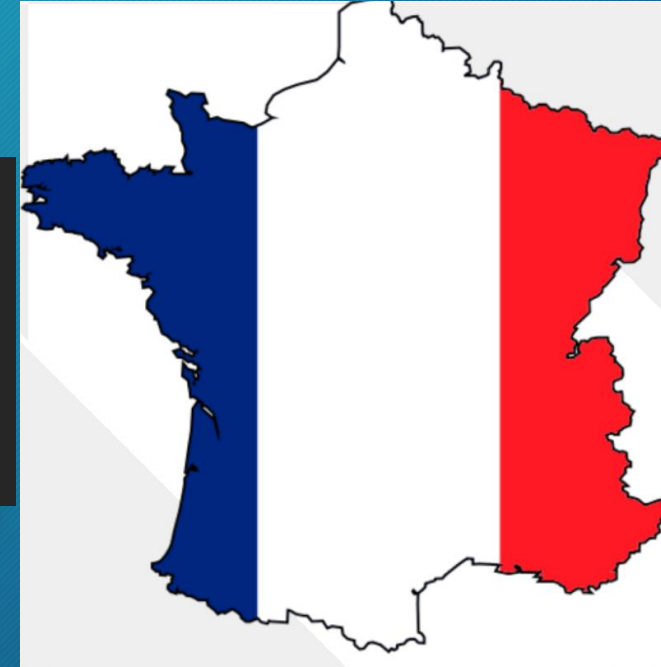


Four-week Reciprocal Student Exchange Program



PARENT-STUDENT INFORMATION MEETING
March 2nd 2020

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Agenda

- *What is a reciprocal exchange?*
- *Where and When?*
- *Exchange objectives*
- *Timeline and Cost*
- *Forms to complete*
- *Key aspects of a successful exchange*
- *Questions*



What is a Reciprocal Exchange?

- The French student spends 4 weeks in your home and go to classes with your son/daughter (OCTOBER).
- Your son/daughter then spends 4 weeks in his/her exchange partner's home and goes to school there (MARCH).



Where in France?



French Alps



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Exchange Objectives

- Developing independence and self-confidence;
- Developing intercultural competency by living the day to day life of a French teenager;
- Developing competency in French Language, and interest in other languages.

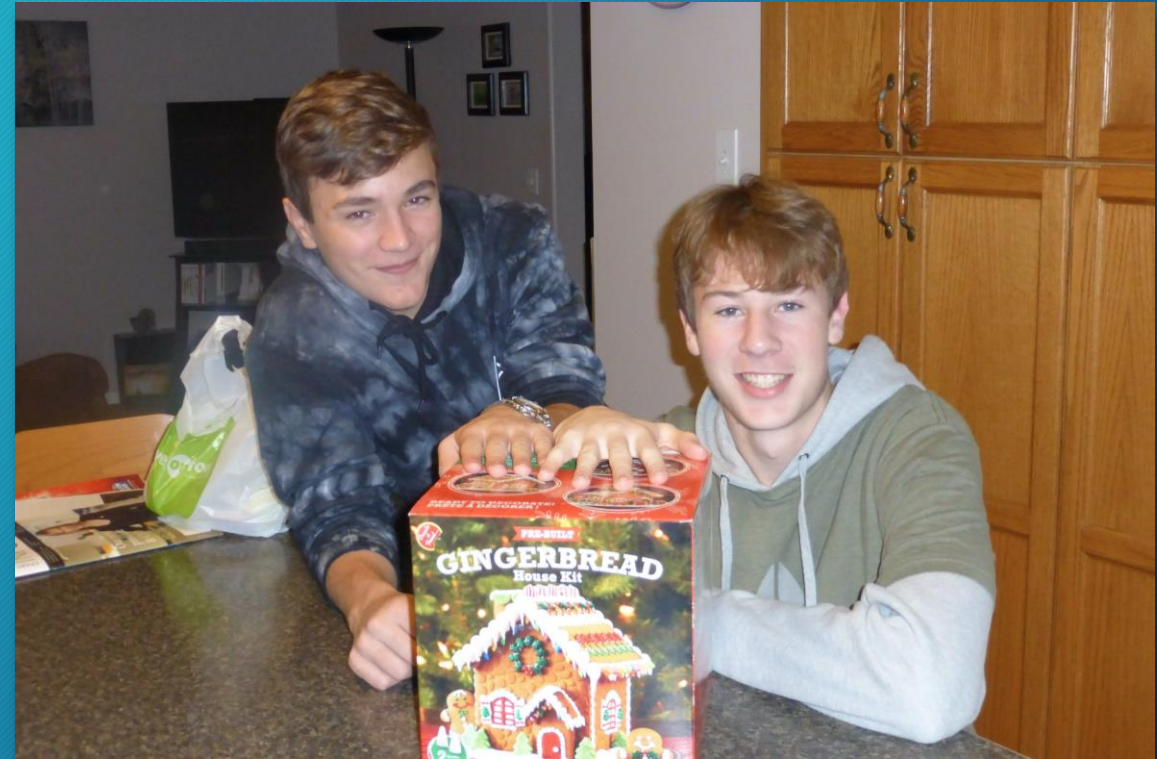


When is the exchange taking place?

French students in Kelowna:
October 3rd-November 1st 2020

Canadian students in France:

March 13th-April 10th 2021
(includes spring break)



IMPORTANT: *Have highly demanding courses scheduled during first semester!!!!*

What is the cost?



- **Approximately \$2000** which include a return flight from Kelowna to Lyon and a chaperone both ways;
- Flights are usually around \$1600;
- Travel Insurance is around \$100;
- Most other expenses should be covered by host family except for **spending expenses** while away.

Key Ingredients to a Successful Exchange

- Willing to be **flexible** and adapt to different social environments;
- Being **open-minded** and **curious** about cultural differences at school, at home and everywhere else;
- **Welcoming new experiences** outside your comfort zone.



Three basic aspects of an exchange

- **Welcoming** your partner: students will share similar interests and will be different.
- **Sharing** your lifestyle and **including** your partner in your daily activities.
- Fully **participating** in activities (school, home, ...); providing a **helping** hand.



Timeline

- **March 13th: Deadline for Applications to be emailed & printed;**
- **May 10th-May 30th:** selection of French candidates and twinning; you will receive your partner's information via email end of May/beginning of June
- **June 8th: Meeting #1** with parents and students, re: forms; flights, necessary documents, questions/concerns;
- **September 29th: Meeting #2** with parents and students, re: French students arrival; all documents submitted;
- **October 3rd:** French students arrival;
- **November 1st:** French students' departure;
- **November 30th:** Flights & Travel Insurance are purchased;
- **January: Meeting #3** to be announced, re: required forms
- **March: Meeting #4** to be announced, re: pre-departure information;
- **March 16th 2019:** Departure to Lyon;
- **April 13th 2019:** Return to Kelowna.



Application Form



☒ Participant Profile: to be downloaded from Sd23 French Website: <http://frimmsd23.wixsite.com/frimmsd23>

1. Email to armelle.moran@sd23.bc.ca

2. Print and give to your school contact-teacher with teacher recommendation!

☐ Criminal Record Check applications-Please complete ASAP form (s) at your school & Bring 2 pieces of ID



QUESTIONS