



Unified School District of Marshfield

Marshfield International Student Exchange (MISEP)
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Hello Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

As spring is just around the corner, so is our annual Friends From Afar Camp, hosted by Lincoln Elementary School. The Marshfield International Student Exchange Program (MISEP) is happy to welcome 14 fourth and fifth grade students and 2 adult chaperones from Lincoln's sister school, Bailu Elementary School, of Zhangjiagang, China from April 28th through May 9th.

Our Chinese visitors will be staying in hotel accommodations for the majority of their visit. MISEP is again, looking for host families for their weekend stay. Host families should expect overnight stays for the evenings of Friday, May 3rd and Saturday, May 4th. Students and chaperones will be returning to their hotel on the evening of Sunday, May 5th. Families interested in hosting will receive a reimbursement in the amount of \$50, per student or chaperone, to offset some of the weekend expenses. You will be receiving a host family brochure with further information about hosting a student, including host family expectations. If you are interested in applying, please use the contact information below to request an application by email. You may also pick up a physical application in the office at Lincoln Elementary School. Fifth and sixth grade American students interested in being a buddy can request an application from their teacher. It is preferred that American buddies are from host family homes in order to provide a seamless transition for our Chinese students. If your son or daughter has applied to be a buddy, please consider hosting.

Completed applications should be submitted by Friday, February 22nd, by email or by mail, at the high school address below. Following receipt of the application will be a background check and brief home visit. Provided a student is placed in your home, you will then receive our Friends From Afar Handbook with a complete schedule for reference.

MISEP needs your help in making this another successful Friends From Afar! Thank you in advance for opening your homes to our guests from China!

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Regards,

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