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**GERMAN-AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL MARKS  
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE WITH MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**MENLO PARK, Calif., September 19, 2007** - As an international school with the mission to foster global thinkers, the German-American International School (GAIS) is joining schools throughout the world to participate in the United Nations-declared International Day of Peace in helping to raise awareness about a global ceasefire.

This week, students at the school are learning about peace through a variety of activities, including a moment of silence for peace on Friday, September 21, 2007, at 12:00 noon, and followed by an extended lunch break session during which the children will be encouraged to participate in peace-focused songs, art, readings, face paintings, and more. Some students will also gain a better understanding of war and peace by establishing correspondence as "PeacePals" with other school children in conflict areas.

With thousands of events planned in hundreds of participating countries across the globe, the International Day of Peace was established by a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly as a day "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace, as a day of global ceasefire and non-violence."

Founded in 1988, the German-American International School of Menlo Park is an independent, private non-profit school including programs ranging from German immersion preschool to bilingual (German/English) elementary and middle school through the eighth grade. The school's curriculum is designed to satisfy both California State and German foreign school guidelines. It is fully accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. In addition, the school has been authorized as an IB World School by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO) headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, a recognized leader in the field of international education. GAIS is the first in the world to offer a German-language IB Primary Years Program for children aged 3-12.

Featuring small class sizes (averaging 10-15 children per classroom) and an experienced, highly-educated teaching staff, the school's hallmark is its very high standard of academic instruction in a nurturing multicultural environment with down-to-earth appeal. The school is based on the belief that children can reach their fullest potential if they are able to develop a positive self-image. To further this goal, the school offers a learning environment that fosters the development of a creative and critical mind. Multicultural traditions are discussed and observed throughout the year, placing an emphasis on international awareness.

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