

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



H O S T News

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Evaluation Reports

Each month, USA will mail Monthly Evaluation Reports to you and your student. Please complete your evaluations honestly and thoroughly. By doing so, we can keep track of the progress that has been made and become aware of anything that may need to be addressed and/or improved upon. Once you and your student have completed your evaluations, please mail them to the USA office. Also, please mail a copy of your student's school report cards whenever you receive them.

Your cooperation in forwarding this information is greatly appreciated and makes it possible for us to keep our records up to date. Our mailing address is as follows:

USA, United Students Association

83 Misty Mesa Trail

Mansfield, TX 76063

The USA corporate office does not regularly initiate phone calls to our many wonderful host families and int'l students. The newsletters and evaluations are directly from/to the corporate office and serves as our means of communication with host families, students, and Local Reps. Your designated Local Representative will maintain regular contact with you. If, however, you are not hearing from your Local Representative or you have any questions, concerns, or comments, please feel free to call the corporate office ANYTIME. We are available 24 hours per day.

Corporate Office Contact Info:

Our local phone number is: (817) 477-4224

Our toll free numbers are: **1-877-411-USA1(8721)**; **1-877-336-HOST (4678)**; and **1-866-2-MOACIR (662247)**

Our toll free fax number is: 1-877-922-4224

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A special thanks

to
all of our
Host



Families & Local

**Reps for your
generosity &**

love!!!



"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Schedule of Events

- Oct. 10 - Return USA Evaluations
- Oct. 13 - Columbus Day
- Oct. 16 - National Boss's Day
- Oct. 31 - Halloween

Happy Birthday To:

- Oct. 1 - **Ji Hyun Youn**
- Oct. 4 - **Young Mo Koo**
- Oct. 6 - **Hwi Yeon Choi**
- Oct. 10 - **Afua Bema Gyamfi**
- Oct. 20 - **Khangai Ganzorig**
- Oct. 21 - **Jeong Mo Ku**



ABC's of Successful Hosting!

Ask your student about the school day.

Begin your student's day with a nourishing breakfast.

Congratulate you student for doing well.

Discuss homework with your student.

Encourage your student to study and read.

Find a quiet place for your student to study.

Give your student some responsibilities.

Help your student build self-esteem.

Include your student in making simple family decisions.

Join in youth activities of

your student.

Kee your student on a schedule that includes adequate exercise and sleep.

Limit television viewing by selecting appropriate programs for your student.

Make the time you spend with your student special.

Notice and discuss any changes in your student's behavior.

Offer to help your student with school assignments.

Provide your student with positive influences and good role models.

Question the activities that your student shares with friends.

Respect your student's right to privacy and his/her opinions.

Share an interest or hobby with your student.

Take time to listen to your student.

Urge your student to think positively.

Visit places of interest with your student.

Work with your student to improve language skills.

Xerox and save records or articles that benefit your student.

Yield results by encouraging your student to do better.

Zip through these activities on a regular basis.

A word from USA...

Dear Host Family,

First of all, on behalf of the USA organization, we'd like to thank you for opening your hearts and homes to a new family member. By inviting an international student into your lives, you've taken a great step in sharing God's love and positively impacting a young person's life!

As with all new experiences, your family and your International Student have most likely experienced a bit of anxiety and excitement in adapting to all of the newness of the past month. The students began classes at a new school, began settling into your home and family, and began to realize that they are FAR from home! A little extra support, encouragement, and patience during these first couple of months of adjustment are extremely important for everyone.

The relationship between your family and your new family member is indeed the most cherished of all aspects of the entire experience!

Our thoughts and prayers are with you always. Please do not hesitate to USA's corporate office for any reason. We love hearing from you!

Thank you & God bless you,

Moacir & Denise Rodrigues

WE CAN'T SPELL
SUCCESS WITHOUT

"U" !!!

Thank "U"!



Notable Topics

Chores

BE SURE TO HAVE YOUR STUDENT HELP OUT WITH HOUSEHOLD CHORES. DESIGNATE CERTAIN THINGS THAT YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE HAVING YOUR STUDENT DO.



YOUR STUDENT SHOULD KNOW UPFRONT WHAT IS EXPECTED OF HIM/HER. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT THAT THEY CLEARLY UNDERSTAND IN ORDER TO AVOID POTENTIAL MISUNDERSTANDINGS.

REMEMBER, YOU WILL NEED TO TAKE A LITTLE TIME TO TEACH YOUR STUDENT HOW TO USE THE VACUUM CLEANER, RUN THE DISHWASHER, ETC. ENCOURAGE THEM TO LEARN AS MUCH AS THEY CAN ABOUT THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE!

Laundry



LAUNDRY HAS BECOME A DILEMMA WITH SOME EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN THE PAST! FOR EXAMPLE, SOME STUDENTS HAVE CHOSEN NOT TO WASH THEIR CLOTHES BECAUSE THEY'VE BEEN TOLD THAT OUR WASHING

MACHINES AND DRYERS WILL RUIN THEIR THEM!

WELL, INSTEAD OF WAITING FOR OBVIOUS SIGNS THAT THE STUDENTS ARE NOT WASHING THEIR CLOTHES, LET'S ADDRESS THIS RIGHT AWAY! WE'LL ALL BE BETTER FOR IT!

WE SUGGEST THAT YOU TEACH YOUR STUDENT HOW TO USE THAT WASHING MACHINE AND DRYER. ONCE THEY LEARN THE PROPER WAY TO SEPARATE COLORS AND WHITES, ADJUST WATER TEMPERATURES, AND OPERATE THE WASHER,



THEY WILL BE MORE AT EASE ABOUT USING IT. ALSO, DUE TO SHRINKAGE OF CERTAIN CLOTHING, THE STUDENTS USUALLY

PREFER TO HANG THEIR CLOTHES TO DRY RATHER THAN USE THE DRYER.

ALSO, AN IMPORTANT ITEM TO NOTE, AS THEY DO IN THEIR HOME COUNTRY, MANY STUDENTS WASH THEIR UNDERGARMENTS BY HAND AND HANG THEM TO DRY. SO IF YOU AREN'T SEEING ANY UNDERGARMENTS SHOWING UP IN THE DIRTY CLOTHES HAMPER, DON'T WORRY, THEY ARE BEING