



Einschulung

at Berlin Metropolitan School
August 24, 2019



EINSCHULUNG CEREMONY 2019

Dear Families,

It is a pleasure to welcome you to Grade 1 at Berlin Metropolitan School! Starting Grade 1 is a special occasion for all families and an important step in a child's education. The move into Grade 1 brings with it different experiences and routines, as well as new friendships and exciting challenges. We look forward to embarking on this journey with you and your children as we endeavor to spark a life-long curiosity and love of learning.

The traditions of the Schultüte or Zuckertüte and the ceremony of Einschulung here in Germany, make the entry into Grade 1 even more special. Prior to the Einschulung Ceremony, you will receive an email informing you about your child's new class and teacher and information about the planning for the Einschulung day.

We look forward to seeing all of you at the Einschulung Ceremony on **Saturday, August 24, 2019!** The ceremony will take place at the cinema "Babylon", Rosa Luxemburgstr. 30, 10178 Berlin.

The schedule for the morning is as follows:

10:00-10:45 Einschulung Ceremony at the cinema "Babylon".

(Children will be seated with their teachers in the first rows of the auditorium; parents will sit separately with the Schultüte)

10:45-11:30 All first graders will go on a special bus from cinema "Babylon" to BMS. Parents and guests are invited to follow the children to BMS.

11:30 Children go with their teachers to their classroom, where they have their first short lesson as a class and have a class photograph taken together. Parents are invited to a reception in the school courtyard.

12:15-12:30 Parents pick up children in the classrooms and give them the Schultüte. (We request that Schultüten be opened at home.)



We kindly ask you to bring a maximum of 6 people to cinema "Babylon" as we do have a limited seating capacity and would like to ensure that every family can attend. Please note that parking is difficult both in the vicinity of the cinema "Babylon" and the school. For your information, if you intend to make restaurant reservations after Einschulung, please do not plan for any earlier than 1pm.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Einschulung 2019-2020 Ceremony!

Best regards,
Berlin Metropolitan School

CINEMA “BABYLON”: HISTORY AND LOCATION

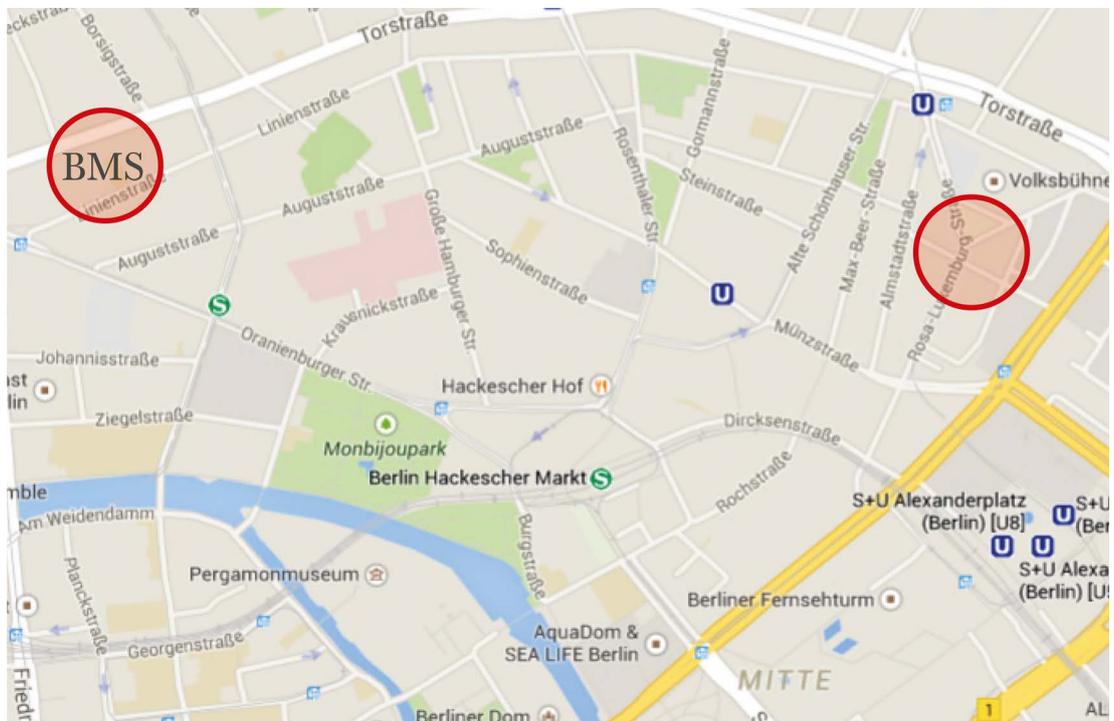
Cinema “Babylon” is located in the district of Mitte, and is part of a building complex at Rosa-Luxemburg-Platz opposite the “Volksbühne”. The building was constructed in 1928/29, designed by the architect Hans Poelzig and is considered to be an exemplary work in the creative period of the New Sobriety. After the hall had to be closed in 1993 because of the danger of collapse, it was reconstructed from 1999 to 2001. The reconstruction was awarded the “German Prize for Heritage Conservation” 2002. Since 2001, the “Babylon” is once again used primarily as a cinema, but it also accommodates more than 20 festivals and film series as well as various musical and literary culture events. The “Babylon” owns the only original integrated theater organ in Germany.



We look forward to welcoming you to cinema “Babylon” and enjoying our Einschulung Ceremony together as a community!

Cinema “Babylon”, Rosa Luxemburgstr. 30, 10178 Berlin

Please take a closer look at the map below:



GRADE 1 CLASS PHOTOS

Every year, we hire a professional photographer to take photographs of this special day. After Einschulung, you will be able to view your child's photographs (2 poses per class) online at www.metropolitanschool.com/Einschulung/classphoto.

Here are some sample photos from our 2018-2019 Einschulung:



In order to help you remember this big step in your child's life, you will have the opportunity to order these class photographs. You will receive all ordering details and forms on the first day of school.

FIRST GRADE ORIENTATION

From **August 21 to August 23, 2019**, we invite all new first graders to attend a Grade 1 Orientation. These orientation days allow our new Grade 1 students to smoothly transition into their school routines. During these days, children will have the opportunity for the following:

- To get to know their new school and to make new friends
- To learn important school rules
- To explore BMS and to ask questions about the school
- To meet and all of their teachers and learn about the different school routines
- To experience new classroom environments and specialist lessons

FAQ: THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT BMS

When and at what time do classes begin and end?

The first official day of school for Grade 1 students will be on **August 26, 2019**. Classrooms open at 8:20am and registration is taken promptly at **8:30am**, so please be sure to leave enough time to support your child in finding their locker and classroom so they can settle in to the school day. In front of every classroom you will find a set of lockers labelled with each student's name. Students may put their school bag, snack box, sports clothing, jackets and other personal items in their locker.

The school day ends at **3.00pm**. Children going to CCEP Hort will be checked out of their classroom to the Grade 1 & 2 CCEP area by their classroom teacher and a member of the CCEP staff.

What should my child bring to school on the first day?

On the first day of school, your child will receive a BMS Bag containing important information, such as their class schedule and the school calendar. Students will also receive a supply list created by the Grade Level Team. If you would like to begin preparing school items in advance, here is a list of basic items your child will need in Grade 1:

- Small, lightweight school bag ('backpack' or Schulranzen)
- Pencil case with pencils, colored pencils, eraser, sharpener, ruler, glue stick, scissors)
- Light sports bag with sport shoes, shorts/athletic pants, t-shirt for indoor sports
- Slippers or indoor shoes
- Water bottle

What subjects will my child be taking?

The schedule your child receives on their first day of school will provide a detailed overview of which subjects will take place when. In addition to the core language and mathematics subjects, students will have PE, movement, art, music and library classes.

What about breaks and lunch?

Grade 1 students have a 30 minute morning break outdoors. Please be sure to send your child to school with some healthy nutritious snacks to eat during this time. Lunch will be held in the cafeteria and students will go outside for another 30 minute recess break.

Grade 1 students begin one week after all other classes. Does this mean that we will miss the application for afternoon program courses?

No, the course selection for afternoon program courses will take place from Sunday, September 8th, 9:00pm until Monday, September 16th, 9:00am and the courses start on September 25th, 2019. Before students make a final course selection, they will have the opportunity to join our CCEP Club Fair on September 6th where clubs are presented.

Detailed information about available courses and the course selection process will be included in the BMS Bag that your child will receive on their first day of school.

Do you have further questions?

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