



# French American School of Princeton

Building a Better Future for Students in PreK to Eighth Grade

# A Big World in a **SMALL SCHOOL**

At French American School of Princeton, (FASP) education is about more than knowledge. It is about developing a questioning spirit and fostering a deep sense of global connection. FASP creates the environment for students to understand the relationship between individual learning and their connection to people around the world, while integrating community and inviting bilingual multicultural perspectives as a foundation into their lives.

We are dedicated to making a lasting difference in the lives of the students who attend French American School of Princeton as we prepare them for success in high school and in life beyond. We provide a big interconnected world within a small school environment.



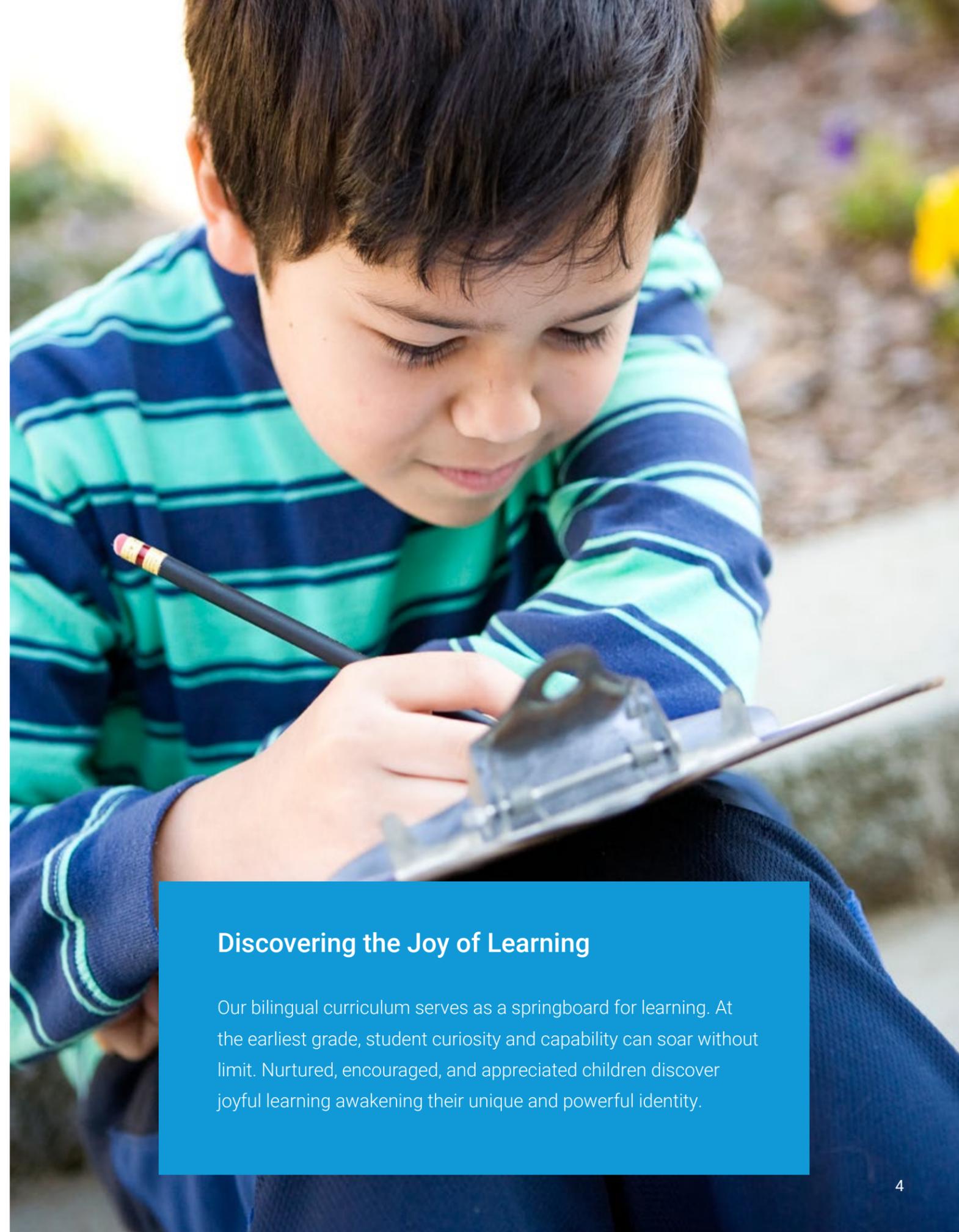
## The Bilingual Curriculum Advantage is Evident

In a comfortable but dynamic environment, with a harmony of a modern bilingual curriculum and historic architecture, FASP resembles other schools but it is different. Open its doors, and you will find it sounds different as well.

# A world of **APPRECIATION**

If you have ever watched a young child play a complex game of make-believe, ask multiple questions about a simple topic, or explore the natural world with pure wonder and excitement, you know and appreciate that early childhood is a magical time in a child's life. Young children have a unique capacity to learn, to adapt, and to adopt new ideas and perspectives with ease -- much more effortlessly than teenagers or adults.

From infancy until the age of 12, a child's mind is incredibly open and pliable. The brain has not yet established rigid knowledge corridors, and it can readily absorb and pass information from one mental structure to another. This allows for early childhood advantages in cognitive development and presents the ideal time to learn a second language. Learning two or more languages at an early age expands the realms of perception and attention, creating linguistic structures that endure. The bilingual child is a better student and acquires the intellectual skills and qualities that educational institutions, governments, and businesses value.



## Discovering the Joy of Learning

Our bilingual curriculum serves as a springboard for learning. At the earliest grade, student curiosity and capability can soar without limit. Nurtured, encouraged, and appreciated children discover joyful learning awakening their unique and powerful identity.

# A world of **CONNECTION**

Children learn by doing. Through our innovative bilingual academic program, we help children become lifelong learners and leaders who are passionate, curious, and engaged with the pursuit of knowledge. Our dual language environment builds connection beyond the boundaries to join hands with people and locations that circle the globe.

Projects offer real world content, tasks, tools, and impact. Students dive deep into topics that include environmental stewardship, alternative energy development, and the rights of people across borders and territories. Along the way, they build skills in scientific research, technology, bilingual communication, networking, coding, robotics, and critical thinking purposed with multicultural perspectives. Our students investigate complex, international issues, pose solutions, and develop the skills they need to be active future policy makers in their respective communities and countries.

This innovative multi-cultural learning environment provides essential building blocks for life while preparing our students to be creative, inquisitive, and joyful learners.



## **An Education For Wherever The World Takes You**

There are few gifts you can give to your child greater than the ability to feel confident, capable, and prepared as they make their way through life. That is the gift of a bilingual, multicultural education — a lifelong advantage that begins in early childhood and expands as one grows, providing greater opportunities for higher-level thinking, creative exploration, and universal understanding.

# A world of **EXPLORATION**

Throughout our bilingual program, French American School of Princeton balances intellectual challenge with creative expression. We help instill the confidence our students require to be well-rounded leaders and innovators in their future endeavors.

**Our French and English bilingual** curriculum begins in Preschool and continues in every classroom via real world conversation and experiential dialog, allowing students to quickly and directly acquire dual language fluency comfort.

**Physical education** classes challenge our students with an array of skill building opportunities, guiding them to find joy in pursuing an active lifestyle while exploring international exercise concepts that enrich and expand the learning experience. Movement and organized play are essential elements of a child's maturation. Physical engagement allows children to advance multiple skills and to develop agility, fitness, collaboration, team spirit, and camaraderie.

**Art** is woven throughout the learning process, both as a means of expression and to better understand the world by conceptualizing in multiple dimensions. Students experiment with a wide range of materials and techniques using tailored investigations that focus on developing a creative process of their own. Our art program introduces students across all grades to international artists and art movements expanding their perspectives and techniques for discovering their muse while developing their unique interpretive voice and individual style.

Our **Music and Performing Arts** program inspires creativity and enjoyment. Students sing, improvise, read and write music, play instruments, and do dramatic play at all levels. Students perform comfortably in a group or individually. Music is particularly important in bilingual education. It allows students to identify sounds and change of tone helping them further develop their French and English speaking skills. Music also opens a window to explore a diversity of instruments and cultures.

## Gaining Confidence by Embracing Challenge

At the French American School of Princeton (FASP), students become bilingual and bi-literate in a diverse setting that provides a well-balanced combination of French structured learning and the American teaching methods that encourage self-confidence, creativity, and mutual respect.

# A world of **CHARACTER**

Our challenging, creative dual-language immersion program prompts children to speak fluently, think differently, and adapt easily as they become critical, independent thinkers and well-rounded citizens of exceptional character.

The rich diversity of our students, parents, faculty, and staff reflects the multicultural nature of our community, representing over 30 different countries with over 20 different languages spoken within our School. In this unique environment, students are introduced to differences as well as similarities among people and cultures. In this way, they cross barriers while building bridges of connection.

Through various partnerships with French Schools in North America, our students conduct academic scholarship involving collaboration with other students for research projects that dig into the root causes of global issues while posing collective solutions to benefit society. FASP graduates are extremely well prepared academically for high school and beyond. They attend and thrive at International, American, or French private or public schools.



## A Commitment to Develop Character

FASP helps students discover their own unique gifts and to value the talents of classmates, preparing them not only for higher education, but to be better people with a desire for improving society.

# A world of **BELONGING**

Whether walking through our halls, refining brushstrokes in art, participating in discussion groups, riding bikes around the circle, or reflecting with classmates in the cafeteria, FASP is a happy and safe place to learn.

Our faculty knows each student deeply and understands them for who they are – not just as a student in the class, but as a valued individual with their own identity, interests, and passions. Students from all cultures and family locations see themselves represented within their classrooms. FASP teachers are at ease welcoming our students' array of cultures and backgrounds creating a cohesive group, sharing mutual respect, and establishing a vibrant learning community of belonging.

French American School of Princeton is committed to inclusion, offering a robust bilingual curriculum and coterie connecting all parts of the world. We take immense pride in our diverse and inclusive community where everyone is welcomed and conjoined to thrive.



## Our Community Enjoys a Unity of Purpose

We are enthusiastic about being a school in which every member of the community shares a commitment to joyful learning. Our students push the boundaries of academic knowledge while gaining international friendships, discovering talents, pursuing ambitions, and developing feelings of belonging that endure.

# A world of **LEARNING**

The world of learning is full of wonder, challenge, and fascinating discoveries. So too is FASP. Young students possess extraordinary, curious, open minds. It is our mission to nurture and inspire this innate sense of wonder. Lessons are experienced, not just taught. Collective engagement and personal success are cultivated at each grade level and woven throughout the curriculum ensuring that gifts of knowledge and later wisdom extend far beyond the classroom.

FASP is an ideal school for families seeking an engaging perspective-widening bilingual academic program within an intimately scaled caring environment, where meaningful relationships engender transformative learning.

Our dedicated international teachers exude contagious intellectual energy, with a passion for their profession. They too are curious with interests extending far beyond their core subject areas. They consistently model respect for students and one another in a supportive community. Through purposeful interactions, faculty cultivate students' spirit of wanting to know in every setting—the classroom and the hallway, the laboratory and the library, the art studio and the stage, the court, and the playing field, expanding the opportunities for learning.

FASP students, feeling known and encouraged by their teachers and classmates, develop the confidence to explore new avenues of thinking, the wisdom to articulate meaningful insights, and the fortitude to act with integrity and honor. At the culmination of this carefully guided journey from Pre-K through Grade 8, FASP graduates evolve from curious young learners into critically thinking, individually expressive, confidently collaborative, and admirably honest young students. They are thoroughly prepared for the intellectual and relational challenges of high school and beyond.



## **International Faculty Enhance Student Learning.**

“True teachers are those who use themselves as bridges of which they invite their students to cross – then, having facilitated their crossing, joyfully collapse, encouraging them to create their own.”

Niko Kazantzakis, Greek writer and Nobel Prize winner.

# A world of **LEADERSHIP**

Leaders of the world start here. That is a common phrase heard around the campus and in every classroom. It refers distinctly to the dual language multi-cultural learning experience at FASP that transcends the normal platform for acquiring knowledge. Your child has the innate ability to learn multiple languages. You can provide that bilingual advantage by enrolling your child at the French American School of Princeton. FASP provides the supportive environment children need to develop a special comfort and facility with languages. The cross-language transfer of skills takes place gradually beginning in Preschool to ensure a proper command of both languages. Becoming bilingual translates to a game changing advantage. It is a specific and fascinating journey the endures a lifetime.

Being fully immersed in a bilingual school environment is the best way to learn another language. Taking a foreign-language class is not enough. At FASP, students do not just learn the language they live and breathe the language. In that process, students gain unique advantages that come with language

development– the cognitive ability to think in that language. This acculturation process expands mental acuity and agility. It enhances the ability to both comprehend and utilize inductive and deductive reasoning to increase awareness and build consensus via coherent understanding of multiple perspectives.

The FASP bilingual, multicultural program is a refined well-calibrated dual language academic curriculum utilizing a combination of French and American teaching philosophies. Our experienced faculty, together with our best practices methodology, encourage and deliver buoyant self-confidence, creativity, and mutual respect that inspires student curiosity, collaboration, and achievement across academic disciplines.

Our challenging dual language curriculum engages students, opening a pathway to a love of learning, while ensuring that they speak fluently in both languages. Our graduates become independent thinkers and leaders who adapt easily to achieve success in endeavors they pursue anywhere they choose..



## **FASP Students Embrace Leadership Responsibilities**

FASP Middle School students understand what it means to be a role model for Elementary and Preschool students. Not only do they teach, read stories to and guide younger children, they enjoy collaborating, working together, and building community spirit.

# A world of **OPPORTUNITY**

The FASP bilingual program prepares students for a world of inclusion and mutual understanding by delving into contemporary issues via experiential learning that cultivates leadership and encourages debate while strengthening advocacy. More important and succinct, FASP is a gateway to opportunity. At FASP, ubiquitous buzzwords are not jargon. They are ingested and lived. We embrace ideas that extend the learning by creating opportunities to build bridges across boundaries and connections across cultures leaving lasting impactful impressions.

FASP understands enduring positive change and how to get there. At FASP, the formula is built upon a solid foundation. Language is central for building relationships and it is through association that opportunity is born. The value of language and bilingual learning as launchpad to genuine connection between people of diverse societies is real. It is tangible, authentic, and dynamic. Bilingual learning opens pathways to develop meaningful, intimate, and intricate dialog among individuals from distinct cultures and backgrounds that endures making lasting change and progress possible anywhere and everywhere.



## **FASP Students are Prepared to Succeed.**

FASP graduates are critical, independent thinkers, and well-rounded individuals who find success in top international, American, and French private or public schools, and later throughout life and career.

# A world of **ACHIEVEMENT**

FASP graduates are extremely well prepared for high school. They attend International, American or French private or public schools.

#### **Schools attended in North America –**

- AWTY International School, Houston, TX
- Lawrenceville School
- Princeton Day School
- The Hun School of Princeton
- The Pennington School
- Notre Dame High School
- The George School
- The Ecole, NY
- French Immersion School of Washington, Seattle, WA
- International School of Boston, MA
- International School of Denver, CO
- International School of the Peninsula, CA
- Lycée français de New York, NY
- Lycée International of Los Angeles, CA
- Lycée Rochambeau, French International School, MD
- Lyceum Kennedy, NY
- The French International School of Chicago, IL
- The International School of Boston, MA
- The Winsor School, Boston, MA

#### **Schools attended Abroad –**

- American School of Paris, France
- Dulwich College, Seoul, South Korea
- Ermitage International School, France
- International French School of Tokyo, Japan
- Lycée français de Singapour, Singapour
- Lycée français international de Dubaï, United Arab Emirates
- Lycée français, Brussels, Belgium
- Lycée français, London, UK
- Lycée International de Sèvres (English International Section), France
- Lycée International de St Germain-en-Laye (American section), France
- Lycée International de Londres Winston Churchill, UK
- Lycée Pasteur, Sao Paulo, Brazil
- Marymount International School, Paris – France
- Zurich International School, Switzerland

### **FASP Students Excel at Schools Across the World.**

French American School of Princeton is a model for the advancement of learning and empowering of young minds. Our intention is to create a foundation where our multicultural community of students can thrive, becoming the leaders of their generation in positions across the world.

# A world of **COMMUNITY**

Our students arrive each day with origins from over 30 countries and nationalities. Our diversity is apparent, cherished, and utilized, enriching our community in countless ways. Every morning upon entering our stunning campus is an opportunity to feel grateful for the beauty of nature and to celebrate the uniqueness of a pastoral setting. At FASP, our students feel safe to learn, express themselves, and savor new experiences.

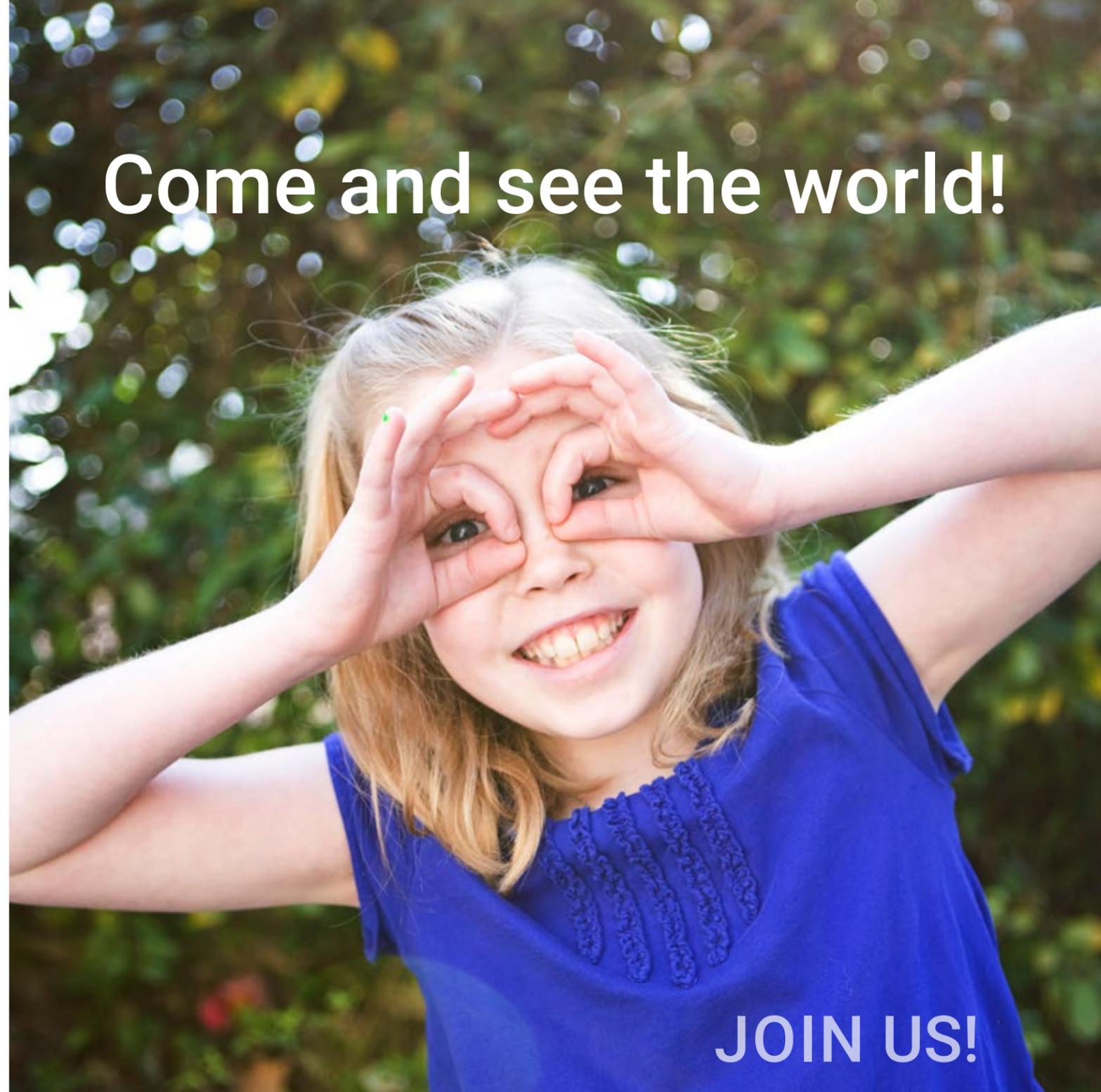
We encourage them to seek their unique persona, unleash their curiosity, and creativity, to reflect and share thoughts while embracing challenges. Daily, our bilingual students seize the boundless shapes, tastes, melodies and colors of the world illustrating an array of people, customs, and communities, while preparing for a rich journey of exchanges and collaboration that is matched with discoveries.

We welcome your child and family in our bilingual school and multicultural international community. We look forward to seeing you on our campus.

A très bientôt,



# Come and see the world!



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