory condition.

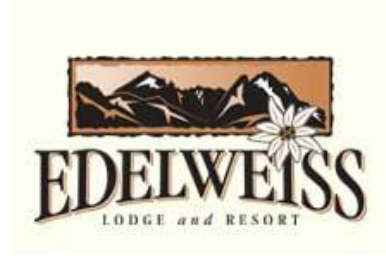
_____ This equipment has been returned in damaged condition – Inform Manager.

Thrilling Thursday Participation Form 2024

CHILDS NAME: _____ AGE: _____

Please completely fill out one form per child, **BOTH SIDES.**

\$240.00 Per Child



PARENTS OR GUARDIANS NAME: _____

CELL PHONE #: _____ E-Mail _____

SECONDARY CONTACT

NAME: _____ CONTACT #: _____

WE MUST HAVE A WAY TO CONTACT YOU. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE THE COUNTRY CODE.

May anyone else pick up your child? Yes / No If yes, please provide name, relationship to child, and contact phone number:

Please list anything the staff may need to know regarding your child below:

- If your child has any potential life-threatening allergies or health conditions which could require immediate medical attention (such as peanut allergies, bee-sting allergies, asthma, or diabetes).
- If your child generally carries a medication auto-injector (i.e. EpiPen or Twinject), an inhaler, or any other medication to treat emergency situations. Edelweiss Children's Programs staff are trained to administer these medications, but are authorized to administer emergency medications only.

STATEMENT OF CONSENT:

As legal guardian, I give my permission for the child named on this form to participate in all the activities associated with the Edelweiss Thrilling Thursday Program (hereafter referred to as "the program"). I give my consent to the Edelweiss Staff to administer first aid and/or take my child to a medical facility to secure proper treatment, including anesthesia, hospitalization, or surgery. I also understand that a conscientious effort will be made to notify me prior to such actions. Expenses, if any, will be borne by me.

I also understand the following aspects of the program in which my child is enrolled: (1) the program is NOT responsible for lost items; (2) activities are oriented towards GROUP rather than individual instruction; and (3) program staff CANNOT give constant individual attention and if the child named on this form cannot adjust or has a disciplinary problem which the staff cannot resolve, then he/she may be removed from this program. Due to this, ALL CHILDREN ARE ACCEPTED ON A TRIAL BASIS.

I also understand that Edelweiss Lodge and Resort Staff are obligated to report any cases of suspected child abuse and/or neglect."

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Ski History and Background

(Please fill out one per child)

Name: _____ Age: _____

1. Has your child participated in previous Wonderful Wednesday's? Yes - No

2. Has your child skied before? Yes – No (If no skip to question 4)

3. Please circle what level you think your child skis at:

Beginner – (0-3 days) Tried skiing a few times but still cannot control speed or make turns on beginner runs.

Beginner II – (2-10 days) Has skied more than 1 day and can control speed and make turns. Skis in a wedge (not parallel) and can ski most Blue (beginner) runs.

Intermediate – (9-25 days) Has skied for multiple weeks and can easily control speed and make turns. Mostly skis parallel and has no issues skiing all blue (beginner) runs and some red (intermediate) runs. A confident skier that enjoys taking on more challenges and is not afraid to ski on steeper slopes.

Advanced – (20+ days) Has skied consistently for several years and can control speed and make turns on all levels of slopes. Very confident skier who is starting to carve, ski bumps, and ski deep powder.

4. Will your child have a season pass? Yes – No

5. Does your child have any allergies or special considerations that your instructor should be aware of?

Thrilling Thursday Youth Ski Program 2023-2024

This program is one of the most amazing benefits available to your child while being stationed here in Garmisch. Eight weeks of ski instruction for their PE Class is something well worth investing in. This chance for them to learn a lifelong sport should not be missed and will forever be a fond memory of your child's time here in Garmisch. Who knows, they may well return one day to teach Thrilling Thursday to future generations. Over the years we have hired many instructors who actually got their start at Wonderful Wednesday, now known as Thrilling Thursday. Read on to find out how to sign up and ***Pray for Snow***

Registration 1, 2, 3.....

1. This program will be run by the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort from the Hausberg Ski Lodge.
2. Eight Thursday group style ski instruction sessions from 1300-1630, 11 Jan-14 Mar 2024.
3. Cost for instruction is **\$240**, thank you GCC! This does not include Transportation, Equipment, or Lift Tickets.
4. Transportation to and from school is provided by GEMS.
5. Registration and Payments can be made at the Hausberg Lodge from **24-26 November and 9-10 December**, between 0800-1200hrs and 1230-1630 hrs.
6. **An informational Q&A session will be held at the GEMS on 14 November at 1800hrs.**

When is it?

The first Thursday session is **11 January** then **Thursdays 18, 25 January, 1, 8, 15 February** and then a two-week break until **7 March** and the last sessions on **14 March 2024**.

End of Season Awards Ceremony and Party, 14 March (last day of instruction) @ 1630 hrs.

Parents are encouraged to attend.

Sessions cancelled e.g. force protection, weather, etc. will not be rescheduled.

Meet your instructor night:

- ❁ **8 January** – At the American Hausberg Lodge, 1800-1845 hrs.
- ❁ **That will also be Taco Night so stick around and enjoy meeting the instructors!**
- ❁ We **highly suggest** that all participants and parents attend this meeting. It's important for the children and parents to learn about the program and instructor prior to the first ski day.

Ski Passes:

If you have not purchased your season pass here's the process:

- ❁ Go to **Bayerische Zugspitzbahn @ Olympiastrasse 31** (near the Ice Stadium).
- ❁ If you have your old season pass (KEYCARD) bring it with you when you buy your new season pass, to avoid being charged the initial KEYCARD set-up fee.
- ❁ **The only lift pass required for the Youth Ski Program is the "Garmisch-Classic"** you can pay extra for a 365-day pass from the date of purchase, otherwise your lift pass is only valid for the ski season.
- ❁ **Bring an I.D. card sized picture** (or your passport, so they can scan that picture) for a **new** KEYCARD.
- ❁ **Season Passes are cheaper when purchased as a Family.**
- ❁ **BEGINNER SKIERS**, or those not considered an avid skier, may want to option out of a season pass and just purchase ½ day passes as needed (at the American Hausberg).
- ❁ Parents are responsible for ensuring their child/ren have a lift pass valid for each day's session.

- ❄ Sometimes the first few sessions are held in the backyard for beginners and lift passes are not required for this area of instruction.
- ❄ Participants **must** have a lift pass in order to use the lifts on the mountain. This is the **responsibility** of the **PARENTS**. If a participant does not have a lift pass, they will not be able to participate and must be picked up from the program.

Equipment Issue:

- ❄ If needed, you can obtain ski equipment from the Edelweiss Lodge and Resort ski school at the American Hausberg Lodge from **24-26 November** when registering for the program. Equipment is **\$90** for the season for program participants but **does not include helmet**. Return date is by 1 April 2024. A **\$10** per week late fee will apply for any returns after 1 April.
- ❄ You will need about 10-20 minutes per child for fitting. Wear your winter ski socks for the fitting.

Clothing:

- ❄ Ensure proper clothing (see clothing and equipment check list)
- ❄ Waterproof ski jacket
- ❄ Waterproof pants
- ❄ Snow gloves
- ❄ Goggles
- ❄ Helmet

Children will not be allowed on the mountain without these basic safety and clothing items. If a child fails to bring all the necessary items of equipment, they will not be allowed participate and must be picked up from the program.

Helmet and Protective Gear:

- ❄ **Helmets and goggles are mandatory for all participants.** It is the responsibility of the participants to *obtain* and *wear* this equipment. GEMS school does have a limited supply of helmets and goggles for usage during the program.

Ski Safety and Mountain Information:

- ❄ Ski info for local mountains: <http://www.zugspitze.de/en/winter/>
- ❄ Ski Area Info Hotline (in German): 08821-79 79 79
- ❄ Bayerische Zugspitsbahn AG. Olympiastr. 27: 08821-7970
- ❄ Avalanche Hotline: 089-9214-1210 or <http://www.lfu.bayern.de/wasser/>
- ❄ Edelweiss Resort Hausberg Lodge: 08821-9444581
- ❄ National Ski Patrol Website: <http://www.nsp.org/>
- ❄ Helmets for Kids: <http://www.lidsonkids.org/>

***Jump Start your season with a Ski Instruction Week at the Hausberg Lodge!
Thrilling Thursday Participants and Garmisch Community with own Classic Season Pass.
December 17-20, 22-25 or 27-30
Youth 5-17 \$299, Adults \$399
Register at the Hausberg Lodge day prior to start date from 1300-1700hrs.***

❄ **Ski Ya Soon!**

Important dates to remember:

Tuesday, 14 November	Parent Info Night, 1800 at GEMS
24, 25, 26 Nov, 9, 10 Dec	Program Registration at Hausberg Lodge, 0800-1200 & 1230-1630
Sunday, 10 December	Program registration ends
Friday 15 December	1700-2000 Hrs, Hausberg Bar and Grill Grand Opening and Ski Swap
NEW INFO!	Bring your old gear to sell or pick-up something there.
Monday, 8 January 2024	Meet Your Instructor Night, American Hausberg Lodge, 1800-1845 hrs.
Thursday, 11 January	1 st Ski session
Thursday, 14 March	Final session awards ceremony - no transportation is provided. Parents are invited to attend and to pick-up their children. Estimated start time for awards is 16:30.

Thrilling Thursday Afternoon Program Schedule (est. times):

12:00	School dismissal (lunch and change into ski gear)
12:45	Bus pick-up at the school (for GEMS students based upon our priority for care list)
12:50	Departure for Hausberg Lodge
13:00	If you are driving your children, you must be at the Hausberg NLT 1300hrs! Groups assemble with instructors at the Hausberg Lodge.
14:30	Snack time: Bring a snack (no junk food, soda, candy etc...) and money for a drink (est. 5 Euro). If you do NOT provide a snack for your children, then you need to provide est. 5-8 euros each . Instructors are not responsible for any monies your child brings to the program. If your group is in the backyard, send dollars for snacks or bring your own healthy snack. Once your child's group advances to the mountain for instruction, you can provide your children with snack monies as stated above or bring a snack.
16:30***	Parent pick-up or board bus for return to GEMS or NRC.
17:00	Bus returns to GEMS
17:15-17:30	Bus returns to NRC-Oberammergau

In the event of a Thursday instruction cancelation Edelweiss staff will notify the school ASAP.

***** Any requests to change a pick-up or drop off must be made by the Wednesday prior to the Thursday ski session by contacting GEMS @ 0611 143545 2167 or email amy.cox@dodea.edu**