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Pinecrest and Cognac, France students kicked off student exchange program via Skype

Pinecrest, Fla. – Palmetto Middle School French Club students and Pinecrest Mayor Cindy Lerner Skyped with Cognac, France students and Cognac Mayor Michel Gourinchas Saturday, February 15th to kick-off a student exchange program between the sister cities.

To download photos go to: <http://ge.tt/2aWJPPK1?c>

The first Pinecrest-Cognac exchange students are expected to travel abroad early next year. The students exchanged email addresses and plan to set up a social media page where they can exchange ideas. They would also like to Skype at least once a month to continue their blossoming friendship.

The Skype conversation was a prelude to a day full of all things French in Pinecrest Gardens in celebration of the second annual Cognac Day. There was a *Musée Des Arts du Cognac* poster exhibit, French cuisine and French music by the Miami Youth Symphony.

The exhibit was curated by Chantal Martell, who loaned Pinecrest many of the vintage cognac poster reproductions for the exhibit and wrote historical commentary for each piece. Martell was instrumental in making Cognac Day and the Skype session a success as her family is from Cognac and has been making cognac since 1715 under the Cognac Martell brand.

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