



Students Experience World Culture First-Hand

WRPS students have many opportunities to explore and experience a variety of world languages and cultures. This past school year, World Language Teachers Lisa Torres and Jake Wendtland traveled with 12 Spanish students to Quito, Ecuador. During the 10 day trip, students were immersed in both the language and culture. The students stayed with host families for six days and studied at a local language school.

Each day was filled with tours and activities including an art museum, dance class, playing soccer at the park, hiking at the top of a volcano at 13,000 feet in elevation, and volunteering at a local elderly soup kitchen. Students attended an international World Cup qualification game, walked on the equator, and went shopping at the Otavalo Market. The final two days included a visit the rain forest in Mindo, where the students rafted down a river, zip-lined, hiked on a trail of waterfalls, and visited a butterfly garden. Everyone enjoyed an exciting trip with great food, incredible experiences, and unforgettable memories!



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