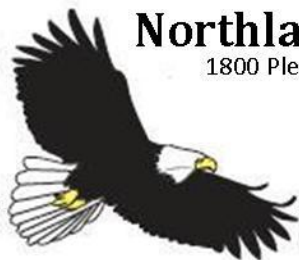


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TEN STUDENTS FROM CHINA TO LEARN TOGETHER WITH NORTHLAND PINES STUDENTS

EAGLE RIVER, WI – Northland Pines Middle and High School students will have a remarkable opportunity to experience side-by-side learning with ten students and a lead teacher from China. The China group will arrive on January 28 and continue their four week stay through February 23, 2013. There will be a ceremony held on **Monday, January 28 at 9 a.m.** in the Northland Pines High School Auditorium and the public is also invited to join us in welcoming our international guests.

The students from China will each be assigned a Northland Pines Mentor Student and attend classes all day with that student. They will also attend activities throughout our district and community including but not limited to basketball, hockey, performing arts, etc. The group will be staying at Trees for Tomorrow and will also attend some weekend programs there. Jack Palmer, Liaison for this China Exchange Program, states, “The primary goal is to experience learning on a global level. The China students and teacher will get to experience a hands-on glimpse of the unique course offerings of an American public school. They will also see the technology and performance based opportunities that most schools in the world do not have.”

The students will have a natural resources focus and part of their educational learning experience will be to have them tour some of the area businesses. The lead teacher from China will also visit many classrooms to learn about the different teaching styles, programs, and how technology is integrated into the students learning. That teacher will then take back that information to share with fellow teachers in China. Dr. Richie, Northland Pines District Administrator, added “This program ties in well with our district’s mission statement to ‘Celebrate cultural diversity, talents and strengths’. We are looking forward to the relationships and discoveries that will develop among the students; anything from the collaboration in the classroom, to the social interaction outside of the classroom, to realizing the differences in the educational systems between the two countries.” The visiting students will also learn about our Northwoods and American culture by visiting area landmarks. One of their tours will include taking a trip to the Chicago Field Museum.

This unique experience has also opened up the door for two of our high school students to travel across the globe for a similar experience in Beijing, China for a week in March. Our two students will be with a group of approximately a dozen students from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa, along with Mr. Palmer and a couple other individuals involved with the international exchange program. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime trip to China and an amazing educational experience for these students.

For more information on this program please contact Jack Palmer, CTD Liaison – Northwestern University, (715) 891-6223, jack.fbiloghomes@gmail.com or Dr. Mike Richie, Northland Pines District Administrator, (715) 479-6487 option 1, ext. 1 or mrichie@npsd.k12.wi.us.

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