

International News

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Important Message

It is hard to believe, but the end of the school year will be here before we know it. Here are a few things to remember:

- ◆ If you are planning to return to us next year, we require a deposit of \$1000 by May 1 in order to hold a place for you next year.
- ◆ Students from Mexico and Brazil who require revalidation and legalization of their report cards, need to complete the form at the end of this newsletter.



Our Staff



Rob Porkka is the Director and founder of Red Deer Public Schools International Student Program. Mr. Porkka, who was born in Red Deer speaks five languages to various degrees and has worked overseas in Germany and the Netherlands for a five year period. Mr. Porkka has been a teacher and administrator in Red Deer Public Schools for over 30 years.

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Lisa Loeppky is the Administrative Assistant to the Director of International Services. She grew up in Red Deer, is married and has 3 children who currently attend school in the district. She loves to travel and was a flight attendant for many years. Lisa spends her free time volunteering in the community, skiing, dancing and a newfound interest in running. She is enjoying meeting students from many different cultures.

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Ashley Guenther, Homestay Coordinator, was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta and has lived in Red Deer for the past nine years. She has two young children and is currently a host family, as well. Ashley enjoys volunteering in her

children's school, and enjoys a variety of outdoor activities. Ashley is looking forward to learning more about the many different cultures and traditions of the International Students.

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Gaylene Mackay is the ESL/Second Languages Curriculum Coordinator. Mrs.

Mackay works in International Education in the afternoons and as an ESL teacher at LTCHS in the mornings. She was born in Prince George, British Columbia and has

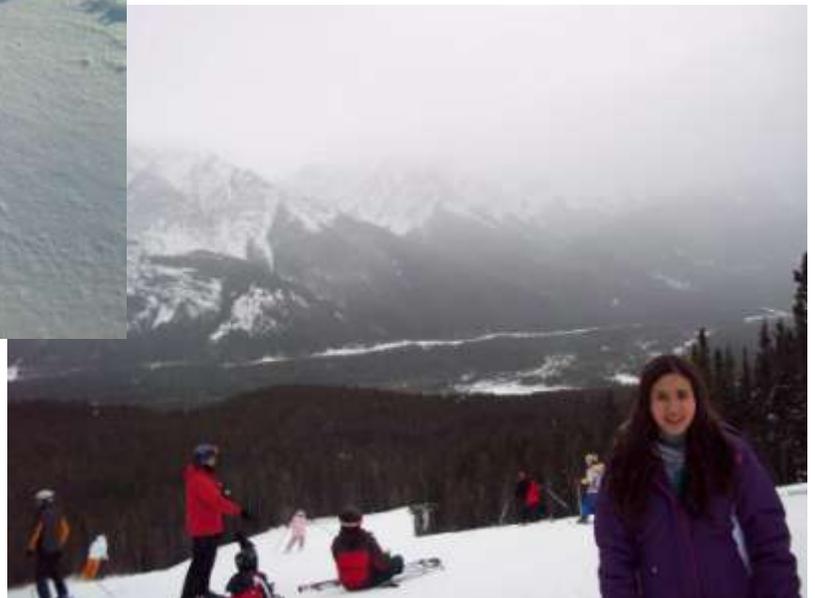
lived in Central Alberta for the past 11 years. She taught in Japan for 2 years and has taught Japanese at LTCHS. In her free time she enjoys camping, reading and spending time with her nieces and nephews.

gmackay@rdpsd.ab.ca 403-342-3729



Carlota making a snow angel

Maria skiing at Nakiska in the Rocky Mountains



Homestay Corner

Homestay Notes and Reminders

Sleepovers

Sleepovers are not encouraged; however if a student is requesting a sleepover, host parents should contact their homestay coordinator to clarify what the guidelines are. If a sleepover does occur host parents need to speak directly with the host parent or parent to confirm supervision will be in place.

We generally do not permit sleepovers unless advance arrangements have been made and adequate supervision is in place.

Roberto, Caio, Larissa, Renata, Maria Clara and Rafael having lunch at HHHS



Student Cell Phones

Just a reminder to Host Families. While we do encourage you to assist your student in arranging for a personal cell phone, families **must not sign for their student's phone**. The students have all been encouraged to purchase "Prepaid" or "Pay as You Go" phones.

Staying Healthy and Active

Spring is on the horizon but it's still important to keep eating well and exercising so that you stay healthy for the rest of our winter months. By now, many of you will have enjoyed your first experience with a cold or flu. Remember, the best defense is always Wash your hands! Most cold and flu viruses are carried on our hands.

Staying active is also important to your health. The weather is starting to warm up which should make it easier to get outside and enjoy Canada even more. Take the time to go **for a walk on one of Red Deer's many trails**. Some of the more popular ones go to Heritage Ranch, Bower Ponds, Mackenzie Trail, and the Kerry Wood Nature Centre.

Many people in Canada find that their activity levels increase in the Spring with more outdoor activities. This is a good time to take note of what foods you are using to fuel your body. Your body needs a balance of protein, complex carbohydrates and healthy fats to get the fuel it needs for optimum energy and health.

Ensure that you are eating 3 balanced meals everyday as well as healthy snacks. If you are having trouble finding healthy meal options, talk to your host family for new ideas **or check out the copy of Canada's Food Guide** that we gave you or check it out online.

Max and Guilherme enjoying something VERY funny!



Homestay Corner

Reverse Culture Shock—Preparing Your Student

International students often find that their experience is very unique and unlike any travel that they may have done with family before. These students often deal with some culture shock upon their arrival in Canada as they adjust to a new family, foods, customs, weather and expectations.

While this is to be expected, what many people don't realize is that students often experience a similar type of culture shock upon their returning home.

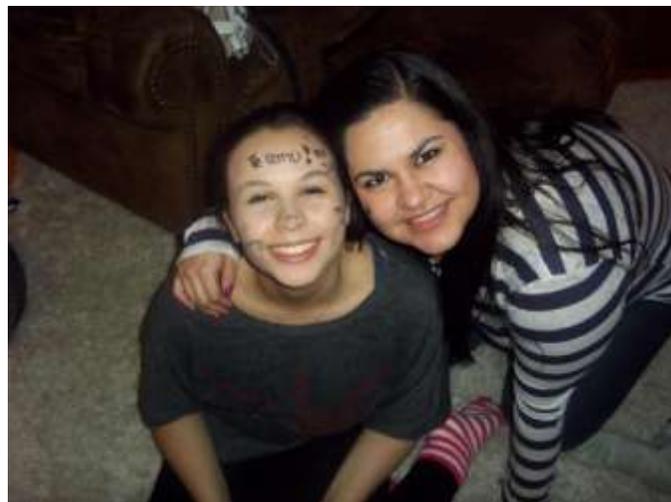
Students often have very mixed feelings about returning home. They may be feeling very excited about seeing their family and old friends again but at the same time, they may be feeling anxious or sad about leaving behind new family and friends. Your student may find it helpful to talk about these feelings as you may be able to help them put these feelings in perspective.

Your student may be worried about how their family will react to the changes in them. Beyond physical changes, students have often matured a great deal while they are away from home. You can help your student to understand that their family may not notice these changes immediately and will likely continue treating them the same way that they were before they left. Remind them that this is an opportunity to use their improved communication skills to discuss these changes with their parents and to help their parents appreciate the ways that they have changed.

Some other potential issues related to reverse culture shock are:

- Possibly being criticized for appearing **“Americanized”** or in this case **“Canadianized”**
- Feeling out of step with the changes that have taken place at home
- Being ignored or forgotten by old friends
- **Missing one's host family**
- Noticing the indifference most people at home will **display towards one's international experience**
- Facing school exams
- Finding ways to integrate what has been learned into **one's daily life**

Talking about these issues before your student returns **home won't completely immunize them against reverse** culture shock, but it might help reduce its impact and leave your student feeling capable of handling any new challenges that they meet.



Gabi and Alejandra



Muaro and host family having picnic lunch at Canyon ski hill

“Learning a foreign language not only reveals how other societies think and feel, what they have experienced and value and how they express themselves, it also provides a cultural mirror in which we can more clearly see our **own society.”**

Former Chancellor, Univ. of Alaska

Homestay Corner

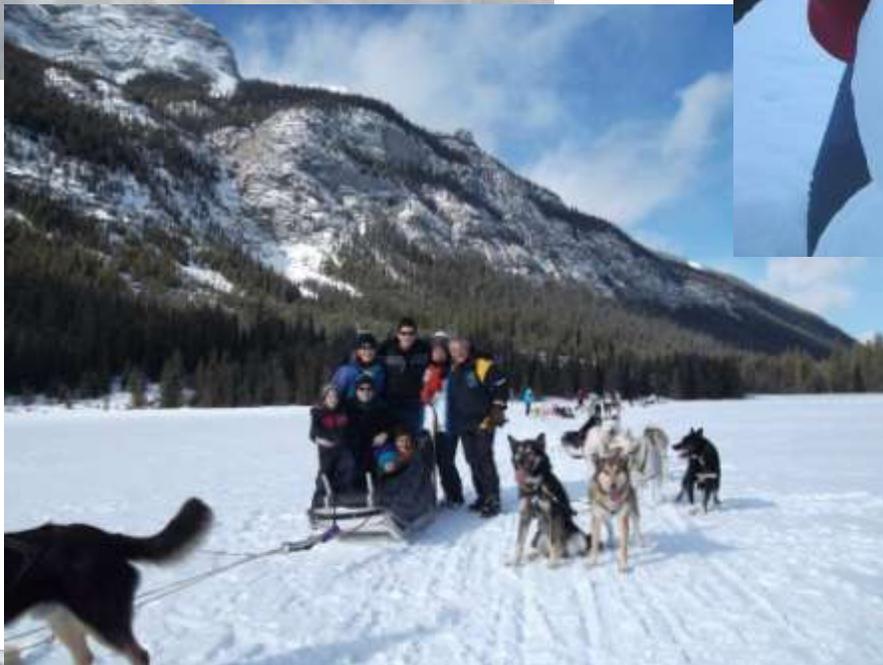
Samy in very deep snow after early March snowfall



Carlota with snowman



Mauro and host family dogsledding



Mauro with Host Brother and friends



Jose outside his host family's home

Agent Corner

Prices for 2012-2013

All fees are in Canadian Dollars

Tuition Fees	Full Year	One Semester (Half Year)
	\$10 400	\$5 200
Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$200	\$200
Homestay Placement Fee	\$500	\$500
Medical Insurance	\$600	\$320

PLEASE NOTE: *Monthly Homestay: \$730. For additional nights, please add \$25 per day. Homestay fees include all meals.*

Homestay Applications

The STUDENT should provide the following if homestay is required:

- Complete a homestay application form
- Include an attached letter of introduction to host family
- Include photos of the student in a variety of settings with family and/or friends

REMEMBER - a detailed homestay application with extra details helps to better match student with host families. The PURPOSE of the homestay application is to help present the student to the potential host families.

Well presented and organized portfolios give a better first impression to potential host families.

HOW TO PAY FEES:

Payment Method #1—Preferred Method
Payment of funds from outside Canada can be made using Custom House* StudentPay.

StudentPay is available in various languages to assist you with your transfer and provides you with bank details from over 25 countries worldwide, so you can directly transfer funds from bank accounts in your own country.

StudentPay offers excellent exchange rates and helps you to avoid some or all bank service charges. Since 1992, Custom House has provided foreign exchange solutions to businesses and individuals around the world.

Custom House StudentPay is a safe and secure method of paying invoices to Red Deer School Board.

For complete instructions on how to use this new method, please go to the following link:

www.rdpd.ab.ca/internationalservices/bank

Reminder

Complete, detailed applications ensure fast and accurate processing.

Student Applications should include the following:

- A complete and accurate RDPD student application
- Certified copy of birth certificate and passport
- Letter of intent stating why student wishes to study in Canada and long-term academic goals
- If homestay is required, a completed Homestay information form
- Two references (recommendation letters) with full names and telephone numbers
- Transcript of marks for past two years
- Two recent photographs

View an example of a complete application at:
<http://internationalservices.rdpd.ab.ca/docs/library/Example%20of%20complete%20application%20package%20.pdf>

Payment Method #2

If you cannot use the StudentPay system from your country you can transfer to our bank directly.

Contact a local bank in your country and provide them with the banking information given here. They will deposit the money for you in our bank account, in trust. Services and transfer fees will apply.

Account Holder:
Red Deer Public School Board
Bank Name:
Servus Credit Union (Credit Union Central of Canada)
Bank Address:
#400-6730 Taylor Drive
Red Deer, Alberta
Canada
T4P 1K4
Telephone number :
(country code) +403-347-0731
Account Information:
Account Number: 4517280
Transit Number: 11629
Bank Number: 899
Swift Code: CUCXCATTAL

Visa, MasterCard, Amex as well as bank transfers and travelers' cheques are accepted.

Agent Corner

Brazilian students/Canadian Visas

Canadian Government Offices in Brazil:

Consulate General of Canada—Sao Paulo
 Visa Section
 Centro Empresarial Nacoes Unidas—Torre Norte
 Avenida Nacoes Unidas, 12901, 16th floor
 Sao Paulo
 04578-000, Brazil

Telephone: 55 (11) 5509-4321

Email: Saopaulo-im-enquiry@international.gc.ca

Embassy of Canada—Brasilia
 Setor de Embaixadas Sul, Avenida das Nações, Quadra
 803, Lote 16, 70410-900 Brasilia, D.F., Brazil
 Postal Address: P.O. Box 216
 Brasilia, D.F.
 70359-970, Brazil

Telephone: 55 (61) 3424-5400

Email: brsla@international.gc.ca



Katsura and Prycila

Homestay and Insurance

NOTICE:

ALL students in our homestay program must use our insurance provider.

For details about our provider and a list of providers with direct billing, go to the website at:

www.ingleinternational.com/rdpsd and follow the links

Mexican students/Canadian Visas

Mexican students who need Canadian Visas, you can now apply for a visa to travel to Canada at three new Canada Visa Application Centres.

Centro de Solicitud de Visas—Ciudad de México
 Sófoeles 127

Miguel Hidalgo

C.P. 11591, D.F. México

Horario de Atención: 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m., Lunes a viernes

Número de Teléfono: (55) 4780-5200

Dirección de Email: VACSupport@CICMEX.com.mx

Centro de Solicitud de Visas—Monterrey
 Avenida Hidalgo 400 Poniente (esquina Rayón)
 Colonia Centro

C.P. 64000, Monterrey, Nuevo León

Horario de Atención: 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m., Lunes a viernes

Número de Teléfono: (81) 1642-1942

Dirección de Email: VACSupportmtty@CICMEX.com.mx

Centro de Solicitud de Visas—Guadalajara
 Agustín Yáñez #2537

Zona Minerva

C.P. 44130, Guadalajara, Jalisco

Horario de Atención: 9:00 a.m. a 6:00 p.m., Lunes a viernes

Número de Teléfono: (33) 4780-4990

Dirección de Email: VACSupportgdl@CICMEX.com.mx

Processing Fee (in addition to the Canadian visa fee):

\$19.76 Canadian dollars per applicant, payable in Mexican pesos at Scotia Bank, or at the Visa Application Centre with a Visa or MasterCard.

How to apply for a visa at the Centre:

1. Go to www.cicmex.com.mx and print out the visa application form you need to come to Canada.
2. Go to Scotia Bank and pay the Canadian visa fee. Keep your receipt. You will need it to submit your application.
3. You may either go to the Centre in person to submit your application or send it by courier with DHL.

Agent Corner

Viewbooks Now Available in English, Portuguese, Japanese, Spanish, Chinese & Korean



To receive an electronic copy of the viewbook in one of these languages send us a request at:

<http://internationalservices.rdpsd.ab.ca/Viewbook%20page.php>

Check out our new Facebook Page

In addition to our Facebook Group:

“Red Deer Public Schools International Student Alumni”

where students can connect and share photos, we now have a new Facebook Page,

Red Deer Public Schools—International Student Program

Please check it out and “Like” us



Red Deer Public Schools is now a member of CAPS-I (Canadian Association of Public Schools—International) www.caps-i.ca

CAPS-I is an association of 70 Canadian public school districts/boards that provides educational programs to international students from around the world.

The CAPS-I website is a comprehensive resource of information for international students, parents and partner agencies that are interested in learning more about the various opportunities for studying in public schools throughout Canada.

Over 10 000 international students are currently studying in CAPS-I elementary, middle, junior high and high schools.



Bus ride home from skiing at Nakiska in January

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Leonardo and Samy hanging out with Canadian friends Melissa and Kase



Joao enjoying the snow

Travel Policy

FOLLOWING IS THE TRAVEL POLICY FOR RED DEER PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

1. Students may travel out of town *with their* host families.
2. Students may travel out of town *with another* host family.

Under *any* other circumstances, ALL of the following conditions must be met:

1. Student must be under the direct supervision of an adult 25 years or older.
2. **Student's natural parents must provide written consent.**
3. Student must provide details of proposed trip with contact info of supervising adult, etc.
4. Student must receive consent from Mr. Rob Porkka before incurring any costs associated with the proposed trip.

This policy applies to all students studying in High School or Middle School, even those over the age of 18.

- Our travel policy is a School Board policy.
- Students risk being removed from the program should they not follow the guidelines.
- Should the above conditions be met, students are welcome to travel outside of Red Deer.



Eason, Larissa and Patrick

Remember to share your photos on our Red Deer Public Schools International Student Alumni group

Student Corner

My life as a foreign student in Canada—By Henrique Gianoti Tonelli, Curitiba, Brazil



Hi, my name is Henrique and I am Brazilian. I live in the south of Brazil in a city called Curitiba. I have decided to spend one year of my life in a foreign country when I was relatively young. Now that I am 15, I am living in Red Deer, Canada. Since I have arrived, this experience has been wonderful. I have done several activities that are different from what I am used to. The main differences are: the school, the weather and, of course, the different language.

I am attending high school here, it is considerably different than school in Brazil. Here everyone can choose what subjects they want to take, which I consider an advantage because depending on the course people want to take in college, you can take only the principal ones for your course. Class time is also different, the school here starts at 8:30 AM and it ends at 3:15, here we have only 4 classes per day. In Brazil the school starts at 7:10 and finishes at 12:30, we also have 6 classes per day. Last, but not least, another big difference that I have noticed is that here you have to call teachers by their last name, in Brazil we can call them by their first name and sometimes even by their nicknames. Here schools do not require uniforms, and I also did not have to wear them in Brazil, but the most part of schools in my country require uniforms. There are some advantages and some disadvantages comparing schools of different countries, in general they are both great, there is not a "better school", if I could say all the differences of them, I would write much more about them, but here I described only the main ones.

My home city is considered one of the coldest cities in Brazil, it reaches -2°C in the winter, it is also very windy and the temperature may change in a matter of hours. Canada is much more colder than my city is, but I do not feel so cold here because every place has heating. Since Curitiba is not too cold and not too hot, we do not have air conditioning for the summer and we also do not have heating in the houses. My apartment is very cold inside, so in the summer it is always comfortable but, in the winter we are forced to use oil heaters, which requires lots of energy and takes a long time to warm up the place. In Brazil we also do not have snow. Snowing is very cool when people are practicing winter sports such as skating, skiing, snowboarding and curling, but sometimes it is bad because it makes it harder to go out of the house and spend time outside in a normal week day. I like the weather here, I always loved the winter and I am fascinated by snow. It seems that Canadians do not like it as much as I do, snowing may be stressful sometimes, but most in the most part of the time I am enjoying it. I went skiing on Nakista mountains, I loved it. That was an experience that I will never forget in my life!

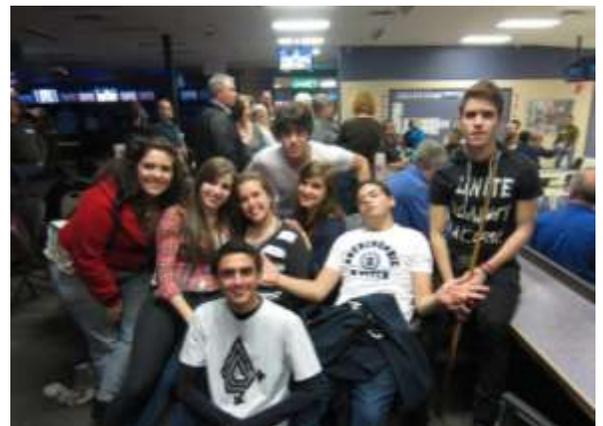
Since I arrived, 2 months ago, there is a noticeable difference in my English, and it is going to keep on improving during my stay. It is great to have the opportunity to practice English in a foreign country. When I come back to Brazil, I will be a better person in lots of different ways, my English is one example, it will be improved much more than if I kept practicing with Brazilians that know how speak English. Here I am forced to speak only in my second language, because otherwise nobody would understand me. Sometimes it may be stressful to speak and hear a different language all day long. It is harder to express ourselves when speaking a different language. It is very challenging task, but I enjoy it a lot because I know it is worth the fight.

It is great that I am having this experience in my life, living in a different culture is making a huge difference in my life. I am becoming more independent, improving my English, becoming a better person and experiencing some wonderful different things, such as the winter and all its beauty, knowing different people, becoming more open minded. Those will be the best memories!



Julia and Prcyla
playing badminton at
Collicutt Centre

Bowling
Larissa, Larissa,
Carlota, Julia,
Luis Octavio,
Raphael, and Rafael



Student Corner

Dayanara at International Marketplace—LTCHS



Nolan, Amar, Thomas, Colin, Tyler, Mitch, Huibin and Douglas after their performance



Elise, Holly, Jessica and Rebecca



Tiziana and Maria



Carlota in field at LTCHS



Rafael, Julia, Raphael, Henrique, Larissa and Prycilla ice skating at Collicutt

Student Corner

Graduation Ceremonies

All international high school students, regardless of the grade they are in...and who are here for one year only, are invited to attend the high school graduation at Hunting Hills High School or Lindsay Thurber High School. This is a huge event and you will have the chance to see how high school students finish their secondary schooling in style. Costs of attending the ceremony are the responsibility of the student.

LTCHS Grad is on May 25

HHHS Grad is on June 1

Please let Mr. DeMale at LTCHS or Mrs. Young at HHHS know if you are interested in attending.



Raphael, Andrea, Alejandra, Julia, Larissa, Larissa, Henrique and Aline at a Red Deer Rebels Hockey Game

Earth Hour is Saturday, March 31,
8:30 pm at your house.
Visit www.earthhour.org to learn
more



If you have questions or concerns regarding life at school or at home, please feel free to contact us.

For homestay concerns, please contact:

- Ashley Guenther at:
- homestay@rdpsd.ab.ca
403-754-5562 ext 2038 or 2036.

You may also contact Mr. Porkka or Mrs. Loepky at International Services

- rporkka@rdpsd.ab.ca
403-342-3726
- lloepky@rdpsd.ab.ca
403-357-3990

For academic concerns, please see your international school counselor.

- Mrs. Alyson King, Lindsay Thurber
- Ms. Lisa Ryckman, Hunting Hills

Departure Dates Returning Home

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS are expected to return to their home countries no later than June 30.

Year End Departure Dates for International Students:

June 29-30

Transportation to the airport should be available by host families on these dates.

Students departing outside these dates may be subject to an additional charge to a maximum of \$165 for airport drop off.

Students cannot extend their stay into July without prior consultation with Mr. Porkka.

NOTE: If you are planning to return home earlier, please check your final exam schedule prior to booking your flights.

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Attention Students from Mexico, Brazil and Colombia

Revalidation Request



Some students from Brazil, Mexico and Colombia who need their year of study recognized by their home country's **Minister of Education, must have their documents** revalidated by their embassy in Canada.

If your agency is Interprograms (Brazilian students) your agent will do this for you. If you require assistance, International Services can help you through the process.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THE FORM INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER IF YOU REQUIRE THIS SERVICE.

COST OF REVALIDATION:

- \$125 Canadian Dollars, payable in advance

THE FEE COVERS:

- Legalization of report card by a Canadian lawyer
- Revalidation by your Consulate or Embassy in Canada
- Courier Service to and from the Consulate or Embassy to our office in Red Deer
- Courier Service to you in your home country

THIS IS HOW THE PROCESS WORKS:

- Final report cards for students are issued about July 10 (they are mailed to Canadian students' homes and to our office for International students)
- The final report card is legalized by a Red Deer lawyer.
- The legalized report card is sent to the Mexican Consulate in Calgary for revalidation.
- The revalidated report card is returned to the International Services office in Red Deer after about 7 working days.
- The revalidated report card is sent by courier to you in your home country.

If all goes well, you will have your documents to present to your school by the fourth week of July.

The cost of revalidation (\$125) is payable by cheque, cash, or credit card at the International Services office.

You do not require revalidation if you have already graduated from high school in your home country.



Larissa, Julia, Tiziana and Alejandra at Rebels Hockey Game



Luis Ocatvio and Soren in Biology dissection a heart

Student Corner

Renewing Your Study Permit

HOW TO RENEW

If your study permit is expiring before your study time is completed, please read carefully:

A STUDY PERMIT is a document that allows you to study in Canada. It is the document that was stapled to your passport when you arrived in Canada.

You may contact our office for a copy of the study kit and to obtain copies of necessary documents.

IMPORTANT: You must send your application for extension while you are in Canada.

The kit may be downloaded from your computer. To do this, go to the following website and follow the links:

www.cic.gc.ca/english/information/applications/visitor.asp

Unfortunately, International Services cannot complete your study permit application for you.

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

CIC—Study Permit
CPC Vegreville, Unit 101
Vegreville, Alberta
T9C 1X5 CANADA
Phone: 1-888-242-2199



Rafael ready to ski at Canyon



Luis, Diego,
Alejandra, Larissa,
Henrique, Andrea,
Larissa and Julia

Access your grades online

- Open up Internet Browser
- In the address bar type <https://portal.rdpd.ab.ca/my.logon.php3>
- Type in your user ID and password
- Click on Elink
- Re-enter your ID and Password
- Click Enter Gradebook

NOTE: Your user ID and Password are the same as used to access your school email account.

Computers should be used in the common areas of the house, not the bedrooms. Try to limit your **computer time so that it doesn't interfere with your other experiences.**

Important—INSURANCE INFORMATION

If you require medical treatment, please follow these instructions.

You MUST always show your card so that you do not have to pay out of pocket for your treatment.

The INGLE insurance card is grey and red and was included in your insurance package.

For those students are are NOT with INGLE Insurance (students with Inter-programs or GPI) you will have to pay to see the doctor and submit a claim form to YOUR insurance company to get your money back.

These facilities do not require up-front payment from students who are insured with INGLE INSURANCE.

Red Deer Regional Hospital
3942-50A Avenue
Hospital switchboard: (403) 343-4422

Associate Medical Group
Bower Mall, 4900 Molly Bannister Dr.
Phone: (403) 346-2057

MedicCross + Clinic
69 Dunlop St. #10
Phone: 403-347-6811

Horizon Family Medicine
Inside Real Canadian Super Store
5016-51 Ave, Suite A
Phone: 403-342-7259

Medicine Shoppe
3805 Ross Street
Phone: (403) 343-8088

MHC SI Pharmacy/Sobeys
2110-50 Ave
Phone: 403-348-0858
**Student must print card from website before purchase

The DRUGStore Pharmacy
Real Canadian Superstore
5016-51 Ave.
Phone: 403-350-3535
**Student must print card from website before purchase

For a complete listing of medical services in Red Deer, please go to the following website:

<http://www.ingleinternational.com/rdpsd>

If you have any questions, please contact our office.

Emergency Assistance Number:
1-877-605-7078

This phone number also appears on the student insurance card.

Outdoor Hockey Game
Alejandro, Enrique,
Deko, Joao, and Bruno
Truly Canadian!



Student Corner

Spring Activities

There are many Spring Activities now being organized at your school and in the surrounding community. School based sports teams including soccer, rugby, track and field and tennis will start soon.

In addition, community programs will also take place such as boys and girls soccer, softball, baseball, spring dance programs, etc. You can get registration forms for these activities at the Collicut or Recreation Centre or online.

Some other events and activities you might want to check out:

Historic Fort Normandeau (re-opens on May 19)
Walk through the fort, check out the teepees, or go for Fort Fest in early June with a full weekend of fun activities.

The King is the King (Theatre) April 11-14
Red Deer College Arts Centre

Tickets \$20.00

RE/MAX Music Legends of Red Deer Concert (April 5)
Red Deer College & Arts Centre

Admission is free

Spring on the Farm, Sunnybrook Farm Museum
(May 26)

Country breakfast, flea market, face painting, family activities, baby animals, antique car rally, and other activities.

Admission by donation (meal charges apply)



Aziza and Sayumi during Foods class

Easter in Canada

Canadians celebrate Easter in much the same way as many other countries in the western world. Every year, Easter falls on the first full moon after the spring equinox unless it coincides with the Jewish Feast of Passover and then it is moved to the next Sunday. This year, Good Friday is on April 7 and Easter Sunday is on April 9.

Christian families will usually attend church on Easter Sunday. Following this, both Christian and non-Christian families get together with extended family to feast and enjoy **each other's company**.

Easter egg hunts are common both with individual families and community organizations. An Easter egg hunt may involve hard boiled Easter eggs or frequently chocolate eggs. Parents hide eggs, chocolate bunnies and other treats (usually outdoors) for children to find. The Easter Bunny is another part of Canadian Easter lore that has nothing to do with the Christian tradition of honoring the day Jesus Christ rose from the dead. The Easter bunny symbol stems from pagan roots and can be traced back to the 13th century Germany. One of the goddesses that they worshiped was the Teutonic deity Eostra. She was the goddess of spring and fertility. The rabbit was a symbol of fertility and was her symbol. Spring also symbolized new life and rebirth and eggs were an ancient symbol of fertility.

The first story about a rabbit laying eggs and hiding them **in a garden was published in the 1680's and the traditions of the Easter bunny** seem to have continued from there to **today's traditions. Some families get up Easter morning to hunt for colourful baskets full of chocolate eggs, chocolate bunnies, small toys and other sweet treats.**

Some local Easter events you may want to check out:

Easter Spring Fling, Kerrywood Nature Centre
April 8, 2012 from 1:00—4:00

Crafts, activities and a nature egg hunt

Admission by donation of \$3/person or \$10 per family

Cheeps and Peeps at the Red Deer Museum
April 7 from 1:00—4:00

Creative Art making activities for families

Student Corner

Congratulations to the following students for making the Honour Roll in the first semester

Hunting Hills High School

Jose Gala Garcia

Larissa Paiva

Juan. Osroio

Marisa Jantanawong

Rebecca Guan

Mauro Jordao Neto

Huibin Lin

Special Mentions:

Mauro Jordao—100% on Math 30 Pure Diploma Exam

Huibin Lin— 97% on Chemistry 30 Diploma Exam

Lindsay Thurber Comprehensive High School

Leonardo Dos Santos

Eva Kopatschek

Chantel Mei Ying Pearson

Maria Talamas Andonaegui

Samantha Prieto Aguirre

Everyone put on their finery and had a good time at the Winter Formal Dance



Don't forget to call your host

parents if you are going

to be late.

Welcome NEW and RETURNING
International Students
to the Second Semester of the
2011-2012 School Year!

The Last Word

Central Middle School:

Mauricio Barrerra Bandera (Mexico)



Hunting Hills High School:

- Joao Dalto Peres (Brazil)
- Prycila Fagundes Angelo (Brazil)
- Jose Efrain Gala Garcia (Mexico)
- Gabriela Gomes (Brazil)
- Rebecca Guan (China)
- Marisa Jantanawong (Thailand)
- Mauro Jordao (Brazil)
- Huibin Lin (China)
- Katsura Nakahara (Japan)
- Larissa Navarro (Brazil)
- Juan Fernando Osorio (Venezuela)
- Larissa Paiva (Brazil)
- Patrick Qin (China)
- Roberto Villarreal (Mexico)
- Eason Zhou (China)

Lindsay Thurber High School:

- Raphael Almeida Casseb (Brazil)
- Julia Balbino T. Barbosa (Brazil)
- Pamela Garcia Calzada (Mexico)
- Henrique Gianoti Tonelli (Brazil)
- Carlota Kneip Puliti (Brazil)
- Sayumi Kometani (Japan)
- Eva Kopatschek (Germany)
- Luis Lima B. de Mello (Brazil)
- Luis Alberto Marin-Madrigal (Mexico)
- Tiziana Munoz Almanza (Argentina)
- Dayanara Paz Paz (Honduras)
- Chantel Mei Ying Pearson (Malaysia)
- Alejandra Peña Reed (Mexico)
- Samantha Prieto Aguirre (Mexico)
- Camila Queiros M. A.Santos (Brazil)
- Leonardo dos Santos (Brazil)
- Maria Talamas Andonaegui (Mexico)
- Maya Thakuri Khan (Japan)



What Are You Doing Next Year?

Please complete the following information regarding your intentions for school year 2010-2011:

Please PRINT

Your FIRST Name

Your LAST Name

Your HOST Family Name

NEXT YEAR I WILL (Please MARK One)

- Study in my HOME Country
- Study Another Year in RED DEER
- Study in a DIFFERENT School System
- Attend UNIVERSITY or COLLEGE in Canada
- Attend UNIVERSITY or COLLEGE at HOME

When Are You Returning Home?

DATE:

AIRPORT: (check one)

Calgary _____ Edmonton _____

AIRLINE:

FLIGHT NUMBER:

TIME:

If your HOME COUNTRY ADDRESS has changed, please let us know.

IMPORTANT

- Departure DATES are June 29 and 30.
- Transportation will be provided on these dates at no extra charge to you.

You MUST return this completed form to International Services before
May 1, 2012.



Request For Revalidation / Legalization of School Marks

Many countries including Mexico, Brazil and Columbia require school final report cards to be legalized and revalidated in Canada in order for the document to be accepted at the home school.

The cost is \$125.00 for this service, which includes all legal, embassy and courier fees. Payment may be made by cash, debit card, credit card or cheque at our office.

Revalidation Request		
Please print clearly –		
Last Name (Family):	First Name:	Middle Initial:
Address of where you want the documents sent once they are legalized. These documents will be sent via courier not regular mail therefore you must provide a building address not at box number.		
Delivery Address Street		
City:	Province/ State:	Country & Postal Code:
Full Telephone Number:	Email address:	Date of Application:

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