

STUDENT'S ESSAYS & NOTICES



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dents, and the dance with a Japanese fishing song were all enjoyable. We thank parents, GBC board members and PTC officers who came and supported the event.



——— Madoka I. Hull,
Principal

After the dead line, \$150 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.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN TO SIGN-UP YOUR CHILDREN IN SUMMER SCHOOL PROGRAM?



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, Nagashi-somen tai-kai, "Fun Day" 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 24 (Mon) - Aug 2 (Fri)
(2wks extension)
Aug 5 (Mon) - Aug 16 (Fri)
- Saturday Class:
July 6 (Sat) - July 27 (Sat)
(7/6, 13, 20, 27)



CAMPAIGN FOR SUMMER SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

For new enrollees, the enrollment fee for the Summer School is 50% off during the month of April. Please let your friends and relatives know.



PTC SPRING SALE



PTC had a successful Spring Sale on March 8th - 9th. Cookie sale (Cookie and Stationary sale for pre-school) on Friday and Chicken Teriyaki sale / Cookie sale / Fishing game on Saturday were supported by many volunteers. The Chicken ticket sales started low this year, but thanks to the strong push by class reps, we sold out at the end! We even had a few donors who donated money without getting the tickets. Thank you very much for your support for the PTC fundraising.

——— Yoko Godinez,
PTC President

GAKUSHU HAPPYO-KAI, CLASS PRESENTATIONS

On March 30th, the Daily and Saturday combined Class Presentations were held successfully. Each class practiced hard and did a great presentation. All the programs, singing and skits by lower grade students, presentations by high school stu-

APPRECIATION

We received a monetary donation from Dr. & Mrs. Tamotsu Ikeda for the Speech Contest.

*Thank you very much!
Arigato gozaimasu!!*

2019-2020 NEW SCHOOL YEAR ENROLLMENT

Registration for the 2019 - 2020 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 Daily division: Friday, May 31

■ JLS Sat. division: Saturday, June 1

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

To Preschool 4-year-old parents:

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

■ Deadline - Saturday, May 11

FUJI-MATSURI BAZAAR - MAY 4TH



Date: Saturday, May 4th, 11 AM - 6 PM

Place: Gardena Buddhist Church

Entrance fee: Free

Many booths will be at the Bazaar: vegetable and flower plants, various food booths (sushi, udon noodles, teriyaki chicken, hot dogs, shish kebabs, Okinawa-dango and so on), used goods, crafts, and games for children. Shows will be held for entertainment as well. It will be a fun day for everyone.

The language school and Nakayoshi preschool will be closed on May 4th.



GRADUATION FIELD TRIP

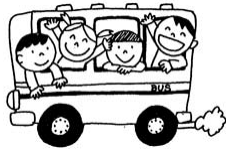
Thanks to PTC for their fundraisers in fall and spring to support our graduation trip. We are able to implement a field trip again this year for our upper grade students. We appreciate the PTC board members, JLS parents who supported the events and GBC for providing transportation. I hope everyone will have a safe and fun experience with their peers.

For: 6th to 12th grade

Destination: Disneyland

Date: Saturday, April 27th

Chaperons: Ms Uehara, Mr. Yashiro, Ms Nelson



For the detailed information, please read the notice and instructions distributed in each class.

JAPAN'S NEW ERA NAME, REIWA

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After more than a year of intense speculation and anticipation, the name of Japan's new imperial era was announced on April 1.

Standing in front of assembled reporters, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga held up a placard with calligraphy of the two kanji characters that make up the new name: Reiwa, written in Japanese as 令和.



Emperor Akihito is set to abdicate his position at the end of the month, the first time for a Japanese emperor to do so in more than 200 years. That moment will also mark the end of the Heisei period, which began when Akihito became emperor in 1989.

The first of the two kanji in Reiwa, 令, means "order," in the sense of "orderly calm." The second 和, means "peace" or "harmony" and is also commonly used to refer to Japan itself (stemming from Yamato, written 大和, one of the name's used for Japan long ago). As such, the meaning of Reiwa could be interpreted as "Orderly Peace" or "Orderly Harmony," or, in a larger sense, "an orderly, peaceful Japan."

Following the unveiling of the new era name, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, whose cabinet selected Reiwa from among proposals offered by a panel of scholars, spoke about the choice. While all previous era names, such as the current Heisei, have often been based on auspicious phrases from Chinese literature, Reiwa is the first to come from a Japanese source, and is taken from a poem about plum blossoms in the Manyoshu, the oldest printed collection of Japanese poetry, which was compiled in the 8th century. In his address, Abe said that the idea that "Culture is born through the beauty of people caring for one another" is included in the cabinet's interpretation of the new era's name. He also spoke on how the Manyoshu was read not just by nobles and aristocrats, but also by the common people, and that the name Reiwa represents a desire to carry Japan's traditions into the new age.

"After a cold winter, spring comes. Like beautiful plum blossoms, the Japanese people, with hope for tomorrow in their hearts, can each make flowers bloom," Abe said.

The Reiwa era officially begins at the stroke of midnight on May 1, the same moment in which Emperor Akihito officially abdicates and his son Crown Prince Naruhito becomes Japan's new emperor.

Sora News24(<https://soraneews24.com/2019/04/01/japan-announces-new-era-name-reiwa-but-what-does-it-mean-and-why-was-it-chosen/>)
Sources: Yahoo! Japan News/Oricon News, YouTube/首相官邸



SCHOOL CALENDAR



May

4th Sat **School Closed** (Fujimatsuri)

27th Mon **School Closed** (Memorial Day)

June

14th Fri (Daily Div.) 3rd Trimester Ends
PTC Pizza Party for JLS
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15th Sat (Sat. Div.) 3rd Trimester Ends
(Sat. Daily.) Graduation Ceremony (9am)

Summer Session

6/24th Mon (Daily Div) Summer School Begins
7/4th Thus **School Closed** (Independence Day)
7/6th Sat (Sat. Div.) Summer School Begins
(7/6, 13, 20, 27)