

Chinese Exchange Program at Lew-Port High Schools

Three years ago, Paul J. Casseri, Principal of Lew-Port High School in Lewiston, Buffalo, New York and representatives from the Chinese schools in Tianjin, began developing a student exchange program. The goal was to teach the Chinese language and culture to the students at Lew-Port High School and the English language and culture to the Chinese students in Tianjin culminating in an exchange visit for both groups of students.

In preparation for the exchange trip to China, the students from Lew-Port High School learned basic words and phrases. Although the students claimed that learning Chinese was difficult, they expressed how excited they felt as they mastered the “sounds and music” of the Chinese language.



In addition, the Lew-Port students learned about the history, culture and customs of China which included learning about the Great Wall and the Yellow Mountains; China’s endangered species, such as the great panda, the golden monkey and the Chinese crocodile; and wax printing and Chinese knots.

This year, twelve Lew-Port students will stay in China from April 1-19 while they attend Tianjin No. 2 High School and see other parts of the country. Tianjin is a famous historical city best known for its scenic spots and historical sites that include the Panshan Scenery Area, the Park on the Water, the Garden of Tranquility, the Tianhou Palace (Palace of Heavenly Empress), the Dule Temple (Solitary Joy Temple), and the Great Wall at the Huangya Pass.



Tianjin, China

To learn more about this exciting exchange program, you should visit the following website:

<http://www.buffalonews.com/cityregion/niagaracounty/story/571268.html>