



The John F. Kennedy School

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POUDRE SCHOOL DISTRICT

**ATTENTION 5th and 6th GRADE PARENTS AND STUDENTS
STUDENT EXCHANGE WITH JFK SCHOOL IN BERLIN, GERMANY
APRIL AND JUNE 2012**

**Parent Information Meeting – Please attend if you are interested
December 15th, 2011 – Thursday – 5:30pm
at Bennett Elementary (1125 Bennett Road)**

Poudre School District is excited to embark on our second year of student exchanges to Berlin, Germany. This is an exciting opportunity to expand our student's awareness of other cultures and societies. The John F. Kennedy School is a dual language English/German school in Berlin that has been a partner school with PSD for many years. PSD has a long standing exchange program for teachers, and now we have extended it to our students. The goal of the program is to strengthen our students' awareness of other cultures and to promote International Mindedness.

Students from the JFK School will travel to Fort Collins from April 27 to May 7, 2012 and stay with host families from participating schools. Students will attend school with the student from the host family. Last year's program was an overwhelming success. The next stage will be to send students from PSD to Germany the first two weeks of June, 2012 to experience school and life in Berlin.

We are looking for families that would like to 1) host a student from the JFK school, and send their 5th or 6th grader to Berlin (most ideal), or 2) host a student from the JFK school without sending their child.

Here is how it works:

Hosting Students:

- JFK School will be sending twenty-two fifth and sixth grade students to Fort Collins with two sponsor teachers in late April, 2012
- JFK students will attend school with the host family's child
- We need "sponsor families" to host these students for their stay here in Fort Collins

Basic information for Host Family:

- Host family must have a 5th or 6th grade student at a PSD school

- Host family's child will be matched with a same gender student from the JFK School. It is ok if these students share a room
- JFK students will participate in Host family's regular routine
- Host families will be responsible for ordinary family expenses, i.e. food, transportation to and from school, etc
- Host families will not be responsible for medical, travel to and from airport, school supplies, calls home, or clothing.
- Any complications, behavior issues, or problems would be handled between the Host family and the Sponsors from the JFK school

PSD Students Going To Berlin:

- Priority will be given to those families who hosted students
- Twenty to twenty-five PSD 5th and 6th graders will go to Berlin
- PSD students will stay with host families from the JFK School and will attend classes at the school
- Trip will take place in the first part of June 2012 for ten to twelve days
- There will be three PSD teachers escorting the students and checking on the students regularly. The lead teacher is Leslie Shaner, a 5th grade teacher at Bennett who was a sponsor on last year's exchange trip. Trip sponsors are Michael Schooler, Principal at Bennett, and Cydney Johnson, a 4th grade teacher at Bennett
- Parents will be responsible for all travel cost for their child and for helping fund part of the expense for travel for the sponsors
- JFK host families will provide for all student needs once in Berlin
- COST: estimated cost at this time is between \$1,300 to \$1,700 per child

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