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Dear Parent/Guardian/Students of Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School & Ideal Mini School:

RE: Opportunity for Homestay hosting and cultural exchange with Y-ko (sister school) from Japan (Five nights, arriving February 12th and departing February 17th)

This is to inform you about a wonderful cultural exchange opportunity made available to students and families of Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School and Ideal Mini School. A group of twenty three students from Churchill's sister school, Yokohama Commercial High School (aka Y-ko), will be making their annual 6-day visit to Vancouver. Their highlight of their trip is to stay with a homestay family for 5 nights they are here and of course to visit Churchill/Ideal Mini and attend classes. We are seeking families from both school communities that can host this group.

Expectations are simply that the Y-ko students have a bed in a bedroom that can either be private or shared with one of your children. Families are asked to provide breakfast and dinner at home and a bag lunch. Students will be commuting to school with your child who will be acting as a "school buddy" during the school day and taking the Y-ko student to class on the day Y-ko students are visiting your school. Because they will have their suitcases on Feb 12th arrival day and Feb. 17th departure day, it would be helpful (but not necessary) if rides can be arranged on these two days.

Each host family can accommodate one or two students. You will have 24 hour access to contact the organizer and cultural liaison of the exchange, Moto Mukai (cell: 604-908-3014), who will provide emergency assistance and assist with any potential communication issues during this group's stay.

Schedule (subject to change):

Feb 12th (Tue): Group arrives in Canada, city tour, meet & greet with homestay family
Feb 13th (Wed): Sister school exchange at Sir Winston Churchill/Ideal Mini (details TBA)
Feb 14th (Thu): Sister school exchange at Sir Winston Churchill/Ideal Mini (details TBA)

Feb 15th (Fri): **(Pro-D day)** Joint field trip (details TBA)
Feb 16th (Sat) Free day with host buddy / host family

Feb 17th (Sun) 8:30am meet at school, farewell to buddies, bus picks up and leaves for airport

If you are interested in participating in this exchange as a homestay family, please kindly fill out the attached homestay questionnaire and submit to Ms. Wakabayashi (Churchill students) or Mr. Pao (Ideal Mini students). You will receive an email closer to the group's arrival with detailed information including the info of the Y-ko student that you will be hosting.

Sincerely,

Moto Mukai (organizer of sister school exchange)

Executive Director

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