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# MEMO—OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL

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Date: April 3, 2017  
To: Dr. Kent Mutchler  
From: Mr. Tom Rogers  
Re: Out of Country World Language Trip Proposal – Spring Break 2018

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World Language teachers, Gina Nolan and Jessie Egan, would like to request permission to organize a spring break 2018 trip to Costa Rica. The purpose of the trip is to provide an educational and cultural experience for our students that will reinforce and enhance their language abilities and cultural appreciation. It will provide students with the unique opportunity to experience and interact with people from Costa Rica. Tentative itinerary and trip details are attached:

1. Trip Dates: Spring Break 2018 (Saturday - Sunday; 9-day/8-night)
2. Number of Students: Approximately 15-20
3. Transportation: International Air Carrier (will book through airline's group tickets) / Intercultura Language School transportation
4. Cost of Trip: Approximately \$2,200-2,500
5. Adult Chaperones: Ms. Gina Nolan  
Mrs. Jessie Egan
6. Goals:
  - a. To provide students with the opportunity for complete immersion into the Spanish language and culture.
  - b. To reinforce and enhance student language comprehension and conversation skills.
  - c. To provide students the opportunity to experience home-life with a Costa Rican family and further enrich their understanding of Latin American customs and culture.
  - d. To further create a desire in students to be life-long learners of language and culture.

### **Saturday – Sunday Tentative Itinerary:**

During the week: Attend morning Spanish language classes; participate in cultural activities such as Latin dance or cooking classes in the afternoon; participate in one or two half-day excursions after classes; full-day excursions on the weekends.

**Saturday:** Arrive in Heredia, Costa Rica, and get settled with home stay families

**Sunday:** Full-day excursion/ La Paz Waterfalls and Gardens

**Monday:** Class 8-12 / Tour of Heredia town center

**Tuesday:** Class 8-12 / Trip to San José to visit National Museum and National Theater

**Wednesday:** Class 8-12 / Café Britt Coffee Tour

**Thursday:** Class 8-12 / Cultural activity (Dancing, Cooking, etc)

**Friday:** Class 8-12 / Volunteering / Nice dinner in Heredia

**Saturday:** Full-day excursion/ Poas volcano/Barva Adventure Canopy Tour with zip line

**Sunday:** Return to Chicago

### **Tentative Excursions:**

1. Trip to San José to visit National Museum and National Theater
2. Café Britt Coffee Plantation Tour
3. Barva Adventure Canopy Tour with zip line
4. Poas Volcano
5. Tour of Heredia town center
6. La Paz Waterfalls and Gardens

### **Price includes:**

1. Week of small-group language classes at Intercultura (no more than 6 students per class)
2. 8-night home stay with a Costa Rican family (includes 3 meals per day)
3. All excursions and cultural activities
4. Roundtrip airfare from Chicago to San Jose, Costa Rica
5. Transportation from San José airport to Heredia; and return from Heredia to San José airport