



School Newsletter



1st term 2021

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Gardena Buddhist Church Japanese Language School! I hope you all enjoyed your summer and spent time relaxing. Over the summer, our teachers had been getting things ready for the new school year, and now we are all excited about how our students are back and willing to learn Japanese.

Last year was different from what any of us have ever experienced, and we all hoped that we would return to the in-person class this year. However, we decided to continue the online classes due to the ongoing impact of COVID-19. The safety and health of our students are our number one priority, so we will continue to work with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure our safety.

I would like to welcome new staff members. Ms. Yuriko Kondo is our 1st-grade teacher. She is currently an intern, studying to become a marriage and family therapist. She enjoys growing Phalaenopsis orchids in her free time. Ms. Tomoko Ando is our former teacher and just completed a master's degree in Japan. She is now our administrative assistant. She enjoys golfing and dancing Zumba.

We look forward to working with you and your students again this year! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me directly at harumi.uehara@gbcjls.org.

Respectfully,

Harumi Uehara, Principal
Gardena Buddhist Church Japanese Language School

Important Dates:

- Saturday, November 27 Thanksgiving Day No School
- Saturday, December 18 1st Trimester Ends & ZOOM Conference
- Saturday, December 25 & Saturday, January 1 Winter Break
- Saturday, January 8 2nd Trimester Begins

Tuition:

- 1) Payment method:

Please send a **personal check or money order** to the school office. Please do not send cash.

- 2) Check payable to:

Gardena Buddhist Church (Not Japanese Language School)

Write "JLS, month, and full name" (ex. JLS August Harumi Uehara) on the memo line.

- 3) Send it to:

Gardena Buddhist Church Japanese Language School
1517 W. 166th Street, Gardena, CA 90247

- 4) Payment deadline for each month:

The payment check needs to be mailed **by the 5th of every month.**

2021-2022 Teachers:

Nyumon	Ms. Toshiko Williams
Grade 1	Ms. Yuriko Kondo
Grade 2	Ms. Sachiko Sugaya
Grade 3	Ms. Emiko Atagi
Grade 4 & 5	Ms. Mika Watanabe
Grade 6 & 7	Mr. Masaru Yashiro
Grade 8 ~ 11	Ms. Harumi Uehara