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Dear Students and Parents,

Our 4th educational tour is days away; we are traveling to London, Paris and Versailles this year. I wish you were all going on this great trip. It is not too soon to think about next year though!!

Please help me choose our trip for any interested students, alumni and parents for **Spring Break 2011**.

- **Beijing and the Great Wall of China** 8 days \$1608.00 student rate or
- **Costa Rica's Natural Wonders** 7 days \$1317.00 student rate

The **Beijing** tour includes many famous sites. We will visit the Summer Palace, participate in a Taiji lesson, visit the Forbidden City, and visit Tiananmen Square as well as visiting a local school. We will enjoy a traditional Peking duck dinner, take a tour of the Olympic Sports complex featuring the Bird's Nest Stadium and the Water Cube Aquatics Center. We will also be able to enjoy a Kung Fu Show, visit the Temple of Heaven Park and visit the Beijing Zoo. We will tour the hutongs by way of rickshaw and visit Yonghe Lamasery. In addition to all of the best of Beijing, we will also travel to Badaling to walk along one of mankind's greatest feats, the Great Wall of China.

The **Costa Rica** tour includes a tour of the Arenal region. We will visit INBioparque and learn about biological diversity as we visit this theme park and research station. Get up-close and personal with tarantulas, frogs, bees and butterflies in the permanent exhibits, or walk through the three different ecosystem trails. Next is our Canopy tour; on our canopy tour, zip lines unveil one of the planet's most fascinating ecological systems from a unique perspective—the tops of the trees. With local expert guides at your side, you can decide which view you prefer—from below or from above! Then we will visit La Fortuna Waterfall, one of Costa Rica's most spectacular waterfalls located within the thick jungle of the Arenal Rainforest. We will then make our way to the coastal paradise of Guanacaste. We will enjoy a special excursion to Rincón de la Vieja National Park, a rain/cloud forest located high in the mountains. We will continue with a visit to geothermal hot springs reminiscent of those at Yellowstone National Park, and view a wide variety of plant, bird and animal species. And finally we will have free time on the coastal paradise of Guanacast where miles of idyllic sandy beaches wind along the coastline.

Discuss this fantastic opportunity with your son or daughter. If you are interested in participating in this trip, please indicate your choice and complete the contact information.

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