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Under the spell of Alaska

The last day of school before the winter holidays is always something special - our students receive their half-year certificates.

This year, we wanted to get all students - after all 340 from grade 5 to grade 10 - get in the mood for the holidays with an event.

We had invited Mr. Axel Burgheim, who wanted to report excitingly and vividly about his life in Canada and Alaska.

On the 9th February our auditorium was filled to the last place. The initial skepticism of some teachers as to whether the project would work had disappeared after a few minutes. Axel Burgheim captivated both the fifth and tenth graders. Full of emotions, he reported on the beauty of the country, but also showed problems and negative aspects of life there. Time flew by. The time. When the students finally completed some disciplines of the Eskimo Olympics, everyone was very enthusiastic. Not only did the student body thank you with long-lasting stormy applause, the entire teaching rose up and applauded standing together with their enthusiastic students.

Dear Axel Burgheim, on behalf of all students and teachers of Strehla High School, I would like to thank you for your extraordinary, interesting and emotional lecture.

We wish you all the best for the future!

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Dear Axel Burgheim,

You were at our school in Aschheim for the first time on April 16, 2018 and left a lasting impression.

From the first moment, you effortlessly gained the full attention of the 8th. Classes that had to do without a double lesson of sport for the lecture. You immediately captivated the students through your vivid and entertaining way of telling stories. The students of my class were enthusiastic about your lecture without exception.

You immediately realized that you know what you were talking about, you always seemed absolutely authentic. In a refreshingly unconventional way, you took us into your world and let us share your experiences and wonderful experiences.

I was particularly impressed and touched by your unmistakable love of nature and animals and I am sure that something will also be left in the minds of the students of what you want to convey.

I am particularly pleased if you come back to our school and inspire even more students with your lectures.

Best regards, also from numerous students Marie-Luise Hopfner



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On April 28, 2016, Mr. Axel Burgheim described the Flora and Fauna of Alaska in his interesting lecture for more than 200 primary school students.

Mr. Burgheim knew how to vividly bring the nature of this region closer to the children.

Rarely have we experienced our students so concentrated and enthusiastic, it is extraordinary that this behavior occurred continuously over 2 hours.

Mr. Burgheim was able to explain complicated ecological connections in an age-appropriate and exciting way, so that the students followed his remarks spellbound and captivated.

Through his methodological versatility, Mr. Burgheim imparted extensive knowledge to the children and aroused interest and more understanding of nature in them.

It was a successful, pedagogically valuable and recommendable event.

On behalf of all students and colleagues, we would like to thank you and wish Mr Burgheim all the best

Larissa Scherf

Specialist in natural sciences



BILINGUALE GRUNDSCHULE "ALTMARK"

Alaska Vortrag

From 26. October 2016

On the 25th October, Axel Burgheim, who has lived in his adopted home of Alaska for more than 30 years, was a guest at the Bilingual Primary School "Altmark" with a multimedia lecture about Alaska. Alaska: the dreamland for adventurers and storytellers, such as the American writer Jack London, whose books about the gold rush in the Yukon prompted you to deal with that region at a young age.

With fascinating pictures and humorous stories, Burgheim took the young students on an almost eighty-minute journey through one of the wildest areas of our world. Among other things, he spoke about the unique wildlife as well as the breath taking coastal and mountain landscapes of Alaska. With impressive slides, he also presented the different bear species of Alaska, which is also called "bear country". At the end of the lecture, the children themselves were able to become active. Burgheim reported on an annual Eskimo Olympics and demonstrated two disciplines together with students.

Our first and second graders followed the lecture in German. The students of the 3rd and 4th Class listened to Axel Burgheim's English-language lecture.



Bear tracks and Eskimo Olympics

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Excited silence in the auditorium of the Altenerding middle school. On the canvas, the image of a huge footprint of a bear. Axel Burgheim, who has lived in his adopted home of Alaska for more than 30 years and is married to his wife Vamori from the Yupik tribe, initially did not respond to the slide, but made the students think with negative information and descriptions. Alaska, a state of the USA, five times larger than the Federal Republic of Germany, but with "only" 800,000 inhabitants, suffers greatly from climate change. It not only threatens people's habitat and turns them into climate refugees in thousands, but animals and plants also suffer from environmental destruction. For example, more and more polar bears are drowning.

In their search for food, because due to rising temperatures, the pack ice is melting and they have to swim further and further out into the sea. He also denounced the disrespectful and racist treatment of the natives and violence against women and children. He sharply condemned the hunting of bears allowed in Alaska, in particular the bloody, legal and also illegal trophy hunting as a pleasurable leisure activity. He substantiated his statements with shocking pictures. Burgheim pleaded for a respectful treatment of the bears, which unfortunately are often mistakenly portrayed as dangerous and aggressive in films. He reported on his initial great fear of bears and therefore always met them armed. Later, he changed his attitude and humorously

described his encounters with bears. With impressive slides, he presented the different bear species of Alaska, also called "bear country". However, the wildlife of Alaska does not only consist of bears, but is very diverse. He showed fascinating pictures of moose, beavers, have divers, caribou, a bald eagle. There are times when the signs "Closed, gone fishing" hang in the shops and people as well as animals gather by the river to catch salmon.

Burgheim called on the young people to seek direct contact with nature. Especially in Bavaria, there are still many opportunities to make your own experiences in nature. At the end of his slide lecture, the students also had to become really active. He reported on the annual "Eskimo Olympics" and demonstrated two disciplines together with students. "Four man carry": Burgheim was content with two little students, whom he wore with his arms and thighs. "One-foot high kick": A student held up a shoe standing on a chair. Burgheim started to jump and kicked the shoe with one foot. The long-lasting applause showed that Burgheim was able to inspire and bring Alaska closer to its audience with its impressive pictures, his gripping narrative style and illustrative material - an eagle feather and a real bear claw.





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Dear Mr. Burgheim,

After more than three years and extensive planning, it was finally time for you to visit our primary school for the second time on 16.12.2014 with your exciting Alaska lecture.

They knew very well how to actively explain the exemplary nature of Alaska to the students in a very lively and entertaining way. Tragic and humorous, anecdotes and facts about everyday life in the wilderness, about global warming, biodiversity and ecology were conveyed by you absolutely age-appropriately.

There was always complete silence and enthusiasm among the young listeners during your stories. The students had great fun and joy in the presented exercises of the Eskimo Olympics as a successful conclusion to the lecture.

Everything you reported, showed and, above all, repeatedly illustrated to our primary school students with your extraordinary, colorful slides, was pure lifelike nature lessons and can really only be recommended!

I wish you, dear Axel, all the best and a successful stay in Germany and your beloved Alaska.

Please stay in touch with our primary school Soyen, whose profile is also

"Primary school Soyen - strongly in harmony with nature."

Gez. B. Münzing-Paech, Rin

-School management-



"Alaska Lecture / Man and Nature - Conflict and Harmony" on 11/13/2014

Dear Mr. Burgheim,

The entire primary school Estorf thanks you for your visit.

The teachers and students were equally enthusiastic about your lecture on Alaska.

Both the children of our 1st and 2nd Class as well as those of the 3rd and 4th Class were very concentrated all the time (2 hours each). You could ask questions at any time and actively help shape the interesting, humorous and exciting lecture. We were particularly fascinated by your remarkable pictures.

We wish you continued success and remain with kind regards Hildegard Ackermann,
headmistress

Here are some statements from children after your lecture:

-Dear Axel, I really liked your lecture. I would be happy if you would come back. (Boy, 10 years old)

-I liked everything very much, except the bad things. It was very interesting. Many photos were also great. It's a pity that we didn't make the last photos. □ (boy, 10 years old)

-I liked several topics and I found the performance very exciting. Now I know a lot more about Alaska and bears. (Boy, 9 years old)

-I thought the lecture was great, but you could have told more about Eskimos and I cried a little because of the bears. (Girl, 10 years old)

-I liked your lecture that I learned so much about Alaska and your stories. (Boy, 9 years old)
Wir wünschen Ihnen weiterhin viel Erfolg und verbleiben mit freundlichen Grüßen
Hildegard Ackermann, Schulleiterin

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Dear Mrs. Burgheim,
Dear Mr. Burgheim,

On behalf of the teachers and the students, the Voltaire School would like to thank you very much for your extremely interesting lecture and the impressive pictures.

I have learned from a number of discussions with schoolchildren that it was an enthusiastic, emotional and entertaining.

It was exciting to see how our youngsters - the years 5 - 7 listened intensively and had so many questions that time flew by and was almost too tight.

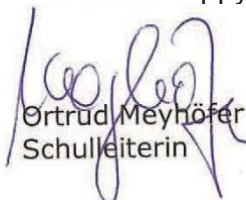
The mixture of factual knowledge, emotionality and ethical-moral aspects is exactly what we want to convey for our children and young people.

Respect - a core concern of our school and our school philosophy - was the common thread in your "slide live lecture." It is extremely important that respect for nature remains alive and that every student becomes aware that he can make his contribution to it.

I am convinced that our students have come closer with this lecture and their concern - "to be able to understand nature" - a piece.

We wish you both all the best for your personal future and hope to see you again.

We will be happy to recommend you. Thank you very much again and dear GruBe!


Ortrud Meyhöfer
Schulleiterin