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Your Real Home Is Where Your Heart Is...by Noura AlZahrani, Saudi Arabia

Each one of us has a home, but sometimes home doesn't mean house or bedroom. The real home is where your heart is. On the other hand, some people think of home as a place they live and sleep in. I think the place where I have my culture, my relationships and emotional ties is my home.

It is logical that my home includes all of my relationships. My home has my family, and I feel happy when I see them around me. I have my father and mother who have supported me a lot in my life and have never left me alone, and my brothers and sisters, too. For example, when I had my son they assisted me but, in the U.S. where I am now, I am alone with my son, so have a big responsibility to take care of him. . Also, in my home city I have my friends whom I feel warm and comfortable with when I share memories with them.

We can infer that living abroad without my family makes me feel homesick. I know that changing countries makes me know many people and meet many new friends, but still my old friends at home are the best. These relationships make people realize where their real home is..

Culture is one of the most significant reasons to make people think about the right place of home. When people miss their traditional food, they always feel homesick. For sample I eat *cabsa* (Saudi rice and chicken) every week in the U.S., but I still miss the other traditional food in my home and how I enjoyed eating with all of my family. I also miss restaurants that I love, and could not find here in the U.S. Second, in my home I had a different normal life than my life in the U.S., which makes me say all the time that this place is not my home. I miss the many activities, my job and a big house with a big garden.

Many people can argue that they can create a new family and friends and make a new home. I think all of that is right and can happen, but the big family and old friends still are in their real home, the place where they were born. Also, others say that people have to adapt to new culture. I agree with them, but when there are big changes in your life, all people feel homesick for their real home.

Thus, the real home that we feel in our hearts has our relationships, culture, and emotional attachments in it.

My Father's Garden: A Place of Quiet, Peacefulness... by Banchayew Danbu, Ethiopia

My favorite place is my father's garden. It is a very beautiful and big garden. Many kinds of plants are there. The fruits look delicate and inviting. The vegetables are also attractive. The beautiful big trees give shade from the hot sun. I enjoy the fresh air, the sound of birds, and the sweet smell of flower. I walk inside my father's garden and eat fresh soft fruit like oranges, mangoes, guava and sugar cane. Sometimes, I collect fruit, such as papayas, mangoes, bananas, lemons, and coffee beans. I love to spend time in my father's garden because it is a quiet, peaceful, clean place. When I pray and relax there, I feel I am with God. My father's garden gives me a lot of fun, strength, and peace.



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People, Situations Make a Home...by Tsumugi Sato, Japan

To me, a home is made from people and situations. Now I have a home different from a real home, but it feels like a real home because the host family is very kind day to me. "You are a member of the family." Moreover, I like situations, such as watching TV together, eating together, or being in the same place even if we aren't doing the same things. Therefore, I think that people can feel like a family, and the situation that I am with them in, makes a place a home.

Many Meanings of Home...by Ziyad AlMugrin, Saudi Arabia

Home is one of the most significant parts in people's lives. When we mention "Home," there are many meanings for the word. Some parents state that "Home" is the place where we can find a job and there is a school for their children. On the other hand, others say "Home" is the place where we were born and raised and where our ancestors lived while some teachers argue that "Home" is a safe place without the possibility of being murdered and the country that provides equality among residents without bias. Finally, there are various definitions for "Home" depending on the person's background and where they are coming from. In my opinion, "home" is the place where my family lives.

Level Two Writes about Favorite Places

My Warm Bedroom. In China, I have a cozy family, and I have my favorite comfortable bedroom. My bedroom outside has a big balcony and the wall color is yellow. Every morning, this bedroom is sunny. In the middle, there is a big and red bed. Above the bed, there is a wedding picture of me and my husband. In the photo picture, I'm young, smiling, and dressed in a wedding dress. It looks very beautiful. On either side of the bed, there are two brown bedside tables. On the bedside table, there are two brown pedestals and a golden bedside lamp. On right of the bed, there is a big and brown wardrobe. In the wardrobe, the above space is large, so I can hang clothes. In the middle part of the wardrobe, there are four large and locked drawers. When I know something is important, it will be placed in the four drawers. Down the bottom of the wardrobe, there are several partitions to fold the clothes. Between the balcony and the bed, there is a romantic bar.



Every time I go back home, I just want to relax. In this room, there are no hidden secrets, only to open up conversation. At night, my husband and I drink a glass of red wine at the bar and take a look at the stars in the sky. Then he tells me about interesting things in his day. That's good. I enjoy what I do in my bedroom's time, and I love my husband. **Xin Dai, China**

My favorite restaurant is in Tunisia, and it is located in the center of a monastic city. I don't go out to eat very often, but I have one restaurant called "Safari" near my home, which takes 15 minutes by car from my house. The restaurant is small and very tidy. It has a beautiful interior. From the outside it looks very impressive, but inside it looks very romantic. The restaurant is situated near the beach and next to the restaurant there is an amazing night club called "Bora Bora". Around Safari, there are many hotels.

In addition, Safari has good food. It offers many kinds of food, and several dishes including exotic desserts. The prices are reasonable and the food is served quickly. It offers Tunisian, Italian, and German food. Also, it offers many kinds of beer and wine. My friends and I go to the restaurant every month. When I go to the restaurant, I eat Tunisian salad, fish, and I drink some beer. I enjoy and have fun in the place. Finally, the tourists come to the restaurant, and they enjoy good food, nice service, and a beautiful place. I would advise all of Tunisia to discover this restaurant. It is a great restaurant.

Youssef Kerkeni, Tunisia



Katara Beach. Most people have a favorite place in their life. There are many magnificent places in my country Qatar, such as Katara. Katara is one of the most popular places in my country. Katara is on the beach. Many people like Katara in the winter. For example, there are many tents with fire pits. In the tents are floor seats. Next to the tents, there are many restaurants. For example, the restaurants have two kinds. There are restaurants with hookah, and there are restaurants without hookah.

I feel happy in Katara because I have fun, and I can relax. When I go to Katara, I see the birds and the sky. Every day I went to Katara with my friends. We went to eat and

talk together. Some friends went to swim on the beach and play in the water. Katara is my favorite place for myself.

Bandar AlFahida, Qatar

My big neighborhood is beautiful and old. It has many different schools, and there is a big hospital and two clinics. In my neighborhood, there are some soccer fields. On the first street is a long soccer field and next to it, there is a basketball field. My house is around the fields, so it does not take too long to get there. In my neighborhood, there are two big farms next to my high school. On the long street that goes in the middle of the neighborhood are different kinds of shops. In the left and right, there are different shops, so we do not need to go far away to buy the grocery or whatever we need. When my mother needs to buy something, she calls me because she knows I will be hanging out around the shops or somewhere in the neighborhood. In my neighborhood is the oldest mountain, and it has a big and old story of the history of ISLAM. It is called Ohod Mountain, so Muslim people from different and far places around the world come to my neighborhood every year. It is famous and exciting place to visit.

My neighborhood is noisy, and there is action all the time. First, in the morning everybody is driving his car to go to his school or to work. The people are friendly, and the families are closer to each other. Then, in the afternoon people go to visit different houses around the neighborhood or sit in the living room with their family drinking coffee and tea, while they are talking about their day. While I was there, I was always sitting in the living room with my family. When the time became 5 pm, I went to enjoy playing soccer with my friends. After that, I went to buy everything my family needed before it was late and dark. Finally, I did whatever I had to do. Then I went to sleep. Spending one day in my neighborhood again is like a dream now, but one day the dream is going to be real. **Abdulrahman AlOufi, Saudi Arabia** (cont .p.3)

Favorite Places (cont. from p.2)

My favorite place in my city is the Dancing Fountain. This fountain is located in the middle of Al has Park – Saudi Arabia. Because this place is terrific and has wide green area, I feel happy, relaxed, and excited. The motor of the fountain has the ability to push the water up to 540 meters toward the sky. By this number, the fountain becomes the largest one in the world. It is acting in accordance with an electric system to the sound of the National anthem and general songs. Also, the fountain has laser screen that can represent the colors while it is dancing, so the purpose of creating this fountain was to reduce the toxic substances in the air and purification it.

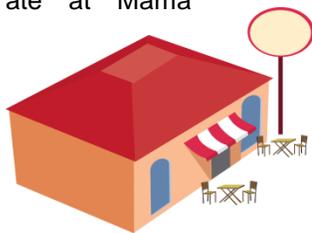
I feel happy, relaxed, and excited when I sit beside the Dancing Fountain. At night, I can see many different colors mixing with water and reflecting while the fountain is working. All these things, lights, colors, music are attracting me and make me enjoy. On the right side of the fountain, there is a big playground that I can observe my kids play and run with their friends. During daytime, when the fountain is off, I enjoy watching many different kinds of birds surrounding the lake or flying above it. Also, it is quiet in the morning, I like to be there at this time and bring my breakfast with me and enjoy. Dancing Fountain is an amazing place, but it did not count as one of the Seven Wonders of the World. However, it has a standard name in Guinness Book of Records. I love the Dancing Fountain. **Zainab Alkhalifa, Saudi Arabia**

My best room in my home is my bedroom. It has all the things that I like, so I feel comfortable when I stay there. My bed room is big, and it is on the second floor. There are beautiful furniture such as bed, dresser, rug, mirror, picture, night table, two windows, computer, and small TV. In the middle of my room is the bed. Next to the bed is the small night table. Also, there is a big picture on the right wall, and it is my father's picture. In front of the bed is a nice dresser, and between the bed and the dresser is a circular rug. On the left wall, there are two windows and a small TV with a computer. My room is next to my father's and mother's room.

I like my bedroom, and I feel comfortable in my room. I can watch TV, call my friends, or I can use my computer. Most of the time, I stay there, and I spend my studying time in it. When I want to talk to any one of my family, I invite him or her to my room because I can take my time there. Sometimes, I like to eat in my bedroom. My bedroom is big, so I can do anything that I want like studying, eating, playing, or inviting friends or family in it. I like my bedroom because I am happy in my bedroom. I feel relaxed in my bedroom. **Mabkhoot Al Marri, Saudi Arabia**

My special restaurant in my country is called Mama Norah Restaurant. I like this restaurant because I feel reassured when I go there. On the wall is a big television. In the middle, there is a cashier. Next to the cashier, there is a restroom. There is a big kitchen in back of the cashier. A lot of dining tables are in front of the cashier. Over the tables, there are flowers. Under the flowers is a red table cloth. The waiters are around the tables. Although Mama Norah restaurant has the best food, it does not have much space.

I feel reassured when I eat in Mama Norah restaurant. The food is clean and delicious, so it is my best restaurant. I often come to this restaurant, eat my meal, and drink fresh juice. My friends and I spent a lot of times at this restaurant. I ate at Mama Norah restaurant before I traveled to the United States. Sometimes it is crowded with customers, so I take my order outside. While we are driving home, I ask my husband, Younes, to stop by this restaurant to get some food. Sometimes I feel so excited to eat in this restaurant, but after I eat, I regret it. I try to prevent myself from eating in it because I am afraid of getting fat. This is because I feel comfortable. I love this wonderful restaurant, so I eat lot when I am there. I recommend this restaurant to any one, and I hope you try it someday. **Abdulah AIDousari, Saudi Arabia**



My favorite room is the living room. It has everything I need, and I feel happy there. My living room is small. Close to the door, there is a fireplace. Opposite the fireplace is a coffee table. Between the fireplace and the coffee table, there is a nice rug. In the corner, there is a beautiful sofa. Next to the sofa is a comfortable chair. Beside the sofa and chair is a lamp. The TV is in front of the sofa. Behind the TV, there is a big window.

I feel happy in my living room. I can do anything I want. I can see the birds or people outside the window. I sit with my family and drink coffee. When my friends come, we sit and talk or watch TV. Sometimes I play PlayStation. I read the newspaper. My family and I have fun together. My living room is perfect for me, my family, and my friends. **Norah AlRubiah, Saudi Arabia**

My living room is cozy and relaxing. The living room is large with brown wood floor and a big window which makes the room bright. Also, there is a large balcony with a beautiful mountain view. In the living room, there are two black leather sofas and two black end tables next to the sofas. In the middle, there is a white round coffee table on a white rug. Also there is a white floor lamp in the corner. In front of the sofa, there is a TV on a black entertainment center, and a DVD player under the TV. On the right of the sofa, there is a round mirror and next to it, there is a beautiful picture of my family on the wall. Most of the time, I sit on the cozy sofa watching TV or reading one of my favorite books. I like my room very much because I enjoy relaxing and spending time in it. This is my favorite room. **Aishah ARashidi, Saudi Arabia**

My favorite place is a hookah bar in Kuwait. I like this place because I can do anything there and I can meet girls there. I love that place because they put on relaxing music and I feel better. When I come in the bar, their service is good. When I order hookah, they first put water and juice on the table. Then they take my order. Sometimes I sit there for fun or just to smoke hookah. Also, I like this place because it is a five-star hookah bar. Also it has a great location in front of the beach, so I can smoke hookah inside or outside the building. Lastly, I recommend that you visit this place. **Saleh AlDossari, Saudi Arabia**



HOME: Just Four Letters but Many Meanings to Level Four Students

What does home mean? I have lived in my country, Saudi Arabia, and the USA, but which one is my home? Home is a place that you feel comfortable in and love the home and people. The place that I call home has to be comfortable. The people who live in my home must know who they are or, in other words, I must know about them. Second, love is so important. I can say Saudi Arabia is my home because I love it. Your feeling tells you your home. I love my family and I love the people there. Love makes me know where my home is. Finally, love and feeling comfortable show you your home inside your heart. Home relates to the heart. When someone asks me "Where is your home?" my heart answers him. "It's the place where you feel love and comfort. **Hussain AlHaydar, Saudi Arabia**

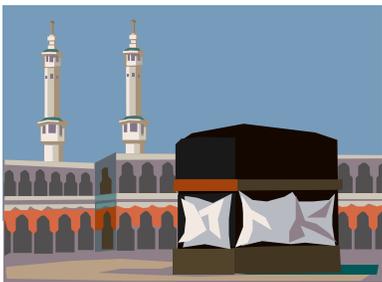
Home is a place I have to return to. Home is where I was born and grew up. Then, home determines my identity and direction in life. If someone doesn't have a home, he or she would be confused about who I am and where do I go? If someone has a home, he or she should enjoy life with a comfortable inner status. When a man knows where home is, he lives a life driven by purpose. In conclusion, home is where I must go and live. **Gideon Kong, South Korea**

Home is a place where I can live comfortably with my family. In fact, my family is my home. Wherever we are, I would consider that place a home. It may seem weird, but place without family is not home. **Aisha AlTurki, Saudi Arabia**

Can another country be home? Another country can be home if there is a family who can make me calm. My opinion is that home is a place where I can feel calm. When I live in another country, it is my home if I feel calm. A place is not related to home. Therefore, home can be made wherever. **Yumiko Uchiro, Japan**

What does "home" mean? For me, home is the place that I can unload all the worries of life. Home is where my family is. If I can stay with my family, anywhere can be my home. **Ye Yan, China**

Emotional and Traditional Reasons...by Hadi AlHaydar, Saudi Arabia



Home is something that is related to our experience in life. But for me home is related to my culture and emotion. However, some people say that home is where we live at the moment, where we succeed. They think that home is related to their experience. For example, if they are successful in the U.S., then the U.S. is their home. In my opinion, my home is where I was born, Saudi Arabia, because of emotional and traditional reasons.

The first reason is about emotional factors. My conscience doesn't allow me to forget about my country. We are very grateful for our country where we were born and raised. It is logical to think that our countries are the most significant reason for our success. When you think about your experience, you'll see how great your country is. This country gave me friends and helped me with my education. Also, this country made it easy for me to get an education far away. My country protects me even when I am far away from home. Home gave the most important things in my life which is my family. Home taught me how to love my country. It is a very strange feeling and very loud voice inside my head that always reminds me of home. I carry my nation because this country said that, and I have to deserve it. I will deserve it when I love this country and help it with my education.

The second reason is related to traditions. My home taught me to remember every single thing that it has given to me and judge if it deserves my love or not. I've decided that my home gave me everything I need to have a peaceful life. My family told me that I have to do everything to protect my home. That is why our first home is our real home. My Traditions tell me that I have to love this country, and I want to love, so I do. People who I was raised with helped me and I helped them, so I can never forget about them. That is what I have learned. I can't change this because it is not fair. This country raised me, so I can't just forget it.

However, some people say that home is where we succeed. It is unreasonable to think you are unsuccessful because you could not succeed in your country. First, when you think about your early education, you will remember that you got this education in your country. Your first home helps you in the beginning, so we have to respect this home in the end. The second reason is when you remember your people in your first home. You will see how they have helped you. You can't forget your family and the people who helped you.

In conclusion, home is something that is related to our hearts. It loves us, and we love it. Our homes raised us and taught us things we can't forget. Also, our homes are our beginnings. We can't forget our beginning in the end.

Difficulties of Adapting to a New Home... by Wasmiah AlKulaib, Saudi Arabia



Life conditions force many people to travel and change their homes. Some people can adapt very fast and some others cannot accept the new home. In my opinion, I believe that home is where your heart is for emotion, health and social reasons. First, home is where my heart is because of emotional reasons, such as feeling love, self-confidence, and satisfaction. Home is the love for everyone. You can't live without love. Also, if you live in a place that you love, you will have more self-confidence. You will feel comfortable and happy. For example, I was in a cousin's house five years ago for one week because my house was being repaired. I didn't feel comfortable, and I didn't have any self-confidence because I didn't like my cousin, so I couldn't feel good living in her house. Moreover, living in a house that your heart loves brings satisfaction. I am always satisfied when I stay peacefully in my lovely home. On the other hand, some people might say that emotional reasons are not enough to choose home because they are not logical. It seems to be very unfair to ignore how much our feelings affect our choice and our lives. I can't live in a house I hate for just one day! In conclusion, my home is where my heart is because of my emotional reasons.

Secondly, my home is where my heart is because of health reasons. Our hearts can affect our health. Many diseases come from the physical heart. For example, depression, high blood pressure and other stress diseases that could happen to someone who lives in a house that they hate. Also, living in a home you hate can cause homesickness. Homesickness comes when you live in a place that you feel you don't belong. For example, in my cousin's house I felt homesick because I hated the place and that affected my health, too. In addition, living in a home you can help you have good habits. Having a good life habits can affect our health. In my lovely home, I always eat and sleep very well. However, some people may argue that changing homes does not affect their health. It's logical to say that, but imagine if you live in a home you don't like, do you think you could eat or sleep well? Do you think your health would be good? Of course not! All that can affect your health. In conclusion, living in a home you love is good for your health.

Third, living in a home you love is good for social reasons, such as communicating with other people, having new friends, and helping the community. On the other hand, some people say that immigrating to another country brings new life and new friends. It is a fact that many people who don't like their new home, don't communicate with people in their new community and prefer to stay along.

Finally, I believe that home is where my heart is. Home is where my love is because of emotional health and social reasons.

Home Is Where You Make It... by Turki AlRefai, Saudi Arabia

The world is big and wide. There are many countries and many regions, but the most important part of the world is its people because a country can't be a real country without people. Also, those people get citizenship from the country they live in. All people around the world belong to countries, which countries are our homes. On the other hand, some people leave their countries to go to other places because of money, work, and education. Moreover, those people like and love the country of their citizenship more than their home countries. Therefore, I totally agree that "home is where you make it" because the country that does not help its citizens shouldn't be home for those people, and they should belong to a country that provides for a good life.

It is logical to think that your home is a country that provides education, job, and the ability to make your own business or projects. First of all, many people move to other countries to get a good education. For example, a lot of Egyptians come to Saudi Arabia because education and books are free, so they know that education will help them to have more money in the future. At the same time, they like Saudi Arabia more than Egypt. Secondly, a lot of engineers and teachers move to rich countries to get higher income to create good lives for their families. Also, some of them will never go back home. For example, my brother has worked in the U.S. since 1998, and he became an American citizen. He likes the U.S. very much and his son is American. Moreover, sometimes it is too hard to make your own project in your country for many reasons, such as taxes, so they leave their country to make their project with less money. For example, these days, a lot of Saudis go to Dubai to do their own projects without taxes because Dubai supports young to make their projects.

It is reasonable to assume that people are looking for the country that provides many things, such as medical insurance, freedom, and social services. First of all, in poor countries, medical insurance is not provided, so they come to Saudi Arabia, especially for medical services. Also, in some countries the government is too strong, so it restricts the freedom of the people, then, those people try to have a democratic country, such as the U.S. Moreover, in poor countries, there may not be adequate power and water, so they try to move to a good country, such as Saudi Arabia and the U.S. because they need these things to live. On the other hand, many people think that home is where your heart is because they believe that people should support their country not get money from it. I completely disagree, because people need money for their lives. Also, the government should do the best they can to help citizens by providing free education. In Saudi Arabia, the government provides free education and a scholarship program for students, which really helps them in the future. Moreover, some people say that money and a good life shouldn't change your mind about your country even if you live in that country and earn money, you should go back to it. I want to live in a country that provides me a job and a good life. I would love it more than my own country. Also, I will try to help my new country just as it helps me.

Therefore, your home is where you make a good life and enjoy your rights. You should never go back home if your country does not help you. Moreover, you should live in the country that supports you to make that good life for you and your family. For me, I love my country because it supports me for getting education, but it does not mean I could not move to another country to make a good life and a good future.



Meet the Level One Students

- Hello. My name is **Khalifa AlShami**. I am from Saudi Arabia. My life is very interesting. I am friendly and happy. I am single. I like swimming and I like shopping and travel and cars. I have a nice family, and I like my brother and sister. I miss my family and my house. Finally, I will do the good thing for my life and study.
- Hello. My name is **Hussain AlHokash**. I am from Saudi Arabia in Najran. I am an interesting person. I like swimming and soccer. I am single and friendly. I like to play football every day. I love to watch TV. I miss my family. I am tall and like driving a car. I like sports. Now you know who I am. I hope we can become friends.
- My name is **Abdulnafir Alganfoud**. I am from Tripoli, Libya. I am an interesting person. I am married. I am a student. I like the sea and football. I live in Denver. I like Bazen. I am friendly. I have one boy and one girl. I like family. I miss my mother. Now you know who I am. I hope we can become friends.
- My name is **Faisal Nofal**. I'm from Saudi Arabia in Jeddah. I'm an interesting person. I have a family of three sisters and two brothers. My favorite food is pizza. I like swimming, shopping, sports and the Rocky Mountains. I'm single. I like video game a little. I miss my family and my friends. I love my country. Now you know who I am. I hope we can become friends.
- My name is **Mohamed Arwini**. I am from Libya. I am an interesting person. I am single. My weight is 90 kilograms. I am strong. I am happy in the U.S. I am friendly with many people. I like swimming, diving and driving a sports car. On weekends, I like going to downtown Denver. Now you know who I am. I hope we can become friends.

New Lives in the U.S.

Amy Chan, China: *Coming to the U. S. was an interesting experience. In my country, I was happy. I had a wonderful family and a good job. I was always happy and confident. Now I live in Denver, Colorado. I changed my life and learned a new language with a new city, new friends, new food, and new faces. Everyone is new. The change is big for me. First, I don't speak English. I listen to English with difficulty, but I never give up on myself. This is my new life.*

Pauline Pitteloud, Switzerland: *Coming to the USA was a good experience. On seventeen August, I came to the USA with two friends. We traveled to the West Coast. My favorite place was Bryce Canyon because I found that the landscape was amazing. In addition, I found the USA really fine. The country was beautiful and the people war very open and nice. I lived the beautiful experience, and I discovered a lot of new things. My trip in the USA was exciting.*

Abdulrahman AlOtaibi, Saudi Arabia: *Coming to the U.S. was an exciting experience. I came here because I wanted to learn English and a knowledge of the culture. I now study in Denver. I go to school weekdays, and after school I go to the library. I travel on weekends. I went to L.A. and San Francisco and Arizona. In my country, I studied computer engineering. After school I sit with my family. I love this experience in the U.S., but I miss my country.*

A Funny Story... by Layla AlHarbi, Saudi Arabia: *I have a funny story. When I was in America for the first time, I was afraid of dogs. When my family and I went to the park to spend a lot of fun times, we saw dogs, and we were scared. After that, when we wanted to make a barbecue, we were standing to prepare our lunch. A dog came to me, and I didn't know what to do. I ran and the dog ran behind me. My children were crying. Finally, the owner of the dog stopped it and he told me, "The dog thought you were playing with him." At that moment I felt embarrassed. Some people looked at me and they laughed. This wasn't good behavior because I was afraid, and my kids were cringe, but they looked and didn't care. When I arrived home, I remember that this was an embarrassing situation, and I laughed.*



Go Broncos! Another first for students was a September Tail Gate Party in the school parking lot.

JOIN HANDS WITH THE WORLD

You're Invited! Spring International's 36th annual International Dinner is coming soon on Friday, Oct. 30, in the ACC Dining Room.

Everyone is invited: students, host families, teachers, conversation partners, and community members. Each country at Spring will have a table with food from the country.

Admission is one international or American dish to serve eight persons. More than 15 countries will participate. Dancing, music, and a costume parade will highlight the evening. Wear a Halloween costume or your international dress.



Spring's first soccer (football) game of the season with Denver

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