

# Prestige EDU Summer/Fall Newsletter



Pre-Arrival Cook-out for all existing and new Host families!  
Join us at the Riney's as we prepare for the arrival of our students! During this time, we will give you up to date flight information, tips for the first few days with your new student, and then eat and have fellowship with other host families.

John and Chanda Riney  
6820 Nashville Ave  
Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>  
5pm-8pm  
Children Welcome  
RSVP 891-9400

## What to Expect When you're Expecting

This is a very exciting time, as we wait for our new, not so little, bundles of joy. What should we do to prepare? What should we expect the first few days? Here are some tips:

- Your student will have had a long flight to get here, usually at least 24 hours, so while the excitement may keep them up the first night, they may be tired for the first few days as they recover and adapted to the time change
- They will bring you gifts! They are so excited to have you as an American family, and their family wants you to know that too! Do not feel like you have to have gifts for them as well, as opening your home is the best gift of all! If you do want to do something special for their arrival, consider making them a bath basket with some products they will need in full sizes, in case they only have travel size products. If you want to go a step further, start brainwashing them now with a t-shirt from your favorite college or sports team 😊
- Make a poster for the airport! This is a fun tradition with my family and involves even the youngest siblings. Making a "Welcome to America" poster for the airport helps identify you and welcomes your new family member.
- If time allows before they start school, consider taking them to some "classic" West Texas tourists attractions such as the windmill museum, the TTU Ranching Heritage Center and Museum, the Buddy Holly Center, and to a local park.
- Take them shopping! Trust me, they all love the mall! Although they usually order their mass uniforms online, and the school has their polos, they will probably need khaki pants, school shoes, and other uniform accessories.

## Mark your calendars now for our Post-Arrival Orientation!

Once you have had time to get to know your new family member, it is time for us to give you just a little bit more information that will help you and your student have a great year. Our Post-Arrival Orientation is required for all international students, and highly recommended for host families. Our orientation will be at Second Baptist Church at Chicago and South Loop 289 on Saturday, September 12th, from 9am-2pm. We will then meet up for family bowling later that night. Sessions include, "Culture Change", Q &A and school expectations 101. Information will also be presented about our Grand Canyon trip, and you can even sign up and pay your deposit!



### Grand Canyon, Here We Come!

We are excited about our first trip! We will be leaving on Friday, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and returning Tuesday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>, in time to rest and celebrate Thanksgiving with the family.

Cost: estimated \$400 per person  
( Depending on how many go)  
\$50 per person deposit due September 15<sup>th</sup>

Remaining Balance Due October 15<sup>th</sup>

What does it include: Chartered bus, accommodations for 2 nights at Traders Village in Cameron, Arizona, and all but 3 meals on the trip.

What Will We See? : Window Rock, Flagstaff, The Petrified Forest, and of course the Grand Canyon!

Who: Any International Student and their host family members. This trip is completely optional. Students can come with us alone, or with their entire host family, or opt out of going altogether.

A complete itinerary will be presented at the cook-out and orientation



### Host Family Spotlight!

Eric and Christine Wanjura have recently gained a new son! Pictured above are all six of them: ( from left to right) Sarah, Christine, Hugh, Eric, Ben, and Chen. When not at Christ the King, the family enjoys camping, and cooking together. The boys enjoy playing video games and basketball together. Chen says "Christine is my favorite in the family. She is a funny woman, and a little crazy because she talks to the dogs. She asked me once, which one I liked better, Mrs. Wanjura, the headmaster of my school, or Christine. I said Christine, but whenever she is angry or serious I call her Mrs. Wanjura. 😊" We are so glad to have the Wanjuras in our lives!

### Have a Question?

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