

SCHOOL-PTC NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

The end of school year of 2007-2008 is near.

Our 5th, 6th and 7th graders went on a field trip to Disneyland on May 10th, and everyone had a great time.

On the same weekend of 10th and 11th, the students of Ms. Goya class went to Catalina Island. They enjoyed many activities there. Through a couple of tours, they had a chance to see the beautiful scenery of the island and under the sea at the protected area of Lover's Cove. In the cute little town of the Island, the students shared a wonderful time dining at an Italian restaurant and at a good old American diner. They stroll around in the town shopping for some souvenirs for their families and friends. Overall, the trip was great, and students came home with a lot of wonderful memories. The chaperons appreciated all of the students for they behaved very responsibly during the trip.

For these trips, we received a generous amount of donations from the PTC. The GBC (church) donated some money for the trip, as well, instead of chartering a bus. For years, many PTC parents have dedicated themselves to this school through their activities, projects and events. They are great assent of the school. We are obliged to all our parents for their continuous support and help for the school.

Chaperons ...

Ms. Sato, lead teacher and Mr. Aratani for Disneyland
Ms. Goya, Ms. Kuwabara, PTC President,
Ms. Noro, PTC member & myself for the Catalina trip

We appreciate their hard work keeping our students safe. *Gokuro-sama deshita!*

June is the month of graduation. All our teachers are working hard to complete this school year and to prepare for graduation.

For the 80th anniversary project, we completed making T-shirts. The creation of the anniversary booklet is in the final state before printing. We are anticipating being able to give our students the T-shirts and the booklets some time in June. For the creation of the booklets, Ms. Ando, the office manager and Ms. Ames, our graphic designer, worked very hard. Dr. Maeda was in charge of writing the history of the school. It involves a great deal of time, much work and creativity putting it all together. Ms. Ames also took on the assignments of designing our school logo and other designs. I would like to express my sincere appreciation to these three people.

Another exciting news is our new web site. Ms. Sawada and Ms. Aiba, both preschool mothers have been working on our site for JLS and Nakayoshi preschool. It'll be ready soon for everyone to visit.

These are a few examples of many excellent supporters of our school. We have had another successful school year. Thank you everyone for your cooperation and support.

Madoka I. Hull, Principal

VISIT OF THE CONSUL GENERAL TO JLS

Mr. Junichi Ihara, the consul general and Mr. Naoyuki Kawagoishi, a consul from the Japanese Consulate at L. A., visited JLS on May 17th to congratulate us on our 80th anniversary. Mr. Ihara has just arrived in L. A. from Tokyo recently to take over the position. Mr. Ihara and Mr. Kawagoishi went around observing the Hondo chapel and every class room. They listened to the explanations about the church and school enthusiastically. They told us about their families and their private lives. Both



From left: Rev. Miura, Mr. Ihara-Consul General
Mr. Murakami, Ms. Morohoshi, Mr. Kawagoishi-Consul & Ms. Hull

of them were very caring. We wish them a wonderful time fulfilling their duties and many happy experiences in L. A.

DONATION REQUEST

We have sent donation request letters to all the parents of graduating students. However, so far we have had a very few responses. We would very much appreciate your donations to produce graduation diplomas and certificates, to purchase gifts and trophies for students and many expenses that need to be covered. Thank you for your understanding.

SUMMER SCHOOL REGISTRATION

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR CHILDREN IN THE SUMMER SCHOOL YET?

We have a wonderful summer school with very good teachers. Everyone will be sure to benefit from attending this program. Children will be able to strengthen their skills in conversation, reading and writing. Fun activities and a field trip will be offered, too. Come and join us! The details are available at the office.

Summer School Schedule:

Daily Classes: Mon., June 30 to Fri., August 8

Saturday Classes: Sat., July 5 to Sat., August 9

Day Care Program

will be available.



REREGISTRATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR OF 2008 - 2009

The dead line for reregistration:

Daily Classes ... Friday, June 20

Saturday Classes ... Saturday, June 21

**** \$20 late fee will be required after the dead line.**

Fun Memory of Catalina Trip



Ice cream after dinner is delicious!



Ms. Goya with the girls

Notes from



Nakayoshi Preschool

Director's Message:

Leaves on the sycamore tree in the back yard are sparkling so beautifully, and the early summer breeze feels so great, now, after the recent heat spell.

The last couple of months in this semester include Children's Day, Mother's Day, Cavity Prevention Day, Time Day, Father's Day, and birthday parties for the children born in July and August.

At the last birthday party, our teachers put out a fantastic show of Kintaro and the Bear's sumo wrestling. Our children got so excited watching it. I myself had a great time watching it, too. They could become professional entertainers who visit nursing homes and other preschools. It was that good. It reminded me of the time when I was a young nurse in Japan. My fellow nurses and I used to visit the children's hospital and played during Christmas season. I appreciate our preschool teachers making big effort planning and preparing for the big events for our children throughout the year.



This year, 46 children of Ayame, Sumire and Kiku classes are graduating from the preschool with a lot of fun memories. Congratulations to the children and their parents!



Yoshiko Morohoshi,
Director

ANNOUNCEMENT

The graduation Ceremony for the preschool will be held on Friday, June 20th. The detail will follow. There will be no afternoon classes on that day.

SUMMER SESSION

Daily Classes ...

Monday, June 30th to Friday, August 22nd

Saturday Classes ...

Saturday, July 5th to Saturday, August 9th

2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR STARTING DAYS

Daily Classes ... Thursday, September 4th

Saturday Classes ... Saturday, September 6th



TUITION INCREASE

There will be some increase in tuition as of September, 2008.

Daily Preschool	9 AM - 12 PM	\$340
Day Care (daily)	9 AM - 4 PM	\$500
	8 AM - 6 PM	\$550
Mommy & Me	10:30 AM - 12 PM	\$60
Toilet Training		\$60
Saturday Preschool	8:30 AM - 12 PM	\$100

* Tuesday-Thursday program and Monday-Wednesday-Friday program will not be offered from next school year.

FIRST DAY OF NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Daily Class... Thursday, September 4

Saturday Class ... Saturday, September 6

The detailed information of the new school year and text book & material list and others will be mailed to each family during summer.

PIANO CLASS by Ms. Yasukawa

On Sunday, May 18th, the Sonata Sonatina Competition was held by the California Association of Professional Music Teachers at Whittier College. A few students from our piano class participated in it. Alisa Hathaway won the first prize in the age group under 7. This was a result of the student's effort as well as the family's strong support. I hope this win gives her a big boost and confidence. There will be another competition titled Southwest Course Music Festival (SYMF) held in July and August. Some students are participating.



OBON CARNIVAL

Obon Carnival will be held on Saturday, August 2nd and Sunday, August 3rd. There will be many food booths and fun games. Bon-odori (dance) will be held on both days for every dancer to join. Raffle tickets will soon be mailed to each JLS family. We appreciate your cooperation buying and selling the tickets. This event is the **BIGGEST** fund raising for the church.

The JLS teachers will help the Sushi booth on Saturday.

If anyone wishes to volunteer, please inform the office.



PTC NEWS

Our last event for this school year is the Pizza Party on Friday, June 20th and Saturday, June 21st. If anyone can help the event, please let your class-mothers know.

We are renting Fun-Jumps on Wednesday, June 18th for preschoolers. Kindergarten and lower grade students are also welcome to play in the equipment.

We thank all the mothers and fathers who helped us for our various events this year.

Lisa Kuwabara, President

SCHOOL CALENDER

June

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| Fri. 20th | Daily Div. Third semester ends
PTC Pizza Party |
| Sat. 21st | Sat. Div. Third Trimester ends
PTC Pizza Party |
| Sat. 21st | Graduation Ceremony
in Church Hondo
@4:00 PM |



ATTENTION PLEASE!!

Before this semester ends,
please check

the "LOST & FOUND" corner in the JLS office.
You may find your lost items there.

Please write your name on every belonging.

When this semester ends,
all the items will be thrown out.