

Nurturing Bilingualism Through Community-Driven Cultural Exchanges

March 4, 2022
Salt Lake City, Utah

The International Conference on Immersion
and Dual Language Education

Introductions:



- **Derek Beer: Sunrise Elementary Principal**
- **Brian Higginbotham: Parent Committee Chairperson**
- **Shauna Winegar: Cache County School District Dual Language Immersion Coordinator**

Benefits of Cultural Exchanges

- Life-long Connections
- Language Growth and Relevance
- Broadened Horizons
(perspectives, self-awareness, confidence)
- Mutual Understanding
- Expanded Opportunities



The Basics of Organizing an Exchange:



Find a Partner

Local connections
Exchange Organizations

Plan with a Purpose

Set dates
Find common goals
Set clear expectations
Communicate often
Create itinerary

Recruit

Know advertising policies

Fundraise

Know policies before planning
Find local sponsorships

Prepare

Make all travel and excursion arrangements
Create a phone tree / contact chain
Hold regular group preparation meetings
Group relationships
Required documents (know medical history / insurance)
Rules for travel / safety
Cultural expectations / Language tips
Student presentations (research history and sites)



An Ounce of Prevention . . .

Medical issues / emergencies

Hosting difficulties / problems

Liability

Non-Compliance

Homesickness

Lost passports / money / students

Price / Currency Fluctuations

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Making it Happen

Sunrise Elementary*North Cache Middle * Colégio NIE

Stacy Blauer
4th Grade Teacher
at Sunrise Elementary

Visiting

Lessons Learned

TOUR PROPOSAL

Tour Title: **Brazil Youth Travel 2018**

Year: **2018**

Dates of travel: **June 9 – 19, 2018**

Private Custom Designed Itinerary for: Mr. Brian Higginbotham

Tour Director(s):

Mr. Brian Higginbotham

Itinerary:

Jau	6 Days
Rio de Janeiro	3
Flights	2
TOTAL	11 Days

Tour Prices Per Person: From LAX With roundtrip flight SLC to LAX

40-44 participants	\$2,268	\$2,518
35-39 participants	\$2,286	\$2,536
30-34 participants	\$2,310	\$2,560
25-29 participants	\$2,332	\$2,582
20-24 participants	\$2,379	\$2,629
15-19 participants	\$2,457	\$2,707

Land Only Price Less (-) \$1,100 \$1,350 (from the prices shown above)

Single Room Supplement \$398 (all 9 nights)

NOTE: This price is all inclusive. There are NO additional charges for:

- Enrollment fee
- Airline taxes/departure fees (unless tax increases at time of ticketing)
- Weekend flight surcharges
- Taxes land portion (*all taxes included*)
- Basic travel, accident and baggage insurance
- Your group is exclusive and will not be joined with any other group(s)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- o Round-trip airfare from Salt Lake City (SLC) to Los Angeles (LAX) to Sao Paulo, Brazil and returning from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil to LAX and then to SLC on regularly scheduled commercial airlines.
- o Trip can also be purchased from LAX to Sao Paulo and returning from Rio de Janeiro to LAX (see prices).
- o 9 nights accommodations in a good centrally located 3-star hotels with swimming pool and full facilities in each room
- o Based on double or triple room occupancy for families
- o Chaperones/tour leaders based on double (2) occupancy
- o Flight from Campinas (VCP) to Rio de Janeiro (SDU)
- o Breakfast daily and two (2) lunches
- o Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach for all land transportation
- o Professional English speaking guide for all guided tours
- o Necessary entrance fees to all scheduled museums, attractions and cultural events as shown in the program itinerary
- o Online enrollment, account management and payment center.
- o Tips, taxes and gratuities.
- o Travel, accident and baggage protection (see the last page of this proposal)
- o Liability insurance for the protection of schools, professors and participants
- o Deluxe document holder (1) & baggage tags (2) per person
- o Services of city representatives throughout Brazil
- o Detailed tour director's manual (technical itinerary) for the smooth operation of the program in Brazil
- o Full-color customized program brochures

NOT INCLUDED:

- o Meals not mentioned in the proposal.
- o Airline baggage fees (if they become applicable).
- o Items of a personal nature.
- o Sightseeing not specified or stated as optional or "on your own."
- o Protection covering pre-departure cancellation of the tour for medical reasons. This is offered as an option direct to participants at 7% of the tour cost.

NOTE: The prices from LAX are based on a net airfare of \$990 with a tax of \$110. If the tax increases above this amount at the time of ticketing the increased tax will be passed on as a surcharge to each participant.

Brazil Youth Travel

2018



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Single Room Supp	\$ 398	

Tour Organizer

Brian Higginbotham
braziltravelyouth@gmail.com

Tour Includes

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Sat, Jun 9

SLC or LAX - Sao Paulo, Brazil
Depart Salt Lake City or Los Angeles on your international flight to Sao Paulo Brazil. Meal service on-board.

Sun, Jun 10

Sao Paulo - Jaú
Arrive in beautiful Brazil! Board your private motorcoach for Jaú, while stopping for lunch along the way. In Campinas, enjoy a visit of the area. Continue on to Jaú.

Mon - Fri, Jun 11-15

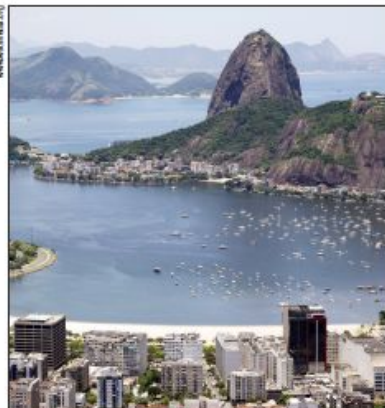
Jaú
During your daily travel program, enjoy classes in learning Portuguese and other topics provided by the school. Extracurricular activities to be coordinated by your Tour Leader. Round-trip transfers from the hotel to school provided each day. B

Sat, Jun 16

Jaú - Rio de Janeiro
Depart on your private motorcoach for adventure in the Brotas area. Visit the AventuraAH! park. Possible activities include archery, rappelling, tree climbing, canoeing, aquaball and many others. Transfer to the Viracopos International Airport for your one-way flight to Rio de Janeiro. Settle in to your hotel. B

Sun, Jun 17

Rio de Janeiro
This morning, enjoy free time on your own. For lunch, savor a local style buffet at A Mineira restaurant. Visit the cathedral in the afternoon with the group. Your guide will escort you on a city tour to see Porto Maravilha and visit Museum do Amanha. B, L



Historicphoto.com, John Coker PHD

Mon, Jun 18

Rio de Janeiro

After breakfast, your guide will take you to Sugarloaf Mountain area for a visit and hike. Return to the city for lunch at Churrascaria Carretao do Lido. Jump on your motorcoach for the afternoon to visit the famous Corcovado, Christ Statue and the Botanical Gardens. B, L

Tue, Jun 19

Rio de Janeiro - LAX or SLC

Enjoy guided activities offered locally: Walking tour in the historical center, visit Tijuca National Park or relax on the beach. Transfer to the airport for your return flight home. B



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Connections



Introductions and Buddies



Travel



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Tourism or Study Abroad?





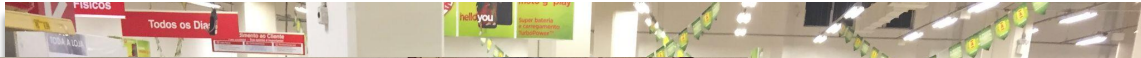
Key Sites



Adults



Social Time



Down Time



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Students test language skills in Brazil

By Katherine Taylor staff writer Jun 21, 2018



Cache Valley students pose for a photo in Jaú, Brazil, on a trip organized to help students in the Dual Language Immersion Program build their skills while learning about the culture of Brazil. Submitted photo

Seventeen Cache Valley elementary school students studying Portuguese got to put their skills to the ultimate test last week during a visit to Jaú, Brazil.

Parents said they were impressed with their children's fluency in the language, relying on their skills to do everything from ordering food to withdrawing money from ATMs.

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Stacy Blauer, a third-grade teacher at Sunrise School in Smithfield, had the idea to organize a trip to Brazil to let students test the skills they learned in the dual-language immersion program more than two years ago. On June 10, lots of planning and hoping came to fruition as Sunrise students, along with students from Hillcrest and Mount Logan Middle School, traveled to Brazil to practice their Portuguese, visiting classrooms at Núcleo de Interação Educativa.

"We improved our accents a lot just listening to them talk," said 12-year-old Brevin Egbert, a Sunrise School student who went on the trip.

Blauer said the visit was made possible by an instructor in the Sunrise DLI program. Her brother teaches English in Brazil and was their first contact with the school they would later visit.

Although the travel was expensive, several families were able to raise the funds to make the trip, a total of 34 people.

Students had the chance to practice their language skills while learning about Brazilian culture. They also learned a little bit about the ocean.

"Waves are ginormous," said Noah Pedersen, 11.

Several students said they would remember how friendly and hospitable the people they met in Brazil were. Even though they had to go to school at 7:30 a.m., an hour and 45 minutes earlier than they attend school in the U.S., they were excited to continue their summer school experience. When the group left Jaú for the last time to do some sightseeing in Rio de Janeiro, many of the students were sad to go.

Skylee Haramoto, 12, was struck by how safe and welcome she felt in Jaú.

"I know that my parents, and probably all the parents, were so worried about it because you see the bad stuff, like on the news, so they were all thinking, 'You might get robbed, you might get mugged,'" Haramoto said. "You think there are all these bad people. But then when you go, they're so amazing. They're so nice and accepting. They kind of just took us right in."

Some of the older students at Sunrise School have been studying Portuguese for five years now, starting in second grade. Many are conversationally fluent in the language, able to converse comfortably with native speakers. Benjamin Pedersen, a parent who accompanied his children on the trip, said this was surprising for some of the people they met.

"They'd ask, 'Why do you speak Portuguese and your parents don't?'" Pedersen said.

Many parents expressed their gratitude for the DLI program.

Hosting

Lessons Learned

Daily Schedules

<p>Jan 2</p>	<p>Everyone at Sunrise. School starts at 9:00 am</p> <p>Visitors will pick up rental vans at Hertz at 8 am</p>	<p>Sunrise</p>	<p>Everyone at Sunrise School assembly</p>	<p>3:30-5:00 pm After-school activity at Sunrise</p> <p>Who: All 6th grade DLI students as well as buddies from North Cache</p>	<p>Dinner in homes (6:00-8:00 pm)</p> <p>Who: Hosts will pick up (6:00) and drop off (8:00) dinner guests at the Sunrise Elementary Parking lot.</p>
<p>Jan 5</p>	<p>Church/free time</p> <p>Who: For those interested in services at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Saints, we will be attending services from 9-11 am at: 600 E 120 S, Smithfield, UT 84335</p> <p>Scott Gibbons coordinating 435-770-9731</p>	<p>Lunch in homes (12:30-2:00)</p> <p>Who: Hosts will pick up (12:30) and drop off (2:00) lunch guests at the Sunrise Elementary Parking lot.</p> <p>Sign up here: Google Drive</p>	<p>Hardware Ranch \$5/person Leave at 2:00</p> <p>Who: Everyone is welcome. When: We'll depart from Sunrise Elementary around 2 and hope to arrive at Hardware Ranch around 3 pm</p>	<p>Hardware Ranch Blacksmith Fork Canyon Road, Hyrum, UT 84319</p>	<p>Dinner in homes (6:30-8:00)</p> <p>Who: Hosts will pick up (6:20) and drop off (8:00) dinner guests at the Sunrise Elementary Parking lot.</p> <p>Sign up here: Google Drive Click on "open with google docs"</p>

Dinner Groups



LUNCH/DINNER GROUPS

G1

PEDRO MOMBACH (M13)
ALEXANDRE ALVES (M13)
ALEXANDRE HENRIQUE (Dad)
ARTHUR (M13)

G2

CATARINA (F13)
HELOÍSA (F13)
ANDRÉ (M Principal)
DANILA (F Staff)

G3

LUCAS (M14)
GIAN (Dad)
CINTIA (Mom)
LIA (F14)

G4

OLAVO (M10)
ANA CAMILA (Mom)

G5

CATHERINE (F14)
ISABELA VISCARDI (F14)
MÁRCIA (Mom)

G6

JOÃO OTAVIO (M Teacher)
GUILHERME ANZINI (M14)
VINÍCIUS (M16)
GUSTAVO (M23)

Thursday January 2nd - DINNER. You will need to **pick up (6:20 pm) and drop off (8:00 pm) the group at the Sunrise Elementary Parking lot.**

Group	Contact name for hosting family	Contact phone	Contact email
1	Amber Bingham	435-994-8143	amberlynbingham@gmail.com
2	Brian Higginbotham	435-232-1201	Brian.H@usu.edu
3*	Emily Williams	435-230-8397	williamsemily82@gmail.com
4*	Jacki Reed	435-232-6038	jmreed07@gmail.com
5	Camille Pedersen	435-760-9117	camille.pedersen@usu.edu
6	Megan Barker	435-232-0770	Mewbarker@gmail.com
7*	Kyrell younker	435-512-7339	kyrellyounker@gmail.com
8	Aimee Harris	435-225-8408	Aharrisoffice@gmail.com
9	Tara Beckstead	435-757-6965	tara.beckstead@yahoo.com
10	Tifanie Findlay	435-230-0388	tiffindlay@gmail.com
11	Meagan Harding	801-473-7557	meaganharding1@gmail.com
12	Nikkol Christiansen	435-881-7802	nikkolc@gmail.com

*Note: Lia (Group 3) is a vegetarian but is okay with pasta, cheese, eggs. Olavo and Camila Turini (Group 4) are allergic to seafood. Gabriela Buffo (Group 7) doesn't eat red meat but loves chicken and fish.

LIVIA (F12)

Local Experiences

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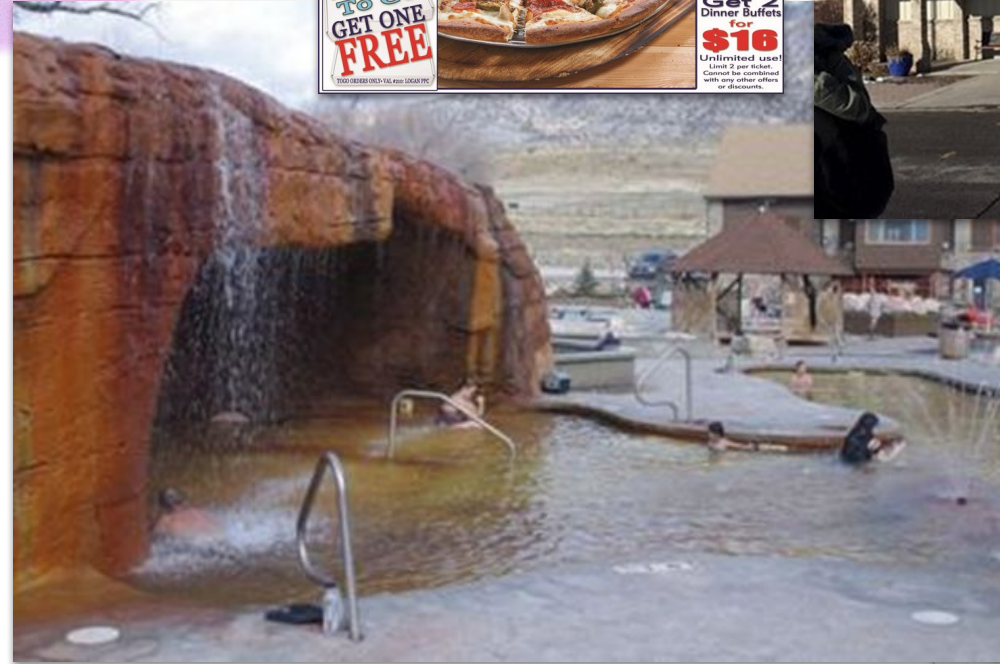
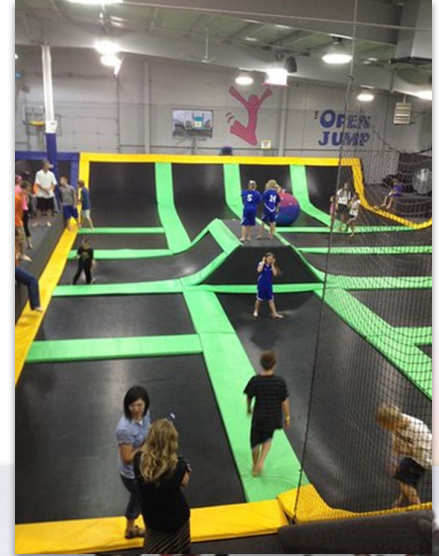


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Help with Details

Sign up - Winter Coats

Many of our Brazilian Visitors do not have Winter coats. Rather than having them buy new coats for 1 week, we would like to lend them coats for their short stay. You will get it back. If you are willing to lend a coat, please sign up here. Also, please bring the coat to the front desk of Sunrise Elementary School by Dec 19th. Please pin the visitor's name and your name to the coat.

Men XL

Visitor	Coat owner	Owner number	Owner email
Gustavo (23)			
Geraldo (Adult)			
Paulo (16)			

Men L –



Visitor	Coat owner	Owner number	Owner email
Guilherme (14)			
Vinicius (16)			
Vitor (16)			

activity	cost	date	notes	Phone number
Ice skating				787-2288
AWHC				
Jump Zone	\$500 for weeknight rental			755-5867 (Leslie)
USU basketball	\$12-14	Jan. 4	Call soon to get seats together. Needs to be one transaction for pricing	Cody Anderson (797-1577)
Pizza Pie Cafe	11 and under \$5.29 12 and over \$8.50 Includes drinks	Jan. 3	Room hold 90 people	753-5590 (Kevin)
Chuck-o-Rama	Lunch weekday \$12-13 Dinner \$16.19 Lunch weekend \$14.03 Dinner \$17.27		Can take reservations on Sunday (not weekend)	787-6241
Fun Park	Soft play \$2.25 skating \$4.25 Laser tag \$3.25 Bowling \$3.35 \$11.24 for bottom 3		Can we use a tax ID number? Bowling earlier would be helpful.	881-3025 (Jessie)
Lava Hot Springs	\$8 weekend		No special rates	
Crystal Hot Springs	\$5 swim \$7 swim and slide		Rates for over 50 people	

Buddies and Assignments



CLASS PRESENTATION GROUPS – BRAZILIAN SUBJECTS

SUBJECT: GEOGRAFIA DO BRASIL

PEDRO MOMBACH (M13)
ARTHUR (M13)
ALEXANDRE ALVES (M13)

SUBJECT: ESPORTES NO BRASIL

HELOISA (F13)
LORRANY (F13)
LUIZA TRAVAIN (F13)
CATARINA (F13)

SUBJECT: HISTÓRIA DO BRASIL

LUCAS (M14) - Portuguese helper
GIAN (Dad) - Portuguese helper
CÍNTIA (Mom) - Portuguese helper
LIA (F14) - English Helper

SUBJECT: COMIDAS TÍPICAS

JÚLIA SCHWARZ (F13)
ISABELA BREDARIOL (F13)
GIULIA VERBENA (F13)
RENATA BRANDÃO (F13) – English Helper

SUBJECT: LUGARES TURÍSTICOS

CATHERINE (F14) – English Helper
ISABELA VISCARDI (F14) – English Helper
LUIZA (F14) – English Helper
GUILHERME ANZINI (M14) – English Helper

SUBJECT: LENDAS BRASILEIRAS

LAURA BREDARIOL (F15) – English Helper
LUIZA BREDARIOL (F15)
GABRIELA (F15) – English Helper

SUBJECT: MÚSICA BRASILEIRA

PAULO (M16) – English helper
LUCAS (M16) – English helper
VINÍCIUS (M16) – English helper
GUSTAVO (M23) – English helper

SUBJECT: FESTAS TÍPICAS BRASILEIRAS

VITOR (M16) – English helper
ANA LAURA (F16) - English Helper
EDUARDA (F16) – English helper
JÚLIA CRISTINA (F16) - English Helper




SUBJECT: MONTEIRO LOBATO

CRISTIANE (Mom/Coordinator) - Portuguese Hel
LÍVIA (F12) –
AMANDA (F Physical Ed. Teacher) - Portuguese

ADULTS:

GERALDO (Dad) PORTUGUESE
DANILA (F Staff) PORTUGUESE
ANDRÉ (M Principal) PORTUGUESE / ENGLISH
ANA CAROLINA (Mom) PORTUGUESE
MÁRCIA (Mom) PORTUGUESE
JOÃO OTAVIO (M Teacher) PORTUGUESE / EN
ALEXANDRE HENRIQUE (Dad) PORTUGUESE
OLAVO (M10) PORTUGUESE
ANA CAMILA (Mom) PORTUGUESE

NORTH CACHE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Brazilian Visitors/Students	American Buddy	Buddy's Info	Buddy's picture
Guilherme (13)	Blake Reed	Age: 13 Grade: 7 (1st Hour) Hobbies: Legos Favorite food: Pizza	
	Jarick Nielson	Age: 12 Grade: 7 (1st Hour) Hobbies: Legos and origami Favorite food: Pasta	
Luisa Agostini (13)	McKenzie Bell	Age: 12 Grade: 7 (1st Hour) Hobbies: Theater (specifically, the Four Seasons Theatre Company) Favorite food: Pizza and pancake	

Hosting at Sunrise



Welcome



Welcome BBQ



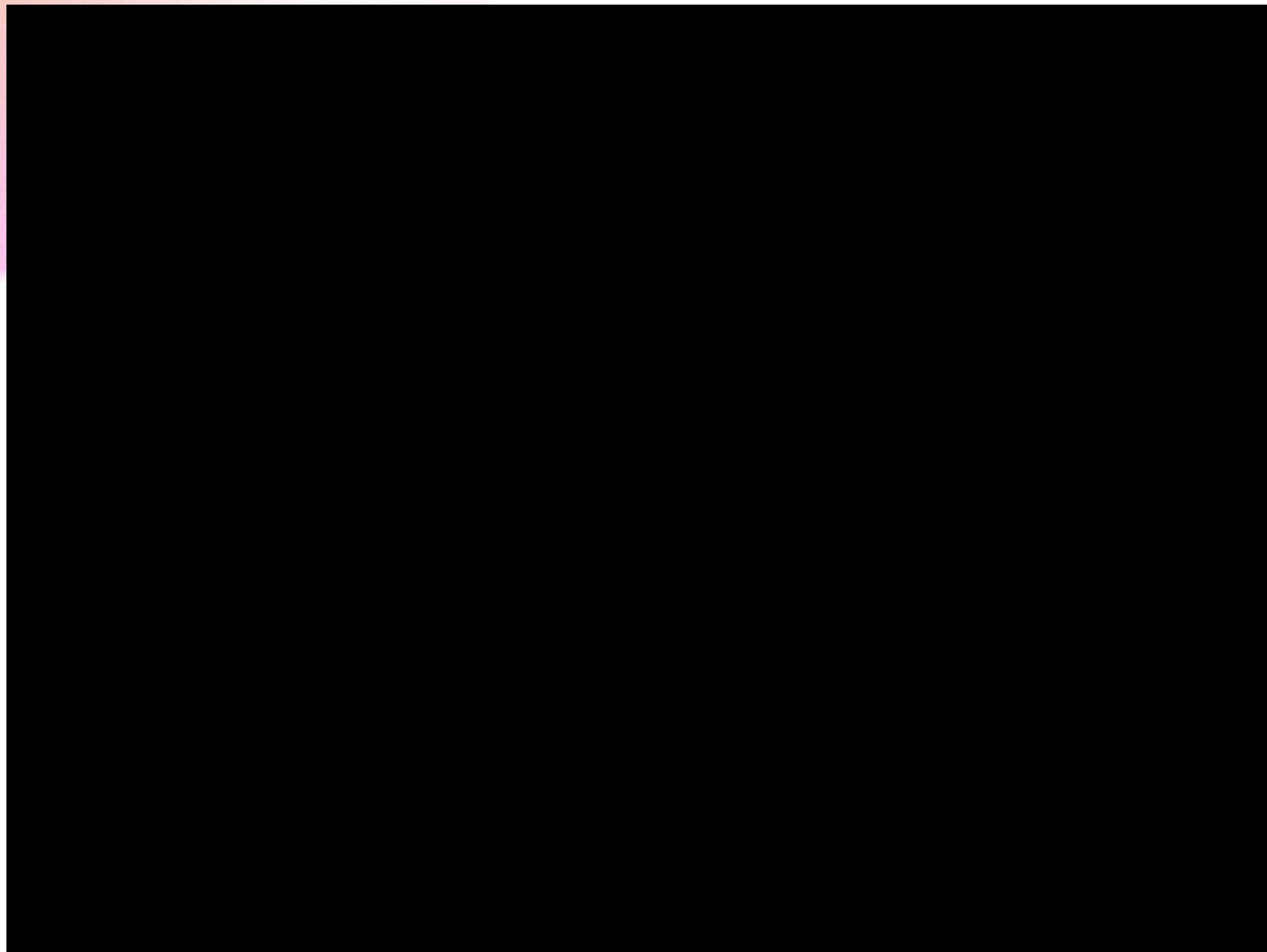
Daily Activities in the School



School Wide Assembly









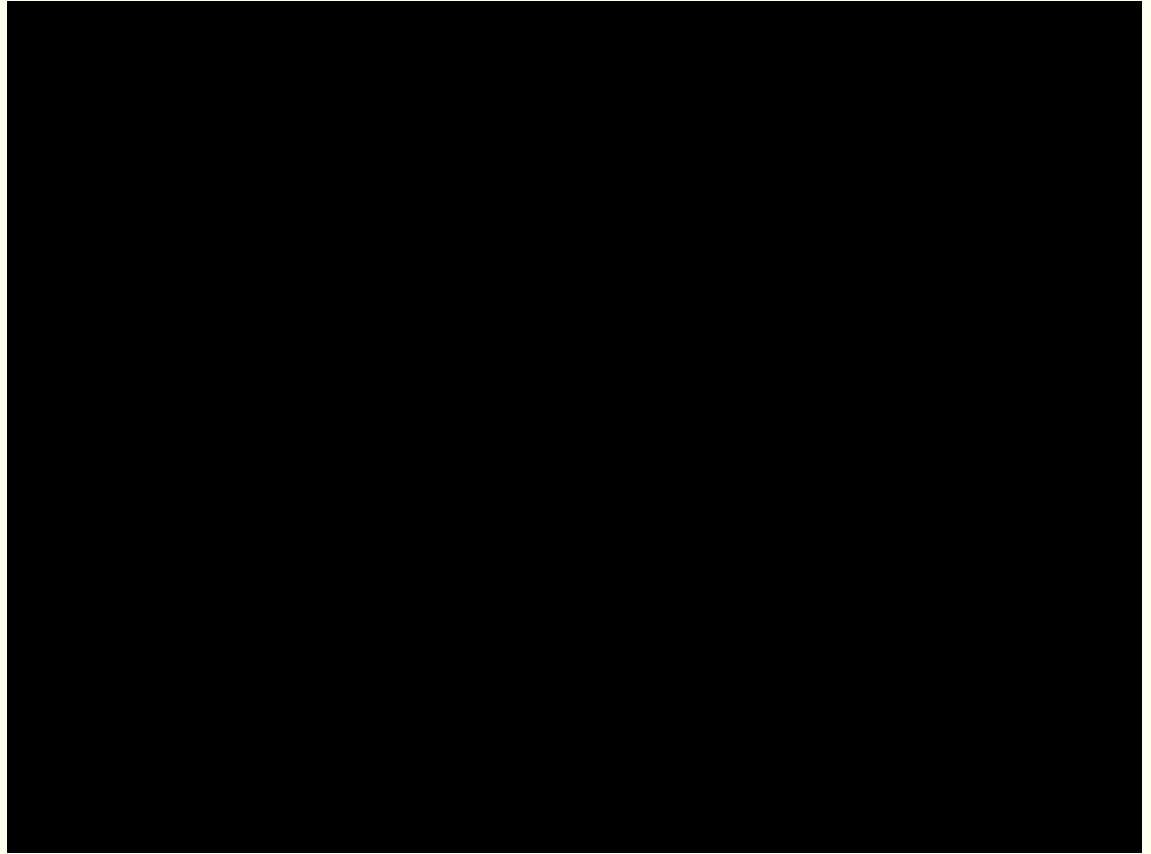
Advice from the Participants

Plan as much as you can in advance, but also be flexible if things don't go perfectly while you are there. Include people in your group who are invested and dedicated to the trip and experience. Have meetings with as much of your group as possible and form some kind of planning committee. Make sure that everyone has access to the information you talk about at the meeting. We had a large group chat to communicate the issues we were working on. It is too big of a job for just one person to do by themselves. Allow your group enough time to plan and make arrangements and to think about what your goals of the trip are and what other things you would like to do while you are there. - *Kelly Haramoto, Parent and Sunrise 6th Grade Teacher*

Don't buy any fruit:) It's too expensive and those fruit sellers are ruthless-haha. In all reality though just be prepared to translate a lot and put yourself out there. *Brevin Egbert, Student*

I would advise them to start early with the planning and focus on the exchange with the school more than the "vacation" part of the trip. And get a "Brian Higginbotham" on your team:) This trip never would have happened without Brian.- *Sheri Egbert, Parent*

Advice from the Participants



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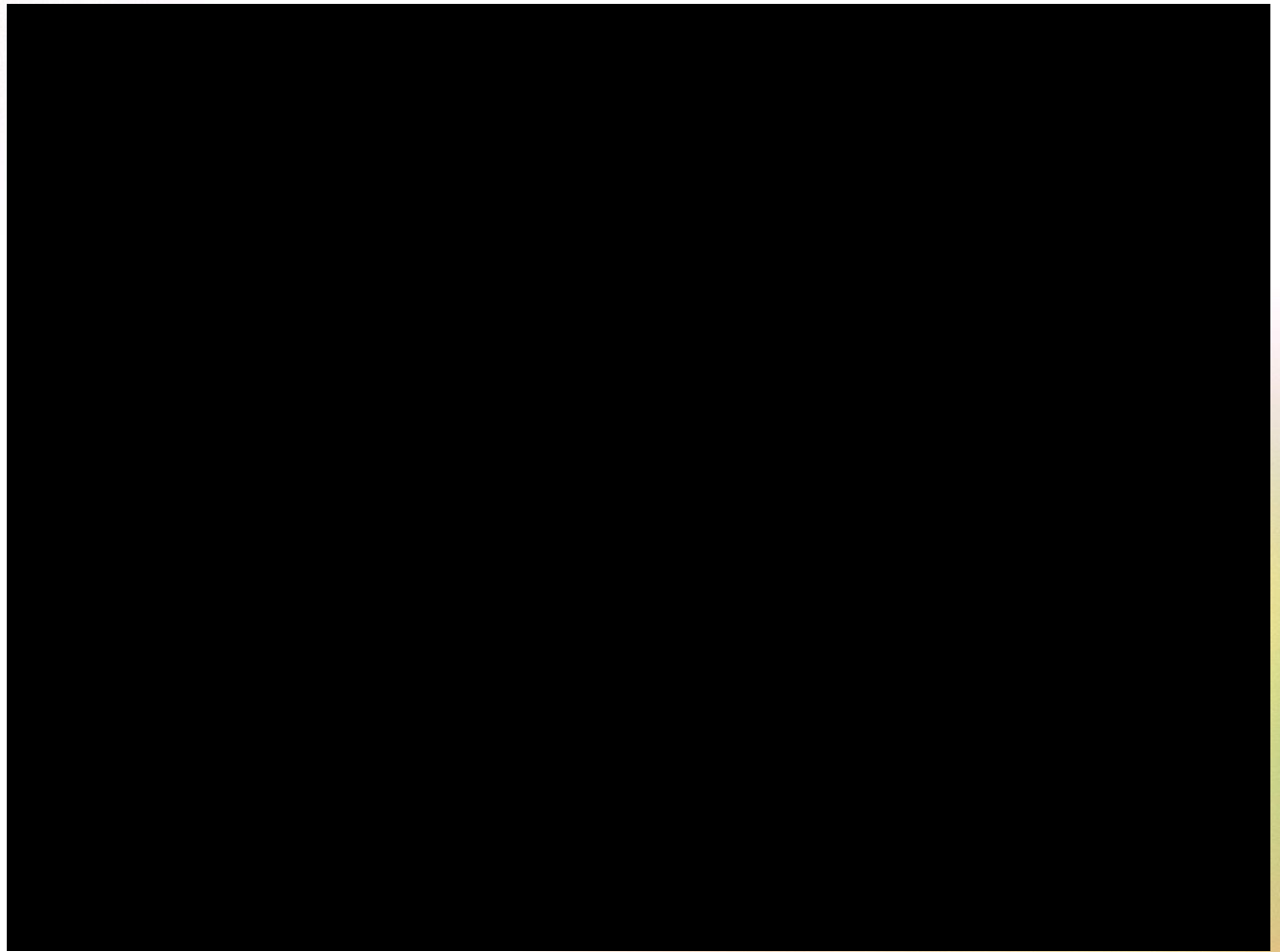
I saw my kids interact on a level that I had never seen before. They were speaking, laughing, playing, and learning in their second language. It was beautiful. Watching them not only survive but thrive in the atmosphere was reassuring that what we were doing here was working. And I felt like the hard work the kids have put into their study of the language was starting to show its value.

To see my kids be able to use their skills in the language and survive in a place where I would have a hard time was to see where they would have an advantage in life. Not to mention to be able to form great relationships with wonderful people abroad. That was another aspect of the trip that was inspiring. Getting to know the people that were hosting us was absolutely unforgettable. *-Kelly Haramoto*

The Impact

I feel like the most beneficial part of the exchange was the connection we made with the people we met. That was my favorite part of the trip. The people! Rio was awesome and we had a wonderful time sight seeing and eating and being with the group, but I would take another week in Jau at Colegio Nie anyday over the sights and sounds of Rio. I was amazed at the people and the love and hospitality they showed to us, everywhere we went. We were treated like celebrities. Most of them had never met Americans before and they all wanted to talk to us and hear us speak. Brazilians are such loving people. I have never kissed and hugged so many people in my life. We made friends that will be forever friends. I have a friend, in particular, named Lu that I met in Jau. She and her friend, Luciana, and their families, hosted us for dinner one night. The friendship formed that night will last forever. We have regularly visited over Skype and sent messages on WhatsApp as we have exchanged language lessons, photos, news of life's milestones, and so much more. What a blessing! - *Sheri Egbert*

The Impact



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GRACIAS

THANK YOU

ありがとうございました **MERCI**

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