



School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

I hope all of our families find this edition of our newsletter safe and warm. The first day of spring has passed, and it's still February, but I feel that it's starting to feel like spring. In Japan, the flowering state of "Kawazu cherry blossoms" has become a hot topic. Unlike regular cherry blossoms, they begin blooming earlier, last longer, and are graced with a vibrant pink hue. It is said that "Kawazu cherry blossoms" are beautiful even after they turn into leafy cherry blossoms, and can be appreciated for nearly a month after flowering.

In February, we started practicing for Presentation Day (Gakushu-Happyokai). It will take place on April 29th. Presentation Day is a place where children can experience the joy of learning, saying, "I've become so good through practice," and have their families recognize their achievements. It is also a place where parents can see and feel their child's learning and growth. For the teachers, it is a place where they can show the parents the results of their teaching skills that cannot be seen on a daily basis, and also the teachers can build trusting relationships with children and parents. I would appreciate it if you could come and visit Presentation Day and give all the children a big round of applause.

Lastly, I would like to thank you for donating towards the *oseibo* that was presented to our teachers as a year-end gift in December. Please see the following page for the *Oseibo Donor List*.

I appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation.

Respectfully,

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