

Title: C.K.S.S. INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BUDDY PROGRAM

Focus: (Character Traits) caring, compassion, empathy

Background:

~There was a need for a transition program for our International Students. There has been an increase in the number of International Students attending Chatham Kent Secondary School. Many of the International Students were looking to make friends and have opportunities to speak English other than in a classroom setting.

Resources:

~Funds were needed for our initial luncheon, gifts for our students (C.K. pens, pads and magnets), thank you cards for attending, and pizza for our second luncheon.

Outline:

~ Students who have lived in Chatham and who have been attending C.K.S.S. were chosen by staff and fellow students to be a buddy.
~They met initially to discuss what this club was for and how we would be partnered.
~ A luncheon was organized where all the students met his or her buddy, a gift was given to our International Students and everyone was encouraged to set up a second meeting time.
~The following week, cards were sent to the International Students to thank them for attending and to invite them to an informal pizza lunch.

Impact:

Student Achievement: if students feel comfortable, they will be more apt to learn and do well.

School Culture: a positive and welcoming environment is a goal at all times at C.K.S.S.

Student, Staff and Parent Engagement:

Host parents were informed of the buddy program through a letter.

Everyone involved has indicated that although new, this is a positive program.

Possible Extension Activities /Reflections:

~we will continue to meet periodically as a large group – a Christmas Party is being planned