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"My Time in Canada"

I got here August 29th. I was nervous and excited. I met nice host family and relaxed. In Sep. 9th the first day of school, I dressed nice cause I didn't want Canadian students to make fun of me or thinking me weird, but I was wrong. One girl came up to me and asked me where I am from. She is the one who I hang out with now . Some other students started to express interest to me and I though they are just same teenagers as in Korea, except language and skin color. I tried to talk to other people and found that I made a lot of friends.

The more I went to school the more people I met. I also had Drama class, which I really enjoyed and will miss. I made a lot of good memories from Drama class.

If there are 100 things that I learned here, 1 of them would be English. I learned tons of good things that will help my life.

By, So Yeon Choi (GESS student. Picture to the left)



ASIAN NEW YEAR FEB. 2008 at Okanagan College



The Asian New Year opened with the Lion Dance (pictures to the left & right) and included a variety of performances, most of which, were put on by the International Students at OC.



Other performances included a Chinese Dance Group ("Spicy Girls"), and the local Yamabiko Taiko Group. One snapshot below, of the host family's children and an International student



Although the picture in the middle of the page is dark, do you know what she is doing? What is it called?





March Activity “A TASTE OF HOME” 2008



Date: March 8th, Saturday
Time: 5pm-6:30pm (event goes until 9pm)
Location: New Life Auditorium
 2041 Harvey Avenue (Highway 97)
 East Entrance (**Meet inside this entrance**)
Fee: \$1 food tickets may be purchased the Door. Admission is free.

BRING A FEW DOLLARS TO SAMPLE SOME OF THE DIFFERENT FOODS!

This event is a celebration of our culturally diverse community. The evening will include a variety of ethnic food prepared by local cultural groups as well as entertainment for the whole family.

This is the 3rd annual “Taste of Kelowna”, each food ticket is \$1. Any extra money earned goes back into immigrant serving agencies in the Okanagan.

“RUSH” Weekend

Dates: Feb. 29-March 2
Time: Feb 29th starts at 9pm
 March 1-9am-9pm
 March 2-Rally is at 9am
Location: Willow Park Church
 439 Highway 33 West

RUSH is an annual youth conference, where youth gather to hear live music, participate in skiing, boarding, games and movies. Regardless of your beliefs, it is weekend long event where you can meet other youth. The event is very popular, some International Ed. students have said they are going to check it out. If you want more information, look at www.willowparkchurch.com/community/youth/rush-youth-conference/