

CHANGE *in* LOCATION

New experiences in a brand new setting

Everyone's dream is to visit another country and for the four new foreign exchange students, that dream become possible.

They all came from different countries around the world and got to experience what it was like to be in the United States for the first time.

Juniors Julia Ambrosio, Jara Thiemann, Toko Sueno, and sophomore Daniela Cirsa were welcomed with open arms as they made their way through the school year.

Being new to the school can be at times a little

stressful because they weren't used to how things were in Colorado versus what they had previously known in their home country.

"Everyone comes from a different culture, a different background, and is pretty much accepting of their differences," Cirsa said.

While embracing the difficulties these students faced, they were able to thrive in a new environment.

"The teachers here are so funny and kin. My host mother is a substitute teacher here so I meet her after school which is nice," Toko Sueno said.

"In **Germany**, my home country, we do not get **snow**. Here we get a lot of snow, which I *really enjoy*."

Jara Thiemann,
junior

96%
of students have thought about **studying abroad.**

202 students surveyed



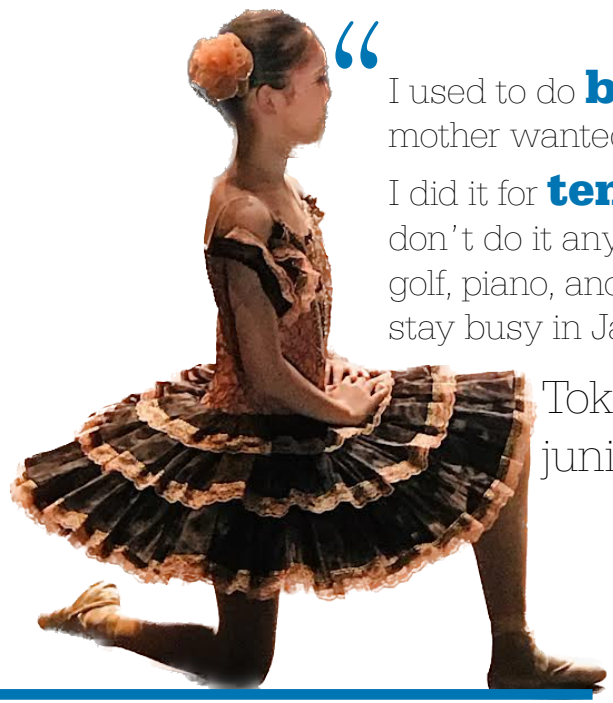
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For the school's annual Peace Day, exchange students created a slideshow to share information about their home countries.



"I think Japanese food is **better** than American, but I still like the **food** here."

Toko Sueno, junior



"I used to do **ballet**. My mother wanted me to do it, so I did it for **ten years** but I don't do it anymore. I also do golf, piano, and calligraphy. I stay busy in Japan."

Toko Sueno,
junior



SWEET HOME SCENERY Junior Julia Ambrosio shares the landscape of her home country, Brazil, where she sat, reminiscing. Ambrosio was nervous to come to America, as this was her first time traveling out of the country. "I'm very lucky because the people here are so nice," Ambrosio said. *photo courtesy of j. ambrosio*

RAVE IN THE CAVE Sophomore Daniela Cirsa leaps up in the air in triumph. Cirsa missed many aspects of her home town that she grew up in and admitted that the new environment came with struggles but she managed it well. "It's so easy for me to talk to people because I will always find someone with a common interest," Cirsa said. *photo courtesy of d. cirsa*
WELCOME HOME Junior Julia Ambrosio gets ready to board the plane to come to Colorado for the first time. She dressed for success on the trip to America. "That is my Rotary Youth Exchange blazer. I trade the buttons with other exchange students," Ambrosio said. *photo courtesy of j. ambrosio*
CATCHING WAVES Junior exchange student Jara Thiemann finishes catching waves in her home country, Germany. Although she had been accustomed to warm weather, Thiemann adapted well to the snowy climate. "It's really flat in Germany and we have a lot of natural forests," Thiemann said. *photo courtesy of j. thiemann*

"I would like to go to **France**; my uncle was a foreign exchange student there about 20 years ago. He said it was **very beautiful**."

Sydney Sava,
freshman



"I think it would be interesting to go to school somewhere in Asia. They have some of the **best education** in the world. I was also thinking about going to Chile because my cousin went and she loved it."

incent Rutter, junior



"I really like **Northern Europe**, since I like it to be cold. I think it would take some time to adjust to the country's school system but it wouldn't be an impossible task."

laina Faler, sophomore



"I'd really like to visit almost **anywhere in Europe** like Poland or in Asia, and I would really like to go to Japan. In both Europe and Asia, they have quite a different system than what we have."

hilo Lilly Vannice, senior



"I would go to **Scotland or Ireland** because I just think that the landscapes are really beautiful. I have thought about becoming a foreign exchange student before."

mily Knapp, senior