

# Homestay News

June 2022 • Congratulations to our Graduating Students



**C**ongratulations to all our Delta School District International students graduating this month. They have achieved something that everyone is very proud of. It is a great stepping stone to the next chapter of their lives, either at home or here in Canada, pursuing post-secondary education.

We have a list of our graduating students on the next page. Well done by all of them! Homestay families played an important role in making that dream become a reality and also deserve a big thank you. Thank You!

## Packing Up, Cleaning Up, and Boxing Up

If your student is packing up to go home on or before June 30th, either for good or with plans to return, it would be a great time to go over the condition of the room.

Doing that together can minimize uncomfortable situations regarding damages after a student has left. If there are damages, contact [Brent](#) or your Homestay Coordinator immediately.

For returning students, they will need to pack up their rooms. Hang on to any delivery boxes (Amazon) as they will come in handy at the end of the month.

### Conversation Starter Topic:

What is the scariest movie you have ever seen?

## Communication and Send-offs

Thank you for hosting a student this school year. Whether it was your first time hosting or if you are a veteran at it, we appreciate the effort you put in. It was a very challenging year with Public Health Orders changing and students experiencing more freedoms than they may have seen in the past 2 years.

Ahead of your student's departure, we encourage you to find a special way to give them a nice send-off. It does not need to be a night out at a fancy restaurant. An evening of doing something they enjoy, or trying something "Super Canadian" or "Totally Delta" that they have not experienced yet would be wonderful. We always welcome pictures and examples of unique activities homestay families enjoy with their students.

For legal reasons, departing students need leave by June 30th, 2022. Please confirm their departure flight information with them and any forms or pre-departure tests they may require.

For those homestay families with students returning for September, do not hesitate to reach out if you are unsure of the payment process over the summer. Some students pay directly and others will pay through us. Easiest way to figure that out is to contact your Homestay Coordinator. Returning students can return September 1st, 2022 at the earliest.

Airport drop off is an emotional time for many. Staying with your students while they check in and get through security is greatly appreciated. We are hoping the security lines are more under control come the end of the month.

## *Graduating Students*

Congratulations and applause for all the international students graduating from a Delta School District Secondary School this June. They have accomplished a great life goal and undoubtedly have made their families at home very proud of them. Good luck graduates!

Hailey Back	Yuji Akimoto	Kaoru Takamuro
Niccolo Cavallero	Francesco Morelli Caleffi	Mone Uchida
Kris Chen	Mike Nguyen	Mizuki Uematsu
Rosa Chen	Zifei Ni	Yuna Umemura
Iktae Cheon	Linda Nie	Bryan Vu
Tom Dang	Ludovica Occhipinti	An Vu
Francesca Gambaro	Piano Pangwong	Rose Wang
Emma Gotz	Emilie Pavilonis	Yanke Wang
Tony He	Thao Phan	Julia Weiss
Gen Ichihashi	Oat Poolsuk	Louis Wu
Matteo Imperatori	Nina Qin	Oliver Wu
Shuto Ishigaki	Ryu Sado	Jacky Xu
Rin Itamiya	Ami Sakai	Cathy Xu
Dorim Kim	Luca Salomoni	Kevin Yang
Chris Kim	Rio Sasaki	Doris Yin
Brian Kim	Sakura Sato	Cavizion Yu
Tom Liang	Kanon Seino	Chara Yu
Jerry Liang	Alice Simonato	Jennifer Yu
Lucas Lyu	Bronny Song	Leo Yu
Elisa Ma	Jeff Sun	Charles Zhong
Ruby Mao	Sun Sun	Eason Zou
Alberto Marchiori		
Ravi Meesatworraphat		

## Budgeting with Homestay

### Potluck Parties



A nice, and economical, way for students to get together with their friends ahead of returning home would be through having a potluck. Each student could bring something and all together make for a great spread of food for them to enjoy.

It could turn into a national dish party, where students prepare / buy food representative to their homelands. Alternatively, they could prepare / buy their favorite dish they enjoyed while here in Delta.

There are lots of options and themes but the underlying goal is for students to have a memorable time before the sad airport goodbyes.

Events like these are always great for pictures! Please share any that you may take.



## Connecting with September Arrivals

If you have had a student placed with you for September, reaching out early to connect and start forming that bond is a good idea. People get busy in the summer and periods of time go by when connecting is difficult. Forming a bond early can help everyone have a smooth arrival and transition come September.



In our summer edition of the Homestay Newsletter, we will detail our International Student Orientation plans. We will also provide details on September's International Student activity and student registration. We are currently planning for registration to be in person here at the School Board Office again for the first time in 3 years.



## Summer Homestay Newsletter

The summer edition of the Homestay Newsletter will be an important one for all families welcoming a student for September. We will include information about registration, orientation, and activities. Please feel free to bring your homestay parent questions as well!

## September Placements

We are still working on placements for September. If you would like to host again in September and have not informed us, or know a neighbour or family friend interested in hosting, please reach out to your Homestay Coordinator as soon as possible. We aim to have placements completed by the end of June.



## Homestay Referral Gift Card

We are still actively recruiting more homestay families. If you refer a family who completes the application process and is able to host a student, you will receive a \$100 referral incentive gift card.



### Travelling with your student outside of the Lower Mainland?

Contact [Brent](#) so we can get the documentation and permission in place before your trip!

Please let us know early about travel plans. There are travel visa considerations when travelling abroad (including the US where students may require an ESTA. We will also prepare a travel letter to the US, even for day trips) with your international student.

If you are planning a day trip, please let us know. The same documentation is not required but because Karen Symonds, the Program Director, is the custodian for the majority of our students, we do need to know where they are travelling to outside of the Lower Mainland.

It allows us to stay in the loop and be ready to assist if the need arises.

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