

HATB/FAB Student Visit March 22-26, 2017
Celebrating 24 Years!

Wednesday, March 22

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

***After school, **make welcome posters** and study session.*
Call Mrs. Vanover directly w/ any questions on her cell (480-338-5263).

6:45 p.m.

Approximate arrival time. Srta. Russell will send a group text once we know their arrival time. **Make sure you have added your phone number to the group text!** Meet at Barro's to eat together. **Please make sure all of our guests are served first,** before we begin serving ourselves. You are responsible to buy your guest's dinner.

(after dinner)

Free time with families. Students **must be accompanied by a responsible adult during free time and need to be home by 10:00 p.m. each night.** This first night they will be tired, so think about quiet activities you can do at home after eating at Barro's.

Thursday, March 23

8:45 a.m.

Arrive at school. Meet in the pit. **Wear the beige FAB t-shirt today! Bring money for lunch at the AZ Mills Food Court** for you and your partner if you are hosting. Also bring sunscreen, a hat, a sweater and an extra water bottle for you and your partner, (**money for shopping for yourself only, your partner brings their own money for shopping**) etc. **It is IMPORTANT TO ARRIVE ON TIME THIS MORNING!**

9:00 a.m.

Leave for Phoenix Zoo.

12:30 p.m.

School bus stays with us at the zoo, then takes us to AZ Mills.

1:00 p.m.

Lunch at the AZ Mills Food Court. Please show your partner all of the food options and be ready to **pay for their (and your own) lunch.** We will sit together as a group and eat in the Food Court.

1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Shopping in the mall. You will need to shop in small groups. Mrs. Vanover and Ms. Russell will be in the Food Court and/or walking around the mall in case you have problems or questions. You can also call Mrs. Vanover on her cell at 480-338-5263 at any time. **Stay with your partner and have at least one adult with you in your group.**

4:00 p.m.

Free time with families. Parents will need to pick students up at AZ Mills at 4:00. Please carpool! It is **VERY IMPORTANT that you check out (in person or call me on my cell) with Mrs. Vanover or Ms. Russell when you leave the AZ Mills Food Court today.** Please make arrangements to be picked up **by an adult.** Students must be accompanied by a responsible adult during free time.

6:30-9:00 p.m.

Meet at Amazing Jakes tonight. Please carpool! Admission for you and your partner and our Mexican guests will be paid for by the club (which includes dinner). Other family members are welcome to attend, but will need to purchase their admission, which includes dinner and soft drinks and is good for unlimited activities. \$10 for buffet only, OR \$20 for buffet, bowling, & unlimited video games and rides (however, it does NOT include the games that give out tickets for prizes).

9:00 p.m.

Free time with families. **Students must be accompanied by a responsible adult during free time and need to be home by 10:00 p.m.**

Friday, March 24

9:00 a.m.

Arrive at school. Meet in the After Hours D1 classroom (across from the cafeteria in the gym lobby). **IF you are hosting a Mexican guest, bring \$2.75 for lunch in the cafeteria for your guest.** Also bring an extra **water bottle** for you and your guest, hat, sunscreen, etc. **Note: IF you are NOT hosting a Mexican guest, you may choose to arrive at school as usual and go to your first period class. Be sure to leave class at 8:55 and meet us in the D1 classroom.**

9:15 a.m.

Walk to DVHS for a tour of their campus.

11:30 a.m.

Return to AMS (walking)

11:45 a.m.

Lunch in the cafeteria. Bring \$2.75 for your guest if you are hosting. You will be able to stay for all of 7th AND 8th grade lunches, to give your partners a chance to meet all of your friends.

12:48-1:40 p.m.

Attend 5th period class of your choice (be sure to talk with the teacher ahead of time!) IF you choose to attend P.E., make sure your partner brings appropriate clothing to participate. If you are NOT hosting a Mexican student, go to YOUR regular 5th period class.

1:45 p.m.

Everyone meet in the D1 classroom. English/Spanish lesson, craft activities, games, etc.

3:45 p.m.

If you are NOT hosting a partner, you will go home from school as usual at 3:30. If you ARE hosting, **your parent or another responsible adult may pick you up today at 3:45 pm.** Free time with families. We suggest that you plan to get together in small groups tonight – maybe rent a movie, have dinner together, etc. One group a few years ago did “Let’s Laser”, at: 8058 S. Priest Dr. Ste. 102, Tempe, AZ. Phone: 480-840-7252. You can find out more about it by going to www.LetsLaser.com. Other ideas: bowling, shopping, a museum, etc.

Saturday, March 25

10:30 a.m.

Wear the blue HATB t-shirt today! Meet at the Phoenix Science Center, 600 E Washington St, Phx. 85004. Please carpool! We will tour the Planetarium and a new hands-on exhibit. Please be on time, as we will need to go in together as a group.

2:00 p.m.

Free time with families. Please arrange to be picked up by a responsible adult (please carpool). We suggest going shopping, sight-seeing, etc. It is more fun to spend time together in groups, so please talk with each other and get together in small groups! You are welcome to stay later if accompanied by an adult.
You must check out with Mrs. Vanover, in person or by phone!

7:30-10:00 p.m.

HATB Fiesta at Victoria Rascon’s home: 4027 E. Cathedral Rock Drive, Phoenix, 85044. **Everyone** please **bring one 2 liter bottle of pop, water OR juice AND a snack to share.** Parents and siblings are welcome to attend. Please make arrangements to be picked up by an adult. We will do a *program evaluation tonight during the last ½ hour of the party.* ****Adults, please arrive by 9:30** so that you can be part of the evaluation.

Sunday, March 26

8:30 a.m.

Arrive at school. Meet in the front parking lot by the main office. Be sure to *have your guest bring ALL luggage, pillows, camera, etc.* **BE SURE TO PACK A SACK LUNCH AND DRINK FOR YOUR GUEST!**

ADDITIONAL IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- The Mexican coordinators, Luis Vazquez and Luli Zavala are staying at Sra. Vanover's home. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Lori Vanover **at any time** (home: 480-704-1122 or cell number: 480-338-5263).
- If you are hosting a Mexican visitor, you will need to provide **breakfast and dinner each day (except for dinner on Thursday) as well as money for lunch at AZ Mills Mall on Thursday and lunch at school on Friday, lunch on Saturday, and a sack lunch for the trip back on Sunday.**
- IF your are **hosting** a Mexican student, you and your Mexican visitor need to get to and from school each day **without** taking the school bus OR the ALEX bus. Students can walk, ride bikes, or be **driven by a responsible adult**. You are welcome and encouraged to *carpool groups of students to and from school*.
- IF you are **not hosting** a Mexican student, you may get to school and home each day on the bus. You may, but are not obligated to, join us in all events!
- ***Please feel free to get together during free times to go places together, visit, etc. That makes it more fun for everyone and raises the comfort level. Make every effort to get to know your partner, and SMILE!***
- As it has been discussed, an **adult must be in the home and/or accompany the students on outings.** Students will be expected to be **home by 10:00 p.m. each night.** (*Saturday night will be a bit later with the fiesta*).
- ***If you think your guest needs medical attention, please talk with Sra. Lori Vanover before doing anything. We have three nurses in our group, who may be participating with us in some of the events. Our school insurance covers our guests here in case of serious emergencies.***
- Families are expected to purchase everyday items such as bottled water, snacks, etc. for their guest. Your guest will be bringing money for shopping. **You are NOT expected to purchase their shopping items.**

It is appropriate to **give a small gift** to your guest, but please stay within the guidelines we have discussed (no more than \$15). ***Remember - no big or expensive gifts. Also, please remember that big, bulky and/or heavy items will be difficult for them to transport home.***

- Parents, thank you so much for all you are doing to enable your child to participate in this program. Your guidance and participation is critical to ensure the safety and comfort of our Mexican guests and our student ambassadors. It is so very much appreciated!

"Travel is fatal to prejudice, ignorance and a closed mind."

-Mark Twain, celebrated American author

Thank you for contributing to the understanding between our two countries!