

2022
5th Grade
Cultural Exchange to Japan

...

Parent Meeting
January 20, 2022

Tonight's Agenda

- Status Update
- Covid Policies/Procedures
- Chaperones
- Itinerary Updates
- Ticket Purchasing
- Committee Updates
- Chaperone Groups and Homestay Partners
- Homestay Profiles
- Insurance

Trip Status

- **90 day flight cancellation policy - Spring Break**
- **Current quarantine protocols in Japan**
- **Can we realistically travel without testing positive?**
- **Families can cancel with full refunds (minus deposit) prior to ticket purchase**

Covid Policies and Procedures

All participants must:

- Be vaccinated and provide negative test prior to departure
- Follow all government & local rules for duration of exchange (school, sightseeing, airports, etc)
- Test negative to re-enter US

Testing positive in Japan - parent must come to Japan, depending on duration of quarantine

ONK will ensure all host families are vaccinated

Chaperone Introductions

Fukuno

- Alicia Bleeker (Graysen Bleeker)
- Suzanne Pardington Effros (Eva Effros)
- Anna Durocher (Zoe Durocher)
- Christine Hanolsy (Zachary Hanolsy)
- Michelle Linn Huebner (Keegan Carlson)
- Marisa Schmidt (Mira Bielavitz)
- Karl Schroeder (Bianca Schroeder)
- Holly Telerant (Emma Blau)
- Eric Wiley (Ivan Wiley)
- Joshua Wolfe (Cora Wolfe)

Chaperone Introductions

Kobe

- Cory Casoni (Calder Casoni)
- Jane Guntle (Poppy Guntle)
- MacKenzie Keith (John Keith)
- Courtney Knudson (Shiloh Knudson)
- Nicholas Kockler (Niko Kockler)
- Jennifer Ready (Keats Ready)
- Victoria Winkle (Emi Winkle)

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Be Safe

Be Kind

-Richmond School Core Values

Itinerary Updates

Itineraries will be different for each city, but equally wonderful!

All itineraries will include:

- School visit
- Homestay
- Cultural/historical sights
- Onsen experience
- Sightseeing and shopping day

Same basic itinerary for all cities...

Day 1: Depart Portland/arrive Japan

Day 2 - 3: Acclimation days - cultural sightseeing

Day 4 - 8: School visits and homestays

Day 8 - 9: Japanese onsen and shopping

Day 10: Return to Portland

Ticket Purchasing

- Travel Dates:
 - Kobe 6/21 - 7/1 approximate
 - Fukuno 6/20 - 6/30 approximate
 - Likely PDX - KIX (Kansai, Osaka)
- Ticket Reservation/Purchase: happening now
- Deviation process
(email with instructions will be sent out)
- Extending *may* not be possible

Fundraising

- **Ways to Support**

Financial Updates

If you missed the Jan 15 deposit date, please go to the app soon!
Here's the link to the [ONK trip app](#) to make your payments.

Scholarships have been awarded.

If you need to make a payment plan regardless of scholarship status, please contact Victoria at vawinkle@gmail.com

Cultural Series Meetings

- Session 1: Wed, Feb 23, 6-8 pm
- Session 2: Wed, Mar 30, 6-8 pm
- Session 3: Wed, Apr 27, 6-8 pm
- Session 4: Wed, May 18, 6-8 pm
- Session 5: Wed, Jun 8, 6-8 pm

***Session 1 and 5 Participant and Parent Attend**

Performance Practices

Omiyage

ONK prepared gifts *(included in trip cost)*

- Schools, principals, PTAs
- Tour guides, bus drivers, other support people
- Family “bundle”

Richmond family prepared gifts *(not included in trip costs)*

- Small personal item for each host family member
- \$5-\$10/person
- Coordinate with homestay partner
- More guidance to come...

T-shirts

- Each child will receive 4 t-shirts *(included in trip cost)*
- 1 Richmond Bulldog, 1 new ONK auction design
- 2 new shirt designs. (graphic designer needed to clean up one of the designs)
- End of February, gathering sizes and placing order for just tees(to guaranteed inventory supply). Printing will be in May-ish.

Chaperone Groups and Homestay

Chaperone Groups and Homestay Partners:

Will be shared after meeting! Chaperones will reach out after first training in February

Hotel Buddies: Hotel buddies will be completed and shared after accommodations have been finalized

Homestay Profiles

- Participant Specific Google Doc
- Due on March 15th
- No special requests/asks
- Family photo- no sunglasses
- Include a thank you message
- Ok to do in Japanese or English
- Need volunteers to help translate

Travel Insurance

- Every family required to purchase a plan
- Average price is about \$130 per person
- Will send an email with instructions
- Purchase after spring break