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District 5160

Newsletter #8

April 2020

IMPORTANT DATES!

Inbound Student 2019-2020 dates:

- Due to COVID 19 Shelter in place across the US and the world, RYE student trips and conferences have been cancelled BUT the final decision on the Goodbye Weekend in-person versus virtual activities in June has not been reached yet....
- [YEX Activities Coordinator Cory will send out details regarding the status of the Goodbye weekend activities \(at the least virtual fun!\) Coryrose621@gmail.com](#)

Outbound Student 2019-20 dates:

- Rebound weekend in July!



YEO/Counselor dates:

- Monthly reports due: 15th of each month.

Club dates:

- Continue to share how wonderful the Youth Exchange experience is and **invite families to host during the next active exchange year!**

All Inbound Student Dates:

- Watch for updates to the 2019-2020 exchange events at: <http://yex.rotary5160.net/inbound-students/2019-2020-trips>

Find inspiration together!



d5160 crew 21w



A wonderful painting by Ingelise, 19-20 OB Taiwan!!!



OCT 12, 2019

Important District 5160 RYE Updates!

Who: IB and OB students and host nations, families and clubs navigating through the immense changes that the current COVID 19 Pandemic has brought.

What:

Changes are coming fast so please check in with your District 5160 RYE committee team for the latest information and give them a call **BEFORE** doing anything with student travel, returns, etc. The necessary process to correctly and carefully complete required legal tasks and documentation to assure safe planning and student shelter in place and/or travel is essential.

Why:

Inadequate notification or refusal to complete appropriate RYE procedures to safely process early return students significantly compromises the entire RYE program.

Current status and Solutions:

20-2021 Exchange year Status: The RYE Committee would like to assure everyone concerned that the safety of the students is top priority. Keeping up to the minute contact with Rotary International, exchange partners and WESSEX the RYE Committee has decided to proceed with preparing for the next exchange year with plans to be flexible and adapt as necessary as the world situation unfolds. 20-2021 Exchange program process for both IB and OB is almost complete!

Early Returns: Acknowledging that uncertainty and stress can make it difficult to allow time for necessary paperwork and Early Return processes to complete, it is not safe/advisable for students to travel locally or internationally without completed RYE documents.

Do NOT make independent travel plans prior to notification and approval from the RYE Committee Chair, Rick Sweeney.

We will keep you updated via email and in future newsletters! We are in this together and will make the best of a very memorable exchange year for us all!

Staying connected...



Calling all students to post current photos, activities and messages to the District 5160 RYE facebook pages in addition to other social media so that all involved people can enjoy. Start with the weirdest thing that is happening to you.... Like you have forgotten how to speak your native language a little... 😊

We care about you and want to see what you are doing to make the most of your time (that is everyone, even if you are back home !) Will use those pictures and thoughts next newsletter....