

SCHOOL-PTC NEWSLETTER



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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2015

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

“May in Bloom”

By Helen Maring

*May is so beautiful;
Orchards are fair;
Branches of fruit trees
Make gardens of air.*

*Flowers of fragrance
Bloom in the light;
Fall like the snowflakes
Showering white.*

*Orchards of heaven
Grow with a grace,
And like a blessing
Perfume the place.*

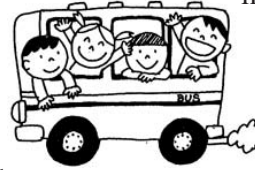
*Each tree in blossom,
Each lovely spray,
In this month of Our Lady,
Bring glory to May.*

The Magnificat. Volume LXVIII. Number 1. May 1941.

We all enjoyed the carp streamers fluttering peacefully in the wind against the May sky in the parking lot. The early summer breeze deepens the green leaves.

On May 9th, 33 students of 6th to 11th grade had a ball at the Disneyland. Ms. Sato, our lead teacher, Mr.

Aratani, Ms. Uehara and Ms. Akin also had a great time chaperoning the students. Ms. Pitre, the mother of two students joined the trip. I was happy to see everyone coming out of the bus looking so content at the end of the day. Our deepest gratitude goes to the PTC board members and all the parents who supported the fund raising events to make the trip possible this year. How lucky students are to get to go on this trip every year. The PTC and the church covered the cost of the admission tickets, students and teachers' meals and the school bus.



During the months of May and June, the office and teachers are busy closing the school year. The notice of the promotion/graduation ceremony already was sent to parents.

We have changed the format of the ceremony. We will conduct two separate ceremonies for the daily and Saturday divisions. For Saturday division, the starting time of the ceremony has been moved to 9:00 AM. For the daily division, it will be conducted at 4:00 PM on the Thursday of the last week of the school year. The entire school will attend and celebrate a completion of the school year and graduation together. This year, 26 students are graduating from the elementary, middle, high school and the Advanced study course (11th grade.) Several awards such as perfect attendance awards and academic achievement awards will be granted. One 9th grade and two 11th grade students will graduate from American high schools as well as this school, and they will proceed to the higher educational institutions. The two students have been studying here since preschool or lower elementary

grade. They owe their success to not only their strong wills but also to their parents' support and encouragement. All other parents are also to be commended for their interest and devotion in their children's education and overall wonderful parenting.

Currently, Japanese language and Japanese culture are getting much attention in many parts of Europe and Asia. Back in 1980, when Japan begun trading more with America, many high school and college students and adults started learning Japanese for their benefit. They thought that being able to speak Japanese may give them some advantage in business. Now, many people are just interested in the language and the culture. They are fond of the country itself, and wish to learn Japanese. Some countries like Australia have incorporated the Japanese language education from elementary school. Many students are eagerly learning the language. In recent years, many foreigners are visiting Japan. In year 2014, over 13 million people visited Japan and the total amount of retail sales, hotel cost and such exceeded 2 trillion yen (16.7 billion U.S. dollars). The shopping spree by foreign tourists boosted sales of electronics, department stores and many others. A new Japanese word, “Baku-gai”, (shopping spree) has been created. Baku(爆) means explode, kai(買) means to shop. Aside from the boom, I hope our students keep learning and deepening their understanding of the country and continue acquiring this beautiful language.

Thank you very much to all the parents and teachers for making another successful academic year.

—— Madoka I. Hull, Principal

PTC NEWS



Happy Spring everyone!! This will be the last PTC newsletter for this school year, as we prepare to close out the year with our annual pizza party. Due to the change in time of the graduation/promotion ceremonies on June 20th, the pizza party for the Saturday division has been changed to June 13th. The Daily division will have their pizza party on June 19th as originally scheduled. Notices have gone out about the changes with this year's graduation ceremony, so please be sure to review them carefully.

The end of the year events will include Saturday and Daily divisions pizza parties on June 13th and 19th respectively, and the Yochien Daily division will have their annual jumpers. Please be sure to consult with your respective senseis for any further information.

Thank you for everyone's help and donations for the spring teriyaki chicken sale. Mutual Trading Co. came through for us again with a major donation of 150 lbs. of rice. Again, our two annual fundraisers cannot take place without your assistance and support, and we thank you on behalf of our students.

Enjoy your summer, continue practicing Japanese with your kids, keep safe, and I hope to see you all again in September when classes resume!!

—— Nancy Hamasaki, PTC President

* Please see Japanese page 3 for the field trip pictures.

LOST AND FOUND



The cubby hole in the JLS office is full with lost-found-items.

Please come and check the items that may belong to you before we throw them out at the end of June.

2015-2016 NEW SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

We are accepting fall registration now. If you have not submitted the registration forms to your class teachers, please do so A. S. A. P. Please, tell your friends and relatives about the summer and regular school programs.

ARE YOU FORGETTING SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT?!

If you study Japanese daily during summer school for 6 weeks, your Japanese will improve tremendously. If you are not confident in Hiragana, Katakana or Kanji, summer school is a great place to review. Art & Crafts, field trip, Fun Day (watermelon breaking and other games), cooking, warmup exercise and many more fun events will be offered. Please come to the office and enroll TODAY!



SCHOOL CALENDAR



June

8th	Mon	(Daily Div.) Fun Jump- JLS afternoon
13th	Sat	(Sat. Div.) PTC Pizza Party
18th	Thur	(Daily Div.) Graduation Ceremony (4pm)
19th	Fri	(Daily Div.) 3rd Trimester Ends PTC Pizza Party for JLS
20st	Sat	(Sat. Div.) 3rd Trimester Ends (Daily Div.) Graduation Ceremony (9am)

☆ Normal class starting time on 18th (Thur) and 20th (Sat). Please make sure not to be late.

June~August

6/27th	Sat	(Sat. Div.) Summer School Begins
6/29th	Mon	(Daily Div.) Summer School Begins
7/3rd	Fri	School Closed
7/4th	Sat	School Closed (Independence Day)
8/3th	Mon	School Closed (Obon Clean up)

September

5th	Sat	(Sat. Div.) First Trimester Begins
8th	Tue	(Daily Div.) First Trimester Begins

