

## SCHOOL-PTC NEWSLETTER



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### NEWSLETTER SPRING-2018

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Olympian's quotes



*"You show up at the Olympics and you're no longer you; you're an American Olympian. You're part of this great whole, and the individual doesn't matter."*

*- Shaun White, snow boarder*

*"No matter how good you are, you cannot take your foot off the gas."*

*- Mikaela Shiffrin, Alpine skier*

*"I take whatever situation I'm in, and I spin it like it's the most positive thing that's ever happened to me."*

*- Adam Rippon, figure skater*

*"Skiing not only for yourself and your family, but for your country, was surreal. The amount of support I got from back home in Indiana was insane."*

*- Nick Goepper, free skier*

*"For most Olympic athletes, their training is their hardest challenge and where they push themselves to*

*the limit. For Paralympians, training and competition is an escape from the hardships and struggles of their everyday life. That is the difference."*

*- Giles Duley,*

*British documentary photographer*

<http://www.foxnews.com/sports/2018/02/22/us-winter-olympics-2018-medal-winners.html>

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While cold spells are hitting Japan this winter, JLS family members are enjoying in this pleasant weather here in California.

In February, the winter Olympics are hot topic. Normally, we don't think too much about who we are or about our own country. However, when we see Olympic players from our own country competing, we passionately root for them. When we see players or teams from our country win, we are so happy and, when they lose, we are disheartened. Our hearts swell with love of our country, love of our hometown, and love of our compatriots. At such occasions, we also realize our own identities. I have been in America longer than the years I was in Japan. Yet, my love for Japan never changes. When Yuzuru Hanyu exhibited a fantastic performance of figure skating, a shower of Pooh-bears fell onto the ice link, and Japanese spectators went wild. I became so emotional too. Every athlete has his/her own story to reach the Olympics. Representing their own countries in the Olympics



makes players feel responsible and creates tremendous pressure. Overcoming such pressures takes courage and heart. We rejoice in that too.

The Olympic organization states, "The goal of the Olympic Movement is to contribute to building a peaceful and better world by educating youth through sport practiced without discrimination of any kind and in the Olympic spirit, which requires mutual understanding with a spirit of friendship, solidarity and fair play." (<https://www.olympic.org/the-ioc/promote-olympism>)

Yet, I cannot help myself becoming a little cynical about parts of the Olympics. There are scandals, bribes, drugs and even hostility toward some athletes at times. But, it is still joyous to see Japanese players doing. Well.

As a proud Japanese, and being very proud of my country, I strongly hope that Japanese players play fairly.

They should be proud of who they are and act nobly and with dignity.



All of us are judged and evaluated by our own actions. We should be aware of who we are and be responsible of our own actions we take each day. I consider all of us are good will ambassadors representing our countries. We should teach our children to be proud and behave with dignity.

————— Madoka I. Hull,  
Principal

## TOY DRIVE

For the Toy Drive, a community project of the city of Gardena during the holiday season last year, we received toys from many JLS and preschool parents. It was very generous and kind of them. Thank you very much to all. Mr. Kishimoto, GBC & JLS School Board member, did such a great job organizing and taking care of this drive. Thank you, Mr. Kishimoto!



## OHANASHI TAIKAI - SPEECH CONTEST



Currently, contestants chosen from each class are practicing their speeches. We will hold this event in the morning. All students will listen to the speeches. Guests are invited, and any parents who are interested, please feel free to join us. The detailed information will follow at a later time.

## THANK YOU

① A large parasol has been placed over the sand box at the Preschool backyard. The diameter of this parasol is over 10 feet, and the base is stuffed with 200 pounds of sand. We appreciate the following GBC volunteers for working on this project: Alan Miwa, John Tsuruta, Gary Schimizu, Gary Fujikawa, and Mike Tsuge.

② We had a very good turnout for the class observations held in January. We thank all the parents who participated in this event. If you have any concerns or any questions, we are happy to see you any time throughout the year.



## 2018-2019 NEW SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

Registration for the 2018 - 2019 school year will start. The notice and the re-registration form will be distributed in the classes in April. Please submit the re-registration form to your class teacher, A.S.A.P.

The dead-line for the enrollment:

**JLS Daily division ... Friday, June 1**  
**JLS Sat. division .... Saturday, June 2**

### To Preschool 4-year-old parents:

Please note that for the preschoolers who are entering the kindergarten class of the Japanese language division from this fall, the dead line is different from currently enrolled JLS students.

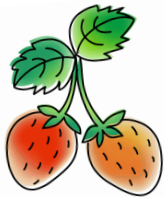
### Deadline for 4-years-old - Saturday, May 12

After the dead line, \$140.00 registration fee will be charged for it is treated as a new registration. Please read the detailed information letter that will be distributed in each class at a later time.

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT JAPAN

- Japan consists of over 6,800 islands.
- Home to 33 million people, the Tokyo-Yokohama metropolitan area is the largest populated metropolitan region in the world.
- Cape Suzu is one of Japan's three greatest spots for ultra-pure mineral water that stays fresh for as long as a hundred years, possibly longer.
- The Japanese eat more fish than any other people in the world, about 17 million tons per year. Japan is the world's largest importer of seafood, with shrimp comprising about one third of the total, about four million tons a year. More than 20% of Japanese protein is obtained through fish and fish products.
- Japanese Kobe beef is famous worldwide for its succulence and taste. The Japanese cows this beef comes from receive daily massages and, in summer, are fed a diet of saké and beer mash. True Kobe beef comes from only 262 farms in the Tajima region, of which Kobe is the capital, and each of which raises an average of 5 of the animals at a time. In the United States, Kobe beef is called Wagyu beef.
- Jamaica exports about 85% of its total coffee production to Japan.
- Japan has a literacy rate of almost 100% among its citizens.
- Tipping is considered a no-no in Japan.
- Japanese people live longer than Americans: four years longer, on average.
- The Tale of Genji, written by Murasaki Shikibu in 1007, was the first novel ever written.
- Japanese fugu (blowfish) chefs train for about 11 years to master their trade.

## PTC NEWSLETTER



I can't believe It's already March! It's been a while, but I hope you had a nice holiday season. We went to the New Year's Eve Joya-no-Kane service at the GBC again and ate mochi we made at the PTC Mochitsuki on the New Year's day. I'm grateful that my daughter can experience the Oshogatsu tradition in USA.

In December, we had another successful annual Mochitsuki event. The PTC would like to thank all the parents who came to volunteer at the event. The students, teachers, and parents, alike, all of us had a wonderful time, pounding, rolling, and eating the fresh mochi. Volunteering during the busy pre-holiday weekend has never been easy, but it's always worth seeing the kids' happy smile.

The PTC would also like to thank Mutual Trading Company and Marukai for their generous contribution and support again this year.



In the new semester, the PTC will have our spring chicken teriyaki sale and the Yochien division will hold the annual Undokai event. Please see the notices from the school office for each event and try to participate as a volunteer as much as possible.

———— Yoko Godinez, PTC President

Next PTC Meeting:

■ Saturday, April, 7th at 8:45 am in the Cooling Room.

## THE LITTLE PRINCE

The Little Prince was performed by the amateur theatrical group called Clover Bear on February 24th in the Social Hall. The entire school saw it together. This children's story was written by the French author, Antoine de Saint Exupery, and first published in America in 1943. The book is translated into over 200 languages, and still today, over 1.5 million copies are sold annually.

The story is about the pilot who is stranded in the Sahara desert after his plane crashes. He meets a little boy whom calls himself "the Little Prince" came from a small planet. The story has many messages and very complicated meanings, so that it was rather difficult. But the group did a very good job condensing the story for the one-hour play. It was a good experience for all our students.

We thank the people of the Clover Bear:

Aki Ooba (the company leader), Raku Suga, Aiko Arata, Akihiko Shimizu, Hideo Ikushima, Yamato Kui, Kazuki Tada



## SCHOOL CALENDAR



### FEBRUARY

12th Mon Lincoln - **Only JLS closed**  
19th Mon President Day - **School closed**

### MARCH

9th Fri PTC Spring Sale (Cookies)  
10th Sat PTC Spring Sale (Cookies/Teriyaki Chicken)  
23rd Fri Daily Div. 2nd Trimester Ends  
24th Sat Sat Div. 2nd Trimester Ends

24th Sat Daily/Sat. Speech Contest  
26~30th M-F Spring Break - **School closed**  
(Sat. Div. 3/31)

### APRIL

2nd Mon Daily Div. 3rd Trimester starts  
7th Sat Sat Div. 3rd Trimester starts  
21st Sat Daily/Sat. 6th-12th Grades  
Graduation Trip



## SUMMER SCHOOL SOON 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:  
July 7 (Sat) - July 28 (Sat)

Let's enjoy  
Summer with us!



## SPRING SALE

### PTC FUND-RAISING

- Daily Cookie Sale  
Friday, March 9
- Chicken Terriyaki  
& Cookie Sale  
Saturday, March 10

Tickets are  
available  
**NOW!**

We NEED  
your heeeelp!



## OSEIBO DONOR LIST



### THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

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Ajifu, Masanobu  
Aki, Darren  
Anegawa, Yutaka  
Appel, Nathan  
Arakaki, Pablo  
Arima, Kevin  
Arkin, Mike  
Armstrong, Stephen  
Asahina, Kinji  
Beber, David  
Bilbrey, David  
Bustamante, Fernando  
Chang, Mark  
Choy, Edward  
Chun, Lester  
Cooper, James  
Denem, Julius  
Elkner, William  
Enyart, Scotty  
Foutz, Patrick  
Fujimoto, Gary  
Fukumoto, Mark  
Fukunaga, Robert  
Fushiharu, Daisuke  
Fushimi, Kuni  
Gani, Steve

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Hashimoto, Masaki  
Hata, Robert  
Homma, Taiki  
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Ikeuchi, Mark  
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Johnson, Kenji  
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No, Jason  
Reed, Nobue  
Nouchi, Wayne  
Numamoto, Mitsuoki  
O'Neill, Shaun  
Okubo, Hidehiro  
Olszewski, John  
Palm, Miki  
Saito, Jun  
Sasaki, Chad  
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Seato, Adrian  
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Swindell, Robert  
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Takata, Jay  
Takeuchi, Minoru  
Tani, Ron  
Tary, John  
Tasaki, Ken

Tohi, Yoji  
Torihara, Kohei  
Toth, Stephen  
Tsukiyama, Kai  
Wagle, Naveed  
Wakayama, Ryo  
Wasiel, Mark  
Watanabe, Toshio  
Wong, Edwin  
Wooster, Andrew  
Yamada, Zachary  
Yamaguchi, Koji  
Yee, Thomas  
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