



TRAVEL TO JAPAN THIS SUMMER!

July 6-20, 2011 (tentative dates)

Since 1994, students from Coquitlam secondary schools have been invited to our sister school in Hamamatsu, Japan in the summer. This year, the trip is tentatively planned for **July 6 – 20, 2011**. Students live in a homestay with a boy or girl of the same age and partake in all family activities in the evenings and on weekends. During the day, students participate in some school classes as well as in group activities which in the past have included a cycling excursion, tours through some of the factories (cars, pianos), shopping, a fire works festival, a trip to an amusement park, a Japanese tea ceremony, and several sightseeing ventures in the local area. The tour begins with a 3-day visit to the ancient capital city of Kyoto, famous for its history and tradition, and ends with a 2 day sightseeing tour of Tokyo.

As this is a cultural exchange, students do not need to know Japanese language, but must be interested in learning about Japan, its history, traditions and culture. At the same time, students are expected to be exemplary ambassadors from Canada and be willing to share Canadian culture and experience with their Japanese classmates. The total cost of the trip is between \$2,300 and \$2,800. Students will provide for their own airfare (approximately \$1600), land costs for Kyoto (\$500) and personal spending money in the range of \$200 to \$500 for souvenirs and gifts.

If you would like to apply for this year's summer tour, please email kklein@sd43.bc.ca for an information package and application or download one from her website at [Ms. Klein's site](#). Any questions can be directed to the trip coordinators, Ms. Karen Klein, Vice-Principal, Como Lake Middle School or to Mrs. Naoko Martin, teacher, at Centennial Secondary School (604-936-7205). Applications must be submitted by **April 8, 2011**.