

SCHOOL-PTC NEWSLETTER



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Principal's Message

Spring in New Hampshire

by Claude McKay

*Too green the springing April grass,
Too blue the silver-speckled sky,
For me to linger here, alas,
While happy winds go laughing by,
Wasting the golden hours indoors,
Washing windows and
scrubbing floors.*

*Too wonderful the April night,
Too faintly sweet the first
May flowers,
The stars too gloriously bright,
For me to spend the evening hours,
When fields are fresh
and streams are
leaping,
Wearied, exhausted,
dully sleeping.*



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「春雨じゃあ、ぬれて参ろう」

“Harusame jya, nurete mairou.” (“It is spring rain. Let us walk in the rain.”) This is a famous line by the leading character of the play, “Tsukigata Han-peita.” When the leading character puts up his umbrella for the Maiko (apprentice geisha), he tells her the

line and the two walk in the rain. I have heard my mother saying this on rainy days while I was growing up. Spring rain is not very cold, so we don't have to worry about catching cold. It is nice to walk in the rain. Lovers quietly walking in spring rain, create a nice poetic scene.

The spring break is over and the third trimester has begun. At the end of the second trimester, on March 31st, the daily and Saturday division combined Speech Contest was held. Twenty-five students participated in the event. Each contestant carried out his/her speech splendidly. All the teachers and staff are very proud of them and are greatly relieved.

As our students advance themselves to higher grades and education, they will have many chances to give speeches in public. They may have to do presentations about their research or debate on political topics taking different sides. Without getting timid and shy, presenting or speaking out their own opinions in public takes some practice. Of course, they have to study hard, read a lot of books, and acquire much knowledge on many topics and subjects. Taking interests in different occurrences in the world, improving

power of thinking are all important for them to present their opinions.

We hope their participation in the speech contest gave the younger participants confidence and interest in public speech, and that it was a good practice for our older ones. We also hope that this was a wonderful and memorable experience for them as a part of learning Japanese at JLS. All the teachers and staff would like to give a big applause to all the contestants for their extraordinary effort. Good job, everyone!

For this contest, the following companies donated trophies for our outstanding students:

Sponsors and Award recipients:

- ◆ California Bank & Trust Award:
Nozomi Washiya (Saturday K3)
- ◆ Union Bank Award:
Mia Usui (Saturday 1st grd)
- ◆ Nikkei Credit Union Award:
Midori Noguchi (Daily 4th grd)
Kaori Nelson (Saturday 4th grd)
- ◆ Japanese American Community Credit Union Award:
Shune Kawaoto (Daily 2nd grd)
- ◆ All Nippon Airways (ANA) Award:
Yuki Inoue (Saturday 6th grd)
- ◆ Gardena Buddhist Church Award
for the most outstanding student:
Sera Shimooka (Saturday 6th grd)

Congratulation to the award recipients!

A special issue of compositions written by the recipients will be distributed in the classes at a later time. Please enjoy reading them.

【Our Judges】

- 1) Mr. Susumu Maki (The Secretary-General of Nanka Tottori Club, and former JLS Principal);
- 2) Rev. Nobuo Miyaji (GBC Head Minister)
- 3) Dr. Tom Maeda (GBC Counselor)
- 4) Ms. Chizuko Mizoguchi (CA Bank & Trust Rep.)
- 5) Mr. Tomonori Kawamoto (Union Bank Rep.)

Building Maintenance Work

During the past spring break, the building maintenance crew worked on the following projects:

- 1) Painted outside of the school buildings. (Due to rain this project is still going on.)
- 2) Assembled the brand new outside play equipment for the preschool (back yard)
- 3) Painted the preschool benches

We appreciate their hard work to improve our school as always.

Maintenance Crew: Wallace Yuki, John Nakamura, Hiro Kawai, Ken Nishida, Joe Nishihira, Damiel Iwamoto

To purchase the big out-door play equipment for the preschool, we used Marukai money along with the church help. Marukai fund also helped pay for the installation of air conditioners in classrooms, and the stereo system and big speakers for



the Preschool Undokai before. It has been truly helpful for our big purchases. We are very grateful to Marukai's owner, Mr. Matsu. Thank you so very much. JLS families, please, keep bringing all your Marukai receipts to the office. Don't throw them out.

———— Madoka I. Hull,
Principal

FUJI-MATSURI BAZAAR - May 5th

Date: Saturday, May 5th -11 AM - 6 PM

Place: Gardena Buddhist Church

Entrance fee: Free

The language school and Nakayoshi preschool will be closed on May 5th.

The Japanese-Language Proficiency Test

Congratulation! There are many students who passed the Japanese proficiency test held by Japan Foundation.

- ◆ The 2nd degree:
Ishii, Karen Lina (Sat. 8th grd. Ms. Mizoguchi class)
- ◆ The 3rd degree:
Ishii, Brian Mitsuki (Sat. 5th grd. Mr. Aratani class)
- ◆ The 4th degree:
Shimooka, Sera (Sat. 6th grd. Ms. Uehara class)
Washiya, Hikaru (Sat. 7th grd. Ms. Uehara class)
- ◆ The 5th degree:
Inoue, Yuuki (Sat. 6th grd. Ms. Uehara class)

If anybody is interested in taking the test, please refer to the Japan Foundation site.

**SCHOOL CALENDAR****April**

6th	Fri	JLS/P.S.(Daily Div.) 2nd Trimaster Ends
7th	Sat	JLS/P.S.(Sat Div.) 2nd Trimaster Ends
8th	Sun	P.S. Hanamatsuri (Hanamido observation)
9~14th	M-Sat	Spring Break--- No School
16th	Mon	JLS/P.S.(Daily Div.) 3rd Trimaster starts
21st	Sat	JLS/P.S.(Sat Div.) 3rd Trimaster starts

May

4th	Fri	P.S. (Daily Div.) Tango no Sekku Celebration (Boy's/Children's Day)
5th	Sat	GBC Fujimatsuri Bazaar --- No School
12th	Sat	5th Grade to 12th Grade Graduation Trip
28th	Mon	Memorial Day --- No School

Notes from



Nakayoshi Preschool

Director's Message



Our biggest family event, Undokai, Sport Day was a big success! Thank you very much to all our parents for their support.

On the day of Undokai, the weather was so unstable.

While we were carefully observing the movements of big clouds in the sky, the teachers and I were giving the MCs many instructions about whether a certain part of the program should be omitted, the program order should be switched or the event should be stopped for rain. It was drizzling and raining lightly on and off. We luckily carried out most of the program. Yet, finally at 10:55 AM, we had to stop the event due to strong rain. At the end, we barely could give out the participation gifts to our preschoolers while many fathers and mothers were putting away the gears and equipment into the truck. Every one was running. Back at the school, many parents again worked very hard to put away all the equipment into the garage and other proper places. It was such a fantastic teamwork. We are truly grateful to all the parents who helped us to the end. Undo-kai this year will be one of the most memorable ones.

Special thanks go to:

- ◆ Ms. Dial and many room mothers who were running around to manage the event smoothly;
- ◆ Ms. Ozawa, Ms. Takeda, Ms. Clark, and Ms. Kozaki for their M.C. jobs
- ◆ Many fathers and mothers who helped from the beginning to the end of the event
- ◆ Ms. Hiraizumi and Ms. Nakagawa, the chair and vice chairwoman of the Undokai Committee

We could have not done this without everyone's help. Thank you.

Important Announcement:

✿ Re-registration:

The re-registration forms have been distributed in the classes. This enrolment is for the new school year starting from summer session on June 25th. We have limited spaces. So, please submit it as soon as possible. After the deadline, some fee will be charged.

JLS Summer School

After graduation of the Preschool division in June, our 4-year-old students will move onto the JLS language division K3 classes. JLS offers summer school for six weeks. An eight weeks daycare program is available as well for our working parents. Students will enjoy learning hiragana, colors, animals, shapes, vocabulary, listening Japanese stories, art & crafts, cooking, kaki gori making, field trip and many other fun activities. For Japanese speaking children who need help on leaning English before entering public kindergarten class, English class is also available during summer. Please sign up for this fun filled summer school program, A.S.A.P.

You can see all the detailed information on the blue fliers.

Thank you

✿ We received Hello Kitty ajitsuke-nori and green tea cans from Marukai corporation for Undokai.

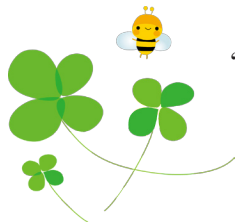
✿ Ms. Hiraizumi donated 8 dozens of bottled waters for our preschoolers, teachers and staff for Undokai.

Thank you very much.

____ Yoshiko Morohoshi,
Director



PTC News



“Spring has sprung”, but the weather continues to stay cool . . . hopefully, the warm spring weather is right around the corner.

Despite the rainy weather, the spring PTC fundraiser, chicken teriyaki and cookie sale, was very successful and the PTC would like to thank everyone for their support – to those families who purchased tickets, and to the parents who volunteered their time and donations. The Friday sale was spared the rain, but the cold rain on Saturday did not dampen the spirit of the parents who made sure that the kids had plenty of cookies to buy and had fun at the fishing game and craft booths. It was challenging, but our parents made it happen! Without everyone’s support, none of this would have been possible – thank you so very much.

A special thank you to Mutual Trading Company for donating 100 lbs. of rice; to Mrs. Nobuko Ajifu and Marukai for their corporate support; Mrs. Akiko Olsen for always making our special teriyaki sauce; and to Mrs. Lisa Kuwabara for her unrelenting support!

The proceeds from the PTC fundraisers help financially support the PTC-sponsored events for all divisions of the Japanese Language School and Yochien during the school year. Apparently, there has been rumor that there are some families who do not wish to support our annual fundraisers because the “annual graduation trip” does not directly benefit their child. While this activity is a major ticket item for the PTC, it is not the only reason why we have our two annual fundraisers. All divisions of the Yochien and Japanese Language School are provided with annual PTC-sponsored events – in other words, all students benefit from your support, donations, and time. Without your support and volunteering, these events could be in danger of being terminated for your child’s division. Please do not allow that to happen – especially during these challenging times for everyone . . .

We are in the home stretch now – with the graduation trip and year-end events for the students remaining. On behalf of our students, thank you for your continued support, generosity and contribution of valuable time to provide fun and cultural enrichment to their Japanese language education.

———— Nancy Hamasaki

Next PTC Meeting:

Saturday, May 19th, 2012 at 8:45 am
in the Hondo Room.

Summer School Now Accepting Enrollment



Let’s make good use of summer vacation by learning Japanese. The program includes Japanese learning, arts and crafts with summer themes, exercise, cooking, making shaved ice, a field trip and many more fun activities. It is an enriching program and the best chance for your children to review, learn new things and catch up. The registration forms are available at the office.

[Summer School]

- ◆ Daily Class: June 25 (Mon) - Aug 3 (Fri)
- ◆ Saturday Class: June 30 (Sat) - July 28 (Sat)

2012-2013 New School Year Enrollment

Registration for the 2012 - 2013 school year will start. The notice and the re-registration form will be distributed in the classes very soon. Please submit the re-registration form to your class teacher, A.S.A.P. The dead-line for the enrollment:

◆ JLS division ... Thursday, May 31

* After these dates, \$20 late fee will be charged.

To Preschool 4-year-old parents:

Please note that for preschoolers who are entering K3 from this fall, the dead line is different.

◆ Deadline - Saturday, May 12

After the dead line, \$90.00 registration fee will be charged for it is treated as a new registration. Please read the detailed information letter that has been distributed in each class.

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Thank you very much for your generosity!
Ms. Gene Yamane, Mr. Rafael Escobar