

International News

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... FROM MR. PORKKA ...

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, Brazil and Colombia who require revalidation and legalization of their report cards, need to pay close attention to the procedure described later in this newsletter.
- If you have any questions or concerns regarding life at school or at home, please feel free contact us.

For homestay concerns, please contact

- Mrs. Jane Davies jdavies@rdpsd.ab.ca 342-3729 or cell 352-2823.

You can also contact myself at International Services,

- Mr. R. Porkka, 342-3726, rporkka@rdpsd.ab.ca

or

- Mrs. S. Ainscough, 357-3990, sainscough@rdpsd.ab.ca

For academic concerns, please see your international school counsellor.

Make the most of your time in Canada, and don't forget to take lots of pictures to share with your family and friends!



Lindsay Thurber High School, Red Deer, Alberta
www.rdpsd.ab.ca/lthcs



Hunting Hills High School, Red Deer, Alberta
www.rdpsd.ab.ca/hhhs

RENEWING YOUR STUDY PERMIT

Student Corner

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.

APPLICATION KITS TO RENEW YOUR STUDY PERMIT are available at the CIC call centre at 1-888-242-2100 (no charge). Press "0" to speak to a Call Agent.

OR

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

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

CIC – Study Permit
CPC Vegreville, Unit 101
Vegreville, Alberta
T9C 1X5 CANADA

DEPARTURE DATES – Returning Home

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

Year End Departure Dates for International Students:

June 26-27

Transportation to the airport is available on these dates.

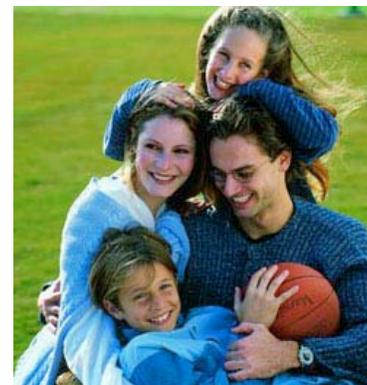
Students departing outside these dates may be subject to an additional charge to a maximum \$165.00 for airport drop off.

Students cannot extend their stay into July as our program is over at the end of June.



Congratulations to the many students who achieved academic excellence in first semester!

Way to go!



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who achieved academic excellence in Semester One:

- Lukas Bootz
- Carole Cordier
- Jennifer Dingler
- Rodrigo Fernandes
- Martin Franko
- Julius Ingelheim
- Melissa Jaramillo
- Ayumi Kaminaga
- Risa Kinoshita
- Van Nguyen
- Millard So
- Daniela Pimenta
- Oscar Ramirez
- Matheus Trombetta
- Jessica Zeng
- Ye Zhou

BE HAPPY!

It is important to become part of your host family. Your host family is not a hotel.

Phone your host parent if you are going to be late for supper or arriving home.

Help out with household duties.

Make your bed and keep your room clean.

No phone calls after 9:30 at night. That is usually quiet family time.

Remember - your host family is providing your home away from home.

Being an active family member of the household will make for a positive experience for everyone ;-)
Be Happy!

What Are You Doing Next Year?

PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INTENTIONS FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2008-2009:

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 Your 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 26 and 27.**
- **Transportation will be provided on these dates at no extra charge to you.**

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- **You MUST return this completed form to International Services before**

MAY 1, 2008.



This and That Corner



Group Dinner at Rimpby's Indian Restaurant.



Friends posing at the Fashion Show.



Andrea Avila models for the Hunting Hills Grad Fashion Show.

RECIPE CORNER JAPAN

• BITE-SIZED PEPPER STEAKS

Ingredients

- 2 Tbsp. coarse ground black pepper
- 2 rib eye beef steaks (450 g)
- 1 Tbsp. olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1+1/2 Tbsp. sugar
- 4 Tbsp. mirin (If you don't have **mirin**, you can substitute with a mixture of sake and sugar)
- 2+2/3 Tbsp. soy sauce
- 3 buckwheat leaves (or cress leaves) for garnish

Preparation

- Pat coarse ground pepper onto both sides of beef until meat is well coated.
- Heat olive oil in large frying pan, add garlic, and sauté until fragrant.
- Add meat and cook until browned on both sides.
- Add sugar, mirin, and soy sauce and cook until liquid thickens and coats the meat.
- Cut the meat into bite-sized cubes and arrange on a serving dish. Garnish with buckwheat or cress leaves.



A Message from Jane Davies

As the end of the homestay experience approaches, a mixture of feelings may emerge: *enthusiasm* about farewell parties and graduation activities, *apprehension* about saying goodbye, *excitement* about returning to loved ones back home, or *concern* about having changed so much that acceptance at home may be difficult.

As hosts, you will want to be aware that it is not at all unusual for students to protect themselves by emotionally distancing themselves from their host family. This can be seen through behaviours like withdrawal, irritability, and faultfinding. Although sadness and tension should not be dismissed or minimized, the final weeks can be a time to put a good ending to an overall rewarding experience.

Ways that host families and students experience this stage may vary. In many cases, closeness develops and special efforts are made to get the most out of the time remaining. In other cases, there is a loosening of bonds, resulting in a noticeable shift away from the comfortable relationship of previous months.

As the departure date approaches, many students fluctuate between feeling quite jubilant and suffering pangs of apprehension. This is known as '*reverse culture shock*'. Issues related to reverse culture shock include:

- a) the possibility of being criticized for appearing "Canadianized"
- b) feeling out of step with the changes that have taken place at home
- c) being ignored by old friends
- d) missing one's host family
- e) facing school exams
- f) noticing an indifference most people at home will display toward the student's international experience.
- g) finding ways to integrate what has been learned into one's daily life

Frequently, family members find themselves shifting between feelings of loss and gain. During your final weeks together, it's important to spend some time reviewing the year's experience. As part of this review, some families may find it helpful to put together a selection of photos. As photos and keepsakes are assembled, family members have a chance to share personal reactions, talk about what they've learned, and describe how they've changed. To express symbolically what words alone cannot, a farewell gift may be given on the last day. Examples are, a family photo, a thoughtful letter slipped into the student's luggage or pocket, a symbolic house key on which a special message can be inscribed.

We hope your experience has been and will continue to be one that will be cherished.



Host Families Needed
Red Deer International Education Alliance



*is looking for host families for International students
ages 16-18 for students from
around the world for the 2008/09 school year.
Reimbursement is \$600/month*

For further information, contact
Jane Davies
Direct Line: 1-403-342-3729
Cell Phone: 1-403-352-2823
email: jdavies@rdpsd.ab.ca
www.rdiea.ca



*"Being a
Homestay Parent
opens your eyes
to the world!"*

Prices for 2008-2009

All Fees are in Canadian Dollars

Tuition Fees	Full Year	One Semester (Half Year)
	\$9300	\$4650
Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$200	\$200
Homestay Placement Fee	\$400	\$400
Medical Insurance	\$545	\$280

PLEASE NOTE: *Monthly Homestay: \$660. 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 & 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.rdpsd.ab.ca/internationalservices/bank

Agent Corner

REMINDER

Complete, detailed applications ensure quicker processing.

Student Applications should include the following:

- A complete and accurate RDPSD 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

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:

Community Savings -Taylor Plaza Branch
(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.

Travel Policy

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

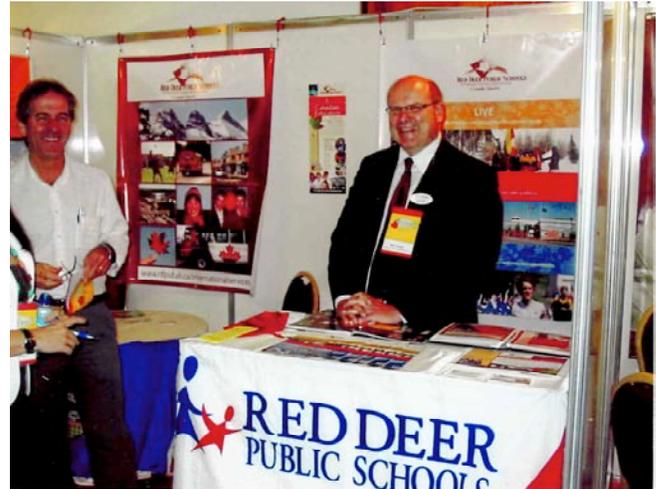
1. Students may travel out of town *with their* host families.
2. Students may travel out of town *with another* host family.

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 guidelines.
- Should the above conditions be met, students are welcome to travel outside of Red Deer.



CEC Fair, Salvador BRAZIL 2007



The Canadian Education Centre (CEC) managers from around the world visited Red Deer Public Schools and the City of Red Deer.

The CEC maintains offices around the world to assist potential international students who wish to study in Canada.

Red Deer Public Schools has been a member of the CEC for the past 5 years.

Visit their website at www.studyinCanada.ca or their offices in the following countries:

Argentina	Singapore
Brazil	South Korea
China	Taiwan
Hong Kong	Thailand
India	Turkey
Indonesia	Vietnam
Malaysia	Russia
Mexico	



CEC Representatives on a recent trip to Alberta

Revalidation Request

ATTENTION STUDENTS FROM MEXICO, BRAZIL AND COLOMBIA

Student Corner



Some students from Mexico, Brazil, 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 or Griffé Turismo (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 third 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.



Need Revalidation? Call or email International Office by May 1, 2008.

ACTIVITIES

• **Philipp Hempel** and **Lea Kuehne** enjoyed their first Canadian skiing adventure at Mt. Norquay, located in the heart of the Canadian Rockies. While the Hawkens', Phillip's host family, spent a leisurely day wandering Banff and Canmore, Philipp and Lea spent the day on the slopes at Sunshine. *Now that's skiing!*

The group finished the day together and headed for Banff Hot Springs to soak their aching muscles. *A great Canadian experience!*

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Raphaela Silva and her host family, the Gillerts, will travel to Ottawa in May. While there, they plan to tour the Parliament buildings, visit the Canadian Mint and the Museum of Civilization, as well as see Sussex Drive (the official residence of the Canadian Prime Minister).

Raphaela's host brother, Chris, is competing for a National Title in Karate and she plans to cheer him on.

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• Congratulations to **Andrea Avila**. Her Diploma Mark in Social Studies 30 was 80! *Way to go, Andrea!*

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International friends at a Hunting Hills High School dance.

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Marcela Pedraza is part of the cheer team which traveled to the provincial championship in Lethbridge where they won a bronze medal. *Wow!*

Gabriel Reis is playing on a community soccer team that will be competing at the provincial level. *Way to go!*

Lea-Katlen Kuehne is running on the cross-country running team. *Go! Go! Go!*

Andrea Avila and **Marcela Pedraza** recently took part in the grad HHHS fashion show. *Nicely done!*

Student Corner



Juan Cal y Mayor skating at Bower Ponds.

International students from Hunting Hills will travel to Edmonton in April.

Their first stop will be the Edmonton Space Science Centre followed by an excursion to West Edmonton Mall.

A pot-luck multicultural supper at Hunting Hills scheduled for April 23 will be hosted by the school's international students.

The Honour Code

International students are expected to understand and abide by the following Honour code:

1. I will not copy from another student and claim the work to be my own.
2. I will not allow another student to copy my work.
3. I will not *plagiarize. Plagiarism is a serious offense and will not be tolerated.
4. I will not use any electronic equipment such as a computer, calculator, or cell phone to give me an unfair advantage.
5. I will not cheat in any way. As an International Student, I agree to abide by the above Honour code.

* Plagiarism, as defined by Gage's Canadian Concise diction, is "to take and use as one's own the thoughts, writings, etc., of another".

More often than not, plagiarism is the deliberate theft of another's ideas and using them as one's own.

Credit must ALWAYS be given to the originator of the words or idea.



Request For Revalidation / Legalization of School Marks

Many countries including Mexico, Brazil and Colombia 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.

Please complete this form and return along with payment to the International Services 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 abuilding 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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 International Services
 4747 53 Street Red Deer, Alberta
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 Email: internationalservices@rdpsd.ab.ca

The Last Word

Welcome! 2nd Semester Arrivals!

Luiz Almeida, *Brazil*
Fernanda Andrade, *Brazil*
Nathalia Brito, *Brazil*
Juan Pablo Cal y Mayor, *Mexico*
Bianca Castanha, *Brazil*
Lucia de Leon Urteaga, *Mexico*
Rafael dos Santos, *Brazil*
Carolina Fernandes, *Brazil*
Philipp Hempel, *Germany*
Hendrik Jung, *Germany*
Christopher Kaufmann, *Mexico*
Sayuri Kubo, *Japan*



Diego Lacerda, *Brazil*
Barbara Mendonça, *Brazil*
Luciana Paiva, *Brazil*
Elisa Peregrino, *Brazil*
Filipe Perrella, *Brazil*
Marina Portugal, *Brazil*
Raphaela Silva, *Brazil*
Taiki Tatsumi, *Japan*
Marina Tokai, *Japan*
Haiying Xu, *China*
Itsuki Yamaguchi, *Japan*

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We're Located on the WEB!

For a full colour look at this newsletter, go to

www.rdpsd.ab.ca/internationalservices