

**“Our Dreams Take Flight”**  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cultural Exchange Trip to Japan 2022  
Sponsored by Oya No Kai, Inc.

*Portland Public Schools (also referred as the “District”) does not fund, sponsor, or endorse this travel study program. The District is not responsible for conducting or supervising this trip. Portland Public School employees who participate in travel study programs are not acting in their capacity as District employees and do so at their own risk. Students participating in travel study programs do so at their own risk.*

**PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT**

Name of Student Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

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(initial) I/We understand that by making the deposits and completing the forms necessary for participation, I/We am/are indicating my/our commitment to participate in the 5th Grade Cultural Exchange Trip to Japan. I/We understand that Cultural Exchange plans and reservations will be made based on the number of registrations received. Subject to certain restrictions or fees regarding cancellations that are imposed by the airlines or other transportation providers, the deposits may be refunded if the Student Participant must cancel registration and is unable to participate in the Cultural Exchange due to medical emergency or financial hardship. Deposits will only be returned prior to the purchase of airline tickets.
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(initial) I/We understand that participants in the Cultural Exchange act as goodwill ambassadors for our community, including Richmond Elementary School, Portland Public Schools (PPS), the City of Portland, the State of Oregon and the United States of America and should take this responsibility seriously and follow the behavioral expectations. I/we represent and warrant that I will conduct myself in a responsible and appropriate manner, including but not limited to, complying with all posted instructions and best practices regarding minimizing the risk of a COVID-19 infection (e.g., wearing a mask indoors unless actively eating or drinking subject to legally protected exceptions, social distancing, wearing a properly fitted face covering, hand hygiene, etc.). I also agree to comply with all applicable laws, public health directives, and all rules, policies, standards, and applicable directives during the Cultural Exchange.
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(initial) I/We understand that this Cultural Exchange has inherent risks. I/We understand that I and my parents/guardians are participating in the Cultural Exchange at our own risk. I/We understand that the Cultural Exchange is led by volunteers who are not trained professionals. I/We understand that while precautions will be taken, Oya No Kai, Inc. cannot ensure the safety of participants and it is not possible to ensure the safety of participants.
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(initial) While every effort is made to raise funds, I/we understand that participants are responsible for ALL trip expenses not covered by fundraising. Any additional expenses incurred as a result of illness, injury or disciplinary action (including transportation and lodging for the Student Participant and any additional persons necessary to deal with the situation) will be my/our responsibility, as the parent or legal guardian. This includes but is not limited to COVID-19 related expenses such as any expenses related to quarantine (hotel, food delivery, taxis), testing, and unplanned departure.

Student's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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(initial) I/We will agree to work with Oya No Kai, Inc. on making the best arrangements for any Student Participant with special or extra needs. I/We understand that it is my/our responsibility to ensure that the Student Participant has the necessary forms and medication to travel. I/We understand that failure to do so will result in termination of the Student Participant's participation in the Program with no refund provided and at our own expense.

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(initial) I/We will provide total deposits equaling no less than \$3,200 to Oya No Kai, Inc. according to the deadlines indicated on the Deposit Deadline form. I/We understand that additional payments may be necessary should fundraising not cover the additional costs of the Cultural Exchange. (In a few unique circumstances, arrangements can be made with the class treasurer and Oya No Kai Trip Liaison for an alternative payment schedule.)

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(initial) **PUBLICITY RELEASE:** While traveling to, from and within Japan, the Student Participants may be interviewed, filmed or photographed by the news media and while in public places. I/We consent to the unrestricted use of the Student Participant's name, photograph or other likeness by Oya No Kai, Inc. while participating in the Cultural Exchange, in all marketing, social media, or any other lawful purpose.

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(initial) **HOMESTAY COMMITMENT:** In the planning and execution of the Cultural Exchange Trip to Japan, homestays make an otherwise prohibitively expensive trip a reality. In addition to the cost saving from not staying in hotel rooms, the student participants save money on food. The Cultural Exchange could easily cost an additional \$1,000 or more per student participant if it did not include homestays.

The experience of staying in a Japanese home provides additional cultural enrichment and is a fundamental piece for the Cultural Exchange experience. These homestay opportunities come with a responsibility, that is the commitment of all of the participants to reciprocate. Several student groups will be traveling from Japan to Portland this spring and summer and you will be asked to provide homestays for these visitors from Japan.

By accepting homestays in Japan, I agree that I have an obligation and responsibility to provide homestays in Portland to travelers from Japan. While Oya No Kai, Inc. understands there are genuine reasons why a homestay may not work out at a certain time for my family, I/We understand that I/we must make a good-faith effort to accommodate.

**By initialing above and signing below, I/we certify that I/we have read the foregoing and fully understand the meaning and effect.** *Each custodial parent or legal guardian of the Student Participant must sign below unless court documents proving sole custodianship are provided.*

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*Signature of Custodial Parent/Legal Guardian, Date*

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