

OCENET works with the OCDSB to recruit and support international students attending OCDSB schools.

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International summer students join in Canada Day celebrations



Each summer OCENET welcomes students from South America, Asia and Europe who attend international summer camps through the Summer Explorer Program. During the mornings students attend English classes (using the Common European Framework), and then in

the afternoons put their newly acquired English language skills into practice through a wide variety of cultural and physical activities from cycling along the Rideau Canal, to creating dreamcatchers at the Aboriginal Experience at Victoria Island, to learning about Canadian culture at

the many national museums and art galleries in the Ottawa area. The international summer students live with a local Canadian host family so both the visiting students and Ottawa families benefit from a unique and enriching cross-cultural experience.

OCDSB schools host Chilean "Penguins without Borders"

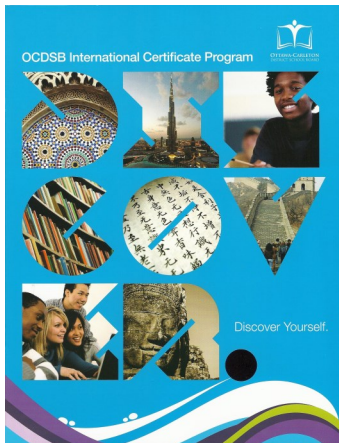
Throughout 2013 the Government of Canada has demonstrated a growing commitment to strengthening both economic and educational partnerships with Latin America. One development that has evolved from these growing ties is the launch of new program named "Penguins Without Borders" whereby the Chilean gov-

ernment selected 40 Chilean students to attend Canadian high schools this school year for one semester. Four of these students are currently attending OCDSB high schools. For these Chilean students, this initiative will enhance intercultural understanding and promote English language development.



Chilean students are welcomed at Ottawa Airport by host families

OCDSB International Certificate Program expands to more local secondary schools



The OCDSB International Certificate Program booklet is available on line: <http://www.ocdsb.ca/programs/int/Pages/ICP.aspx>

The pilot of the new International Certificate Program ran throughout the 2012-2013 school year. Almost 100 students from Grade 9-12 are enrolled in the program and 23 graduating students received their certificates at a special reception held at the Korean Embassy in June which was attended by OCDSB Trustee Chair Jennifer Mackenzie and Director of Education Jennifer Adams.

The purpose of this innovative program is “to recognize and

honour students who demonstrate a commitment to being motivated, engaged and active global citizens.”

The certificate program requires students to complete three specific components with an emphasis on knowledge of an additional international language including English or French as well as intercultural communication, globally focused courses, and an international engagement and experience activity. A final step involves the crea-

tion and presentation of a portfolio of their learning.

This program has generated a great deal of interest amongst OCDSB students, parents and educators. In addition, local post-secondary institutions are formally recognizing the benefits of this type of program.

In addition to the original pilot high schools of A.Y. Jackson S.S., Bell HS, Gloucester HS, Hillcrest HS, Lisgar CI and Ridgemont HS, an expansion plan has been approved as indicated below:

September 2013 (Semester 1)	February 2014 (Semester 2)	September 2014 (Semester 1)
Longfields-Davidson Heights SS	Merivale HS	Earl of March SS
Woodroffe HS	Glebe CI	Canterbury HS
Nepean HS	Sir Robert Borden SS	Osgoode THS

More opportunities for Lynch-Getty Award scholarships

Congratulations to the 2012-2013 recipients of the Lynch-Getty Award! This year the number of scholarships was increased from four to six. Each of this year’s recipients was presented with a \$1000 scholarship at the commencement ceremony at their high school this past June.

- Emma Mae Jacqueline Goyer-Morley**
- Glebe Collegiate Institute -
- Jacob Tobias Baker-Kretzmar**
- Lisgar Collegiate Institute -
- Nayaelah Abdussamad Siddiqui**
- Longfields-Davidson Heights Secondary School -
- Darcie Marion McNab**
- Woodroffe High School -
- Dong Lai (Lily) Yang**
- Canterbury High School -
- Emma Elizabeth MacLean**
- A. Y. Jackson Secondary School -

Many students are not aware of this local scholarship program available only to OCDSB high school students. To be eligible for a scholarship, a student must have made a meaningful contribution in promoting cross-cultural understanding in their school and/or local community. Details about the application requirements for the Lynch-Getty scholarships can be found on the www.ocenet.ca website at <http://www.ocenet.ca/en/page/show/lynch-getty>

OCENET offers “Summer School” to international educators



To the enrichment and enjoyment of their Spanish classmates participating in the CLIL Teachers’ Training Program offered by OCENET each summer, two dance teachers demonstrate a sample lesson on ways to integrate learning content with English language acquisition

OCENET is recognized for its superior teacher training programs. Throughout the year, many groups and delegations visit from foreign countries to enhance their professional development and learn about pedagogical innovations practiced in Ontario. One such program is the CLIL (Content and Language Integrated Learning) Teachers’ Training Program which hosts teachers from Spain for three weeks in the summer and again in the fall. Spanish teachers learn and practice innovative English language pedagogical methodologies by teaching language development through differentiated communication approaches, reflective teaching, and varied assessment strategies. When not attending classes, teachers have opportunities to attend cultural events and explore the Ottawa area.

OCENET pioneers Summer International Leadership Program with great success



OCENET launched an exciting new initiative with its Summer International Leadership Program. This unique program enables international students to visit Ottawa during the summer and live and participate together with Canadian students in modern facilities specifically designed to accommodate student groups. There is access to a large open campus with sports grounds, modern classrooms, computer labs, a games room and clean and spacious dormitories. Located close to downtown, students are provided the opportunity to experience Ottawa, Canada's capital city, by touring the famous Parliament Buildings and attending supervised evening events that showcase Canada's culture.

A truly unique program

The Summer International Leadership Program developed by OCENET is one of a kind. Upon

arrival in Ottawa the visiting international students immediately meet with local Canadian students who were specially selected because of their proven leadership skills and their ability to work collaboratively with students from diverse backgrounds. This unique cross-cultural experience with local students of a similar age who reside in the same residential facility 24/7 and participate together in all activities is what truly differentiates this program.

Emphasis on leadership skills

Throughout the program students complete a curriculum that develops the skills essential to strong leaders, such as self-awareness, teamwork, goal setting and decision making, among many others.

The aim of the program is four-fold in that it (1) promotes the development of leadership skills

Students who participated in the Summer International Leadership Program enjoyed three weeks of activities that focused on developing leadership skills through engaging activities and participating in challenges that built confidence, encouraged intercultural awareness and developed global competencies by working collaboratively with others from different cultural backgrounds.

"...this program is unique in its approach towards promoting intercultural awareness and understanding while developing strong leadership skills."

- Greg Duggan,
Director of Studies

through engaging "real world" learning activities, (2) enhances English language acquisition through extended interactions with Canadian English-speaking students their own age, (3) develops confidence and maturity through exposure to new challenges based on a sequential learning curriculum that culminates in a model United Nations simulation, and (4) encourages cross-cultural awareness through meaningful interactions with Canadians. Students have opportunities to learn from the example of local leaders they meet and to participate in activities which empower everyone to demonstrate their leadership abilities in a supportive environment.

The success of this new program is evident in the many new friendships that developed and by the noticeable growth in confidence of the participants.



One of the highlights of the program was representing a country at the model United Nations simulation



Students participated in sports and teamwork activities that required everyone to apply their leadership skills in both enjoyable and practical ways



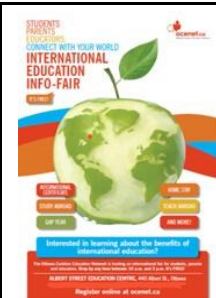
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OCENET Info Fair now set for April 2014

We are pleased to announce that the International Education Info Fair will take place in April 2014. This info fair is designed to inform students, parents, and educators about a wide range of international education initiatives and opportunities available for students and teachers.

The date of the info fair will be announced shortly and additional information will be provided in the Fall/Winter edition of *Global Connections*. You can also visit www.ocenet.ca in the coming weeks for more information.



Look for this poster for details about the OCENET International Education Info Fair coming in April 2014



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