

**School Twinning Project
Canada - U.S.S.R.**

The original goal in Spring 1985 was to establish communication and improve cultural understanding between the students of RDHS and the students in a Soviet school.

The goal for Spring 1988 - our student-teacher delegation will meet their Soviet pen-pals and work toward achieving our "official twinning" and arranging a return visit of Soviet youth to our school.

Soviet Week

The week of April 11-15 will be Soviet Week at RDHS.

During the week, students in Grade 9 English and History will be learning about the Soviet way of life.

The highlight of the week will be a visit to the school on April 15 from members of the Soviet embassy staff in Ottawa. During the morning, the Soviets will be meeting with the Grade 9 students to answer questions. In the afternoon, there will be two sessions. The first will provide the Soviets with a chance to meet with the delegation of Rideau students that will be visiting the Soviet Union this May. Afterwards, there will be small group discussions with senior students.

Delegation to the U.S.S.R.

In preparation for the trip, the group has scheduled weekly meetings to share reading materials and to learn more

about Soviet culture and language from invited guests. The delegation will leave from Montreal on May 4 and, after an overnight stay in Moscow, will visit Donetsk in the Ukraine from May 7 - 10 and Leningrad from May 11 - 14.

The cost of the trip is \$2,050. School Board funds will not be used toward travel expenses. The adult members of the delegation plan to pay the full amount, but fund-raising from business, industry and local community groups will help defray the students' costs. To date, we are still hoping to raise \$3,150.

Delegation Members are:
Tiffany Bell - Grade 9; Jane Blair - Grade 9; William French - Grade 9; Denise McCabe - Grade 9; Kelly McGregor - Grade 13; Morgan McQuay - Grade 12; Wendy Purdie - Grade 9; Gillian Purdy - Grade 10; Elaine Surnoski - Grade 12; Elaine Laxton - English teacher; Michael Lea - Journalist from Kingston Whig Standard; Ken Robinson - Principal; Mark Timpany - Phys. Ed teacher.

Committee Members are:
Donna Dean - French teacher in charge of travel and funding; Elaine Laxton - English teacher in charge of correspondence; Dwight Purdy - History teacher in charge of curriculum; Mark Timpany - Phys. Ed. teacher, chairman.
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