

UCC/KHS Exchange Program 2016 Proposal

BACKGROUND:

In 2010, UCC initiated the “Kugluktuk Educational Project,” which brought students from KHS together with students from UCC for a wilderness experience on the Coppermine River. The trip consisted of a 12-day canoe trip down the Coppermine River and a 4-day home stay with KHS student families in the Hamlet of Kugluktuk. UCC would like to cultivate the “Kugluktuk Educational Project” and propose a new student exchange between KHS and UCC as a follow-up to the Coppermine River expedition.

OVERVIEW:

The plan is to have 3-4 UCC students travel to Kugluktuk during March break 2016 for 7-10 days. UCC students would be partnered with Kugluktuk students and billeted at their homes. UCC would then reciprocate the exchange by inviting 3-4 Kugluktuk students back to Toronto and hosting at UCC for 7-10 days.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of the UCC/KHS Exchange Program are to expose interested UCC students to the people and culture of Canada’s North. We hope to expand each student’s awareness of northern Canada and to bring attention to the various geographical issues related to the social, economic and environmental changes taking place there. A strong focus will be placed upon cultural awareness and developing sensitivity and understanding of Inuit and northern people’s values.

The objectives of this exchange are to also expose interested KHS students to different peoples, places and ways of living in Canada’s South. While life in the south is likely not a foreign concept for most KHS students, billeting and living with an Ontario based family in Toronto will likely expose KHS students to different ways of life in Canada that they are not familiar with.

ACTIVITIES:

The majority of activities in Kugluktuk will be cultural based and centre of ‘living on the land’. In addition to attending school and classes each day with KHS students, a few additional activities may include:

- Winter Camping (Igloo Construction/Sleep in Igloo)
- Travel to Bloody falls
- Drum Dancing
- Square Dancing
- Throat Singing
- Tour and a look at the inner workings of the community
- Food: fresh mipku (caribou), piffi (fish)
- Hunting (Trapping)
- Musk-Ox, Caribou, Fox Dissection
- Fishing
- ATV/Snowmobile

- Community gatherings and feast

The majority of activities in Toronto will again be cultural based, but centre of urban living. In addition to attending school and classes each day with UCC students, a few additional activities may include:

- Niagara Falls
- CN Tower
- Ripley's Aquarium
- Maple Leaf Hockey Game
- Raptors Basketball Game

STUDENT & FACULTY PARTICIPANTS:

The ideal exchange group size would be 4 students and 1 faculty member. All UCC students would be expected to pay their own way and to cover the costs of 1 faculty member. The costs for each Kugluktuk student and their faculty member would be covered by funds raised by Robert Walker.

The appropriate age for this exchange will be for 15 year olds and up. A further qualification on student participants is that they all be male, since UCC is a private high school for boys, and it is not fitting to have females attending classes in that environment

DATES:

The proposed exchange will take place during the following dates:

- 4 UCC students in Kugluktuk March 19/20 to March 26/27
- 4 KHS students in Toronto March 26/27 to April 2/3

NEXT STEPS:

- UCC will advertise the trip in December/January
- KHS will seek approval for the exchange in December/January
- Parent Information Evenings in January
- UCC and KHS students to be selected by end of January
- All travel arrangements to be completed in February