

## My favourite view at EKG

This is one of my favourite places at EKG. In the background you can see the bright pink container where I have my art classes. It definitely stands out from the rest of the school building. That's part of why I like it. The container may be simple, but it has a unique atmosphere. It's quiet, a bit removed from the busier areas and it feels like a place where you can slow down and focus. Perfect for drawing, painting, and being creative without pressure.

Right in front of it, there are always rows of bikes. These belong to the students. Cycling to school is part of everyday life for many of us. The bikes give the area a kind of rhythm. They come and go throughout the day. They remind me that we're all part of this community, moving through the same places in our own ways.

What makes this view even better is the setting. The tall trees give shade, especially during summer. They create a calm feeling. You can hear birds, sometimes chatting from nearby. The air smells like fresh grass and leaves and when the sun is out the whole area feels open and relaxing.

To me, this view says a lot about EKG. It shows how the school combines learning and creativity with nature and peace. It's not a formal or strict environment, it's a place where students have the freedom to be themselves. That's what I like most about it. It's not just where I go to school. It's a place that feels connected to how I experience school every day.



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This photo shows one of my favourite places at the Erich-Kästner-Gemeinschaftsschule: The large schoolyard with the fishbone climbing frame.

In the picture I can see a group of students standing on the play structure under a wide open sky. The sun is shining brightly. The area around the play structure is covered with sand, around the sand is grass and a beautiful tree with pink blossoms, and in front of the grass is a concrete floor where students sometimes play soccer. In the right corner, I can see a bit of the blue gym that we have in our school.

Looking at this picture, I can smell the fresh, clean air of the countryside, which carries the scent of blooming flowers. There is also a hint of the smell of grass that catches your nose. I can hear the excited voices and laughter of students playing and talking and the trees rustling in the wind. I feel very peaceful looking at this picture and can almost feel the warmth of the sun on my skin.

This is my favorite view at EKG because just looking at this photo makes me feel happy and nostalgic. It reminds me of breaks between classes, of fun and good memories with my friends.

This relates to the identity of the school, the architecture and the environment, because it is open, natural and a perfect balance between structure and fun, like our teachers create our lessons and our school. The place gives students a lot of freedom to do what they want without telling them what to do during their breaks. Students are free to develop as they would in school, which to me is a perfect reflection of our school.







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When I look at this picture, so many memories come back to me. The buildings on the left are for the students from class 5 to 10. I spent many years there, walking down this path almost every day. The weather, the trees, the sky it all looks so normal, but for me it's full of meaning.

Now that I look at it, I start to realize more and more that school doesn't last forever. One day, everything will be different. We will leave this place, and our lives will change. It makes me feel a little bit sad, but also thankful for the time I have spent here. In the front of the picture, you can see the „Kästner Kessel“. It's a small football field with a wall around it. The school made a plan: each week a different year group was allowed to play there. I can still <sup>hear</sup> the loud voices, the cheering and the laughs. Sometimes we played seriously like a real match and sometimes just for fun. Some people even watch others play and just enjoyed the time together. The wall around the field has graffiti. Sometimes we took group photos there.

I also remember the cold winter mornings when we didn't want to go outside. Behind the football field, there are

trees. Sometimes we talked about our future or other topics. Some of those talks I will never forget. Looking at the photo reminds me that school is not only about learning math or writing essays. It's also about growing up, making friends and laughing. Even though I sometimes wanted school to be over, now I see that this time is special.

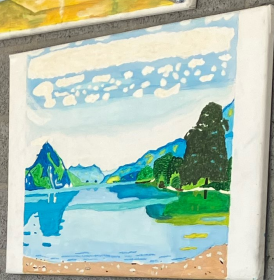
One day, we will all look back and miss it.

And maybe, one day in the future, I will come back and stand at this exact spot and maybe by then, I will have reached some of my goals too.





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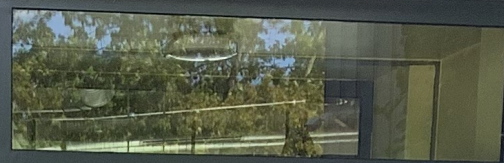
In this picture you can see a part of the upstairs hallway of the EKG on which you can find the teachers room, the secretaries' office and some art rooms. The entire wall of the hallway is covered in paintings made by the students of the school. Some are just individually created projects, some were a shared assignment and show the same motive.

Usually this hallway is very loud, at least during breaks, there are a lot of teachers walking around and just as many students trying to talk to teachers. During classes, when I took this picture, it was very quite though, as barely anyone was there, except for some students working on their iPads outside of the frame.

While you can see just one small part of the hallway, I find the fact that the wall is covered in paintings, specifically made by students of the school in their lessons, a great idea. It adds to the character of the school, making it more colourful and therefore a bit of a happier place for students and teachers alike.



# ERICH KÄSTNER GEMEINSCHAFTSSCHULE





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The photograph portrays my favourite view at my school. This picture shows the entrance of the school with its vibrant colours and design. What catches the eye first are the two big double glass doors which allow the students to enter the school. The doors have metal handles and contain the school's slogan and organisations. On top of the doors and attached to the building is a sign with self-made yellow letters, spelling out the schools name "Erich Kästner Gemeinschaftsschule". On the left side are some well placed plants in decorated mosaic flowerpots. While the door is in the background of the picture, something else catches the eye really quickly: The implanted stars on the pave yard. These stairs lead the way to the entrance and have a special meaning for the school. The five pointed stars contain the names of graduating students. This tradition started in 2009 and has been continued up to this day. It is a great motivation for students and one of the reasons why this is also my favourite spot. It is a honouring feeling to enter the school every morning and see the dozens of names who spend their childhoods in this school, just like us. It makes me feel grateful, for the opportunities I have and shows me how nostalgic life can be.

I choose this picture specifically not only because of the view, but when the sun shines, the glass doors reflect the person standing in front of them. In the picture you find me and my best friend currently searching for our favourite views for the task we got in our English class.

I believe its not the this exact view and spot which is my favourite thing about this school but instead what or who I gained through this place. Endless lessons of laughter and bantering and stupid exams. My favourite place isn't special for how it looks, but for everything I once felt there.