**Purpose:**

A student exchange program can be a transformational experience resulting in new perspectives on the world and what it means to be a global citizen. It also adds a new dimension to a student’s life by exchanging ideas and understanding how cultures are intertwined.

Being an exchange student will provide new opportunities to develop skills that impact future decisions during such formative years. The student will return with new friendships and second families that can stay communicate with forever.

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **What:** | In July 2020, 15 DCPS students will spend approximately two weeks with host families in Changwon City, South Korea. **Students will be accompanied by 2 chaperones (Mr. Edwards from Landon & Mrs. Mott from JWJ).**  In January 2020 James Weldon Johnson and Julia Landon Middle Schools will welcome 10 students from Changwon City, South Korea to Jacksonville Florida  **These students will stay with an American host family.** |
| **Who is eligible:** | All students enrolled in James Weldon Johnson, Julia Landon or other select schools. All students must be approved by the Principal/program sponsor to participate in the program. |
| **Cost:** | Program price is $2,800   * Fee includes round-trip transportation from Jacksonville to Changwon City, South Korea * Group activities with Korean exchange students during the month of January in Jacksonville * Summer group activities during our stay in South Korea. * It is also recommended that students have approximately $30-$35 per day for shopping, snacks & other incidentals while in Changwon. |
| **When:** | July 7, 2020 – July 24, 2020 (Tentative dates) |
| **Lodging:** | Students will stay with approved host families in Changwon City, South Korea. (There will be at least one member in the host family who will be able to speak English). |
| **What will students experience:** | The students will shadow their host students as they attend classes. Students will also visit local historical sites, parks, museums and participate in other planned group activities. |
| **Contact:** | Maurice Edwards School Counselor / JSCA Changwon Committee/Exchange Program Chaperone.  [edwardsm1@duvalschools.org](mailto:edwardsm1@duvalschools.org)  Mary Mott Social Studies Teacher / Chaperone.  [mottm@duvalschools.org](mailto:mottm@duvalschools.org) |
| **Is there a payment plan available:** | 1st Payment: $400 ($250 non-refundable) Due on or before 10/4/2019  2nd Payment: $400 Due on or before 11/1/2019  3rd Payment: $400 Due on or before 12/6/2019  4th Payment: $400 Due on or before 01/3/2020  5th Payment: $400 Due on or before 02/7/2020  6th Payment: $400 Due on or before 03/6/2020  7th Payment: $400 Due on or before 04/3/2020  Optional additional $400 Payment for prepaid spending Due 5/8/2020 |
| **Am I able to pay the total program price up front:** | Yes, you are able to pay the total program price of front. For those travelers who pay the total program price up front, there is a $100 discount.  Those paying the total fee up front would pay $2,700 |
| **Where do I send my payments:** | * Checks:   + Make check payable to JSCA and submit to Mr. Edwards at Landon’s Front office or Mrs. Mott at JWJ front office * Cash App:   + Send funds wirelessly using this free app. Be sure to include your child’s name in the notes so that funds are appropriately allocated.   + Cash Tag: $Maurice4Edwards * Physical Cash:   + If you choose this form of payment it is recommended that you bring the funds in yourself rather than sending it with your student as we don’t want funds misplaced. |
| **Where to send inquiries and interest:** | Mr. Maurice Edwards: [edwardsm1@duvalschools.org](mailto:edwardsm1@duvalschools.org)  Ms. Felice Franklin: [felice.franklin@cit.com](mailto:felice.franklin@cit.com)  Jacksonville Sister Cities: [www.jsca.korea@gmail.com](http://www.jsca.korea@gmail.com) |