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Congratulations international school graduates!

New Hope International Preschool, Tokyo



Happy students graduating from New Hope International Preschool on March 20. Three of the children pictured are moving on to international schools, two to Japanese schools. NEW HOPE INTERNATIONAL PRESCHOOL

Hitokoe Yokohama International School

The 2013–2014 kindergarten graduates of Hitokoe Yokohama International School (HYIS) expressed gratitude to parents and teachers during last month's graduation ceremony, at which they confidently recited their "Season of Spring" poem, reflected upon what they will miss about the school, enthusiastically sang "Yesterday's Dream," and gave speeches about their dreams for the future.

In response, the teachers and staff sang "Everyone is Special" with the students from the Rainbow and Sunshine classes. The younger students showed their appreciation for their older friends, to whom they dedicated songs like "That's What Friends Are For," and the overwhelmed staff sang "Count On Me."

It was an emotional day for many; happy tears

flowed as the kindergarten graduates faced the first phase of their elementary school lives with both pride and curiosity.

For the students that remain at HYIS, along with the new students that are soon to be welcomed, the ceremony ended with teachers revealing that the 2014–2015 academic year's theme focuses on developing caring and supportive hearts in children. Springboard activities included a team-building game, a shared online reading of Mem Fox's "Whoever You Are," and an upbeat song about caring.

Many of the forthcoming year's activities also touch on a cultural diversity theme, and the school has several multicultural-related events planned. HYIS is keen to encourage genuine care and respect for, and foster friendships between, children from all over the world, motivating their students to always focus on lifting someone up rather than putting

Horizon Sendai campus



This year's graduating students from Horizon Sendai. HIJS SENDAI

Horizon Japan International School Sendai Campus completed its second school year on March 18. On this day, a ceremony was held for the graduating kindergarten class with the participation of the parents and the guests.

Staff were proud to see how much the graduating students had grown in the time they spent at Horizon, and believe that they are well equipped to take on the next step of their educational lives. Congratulations! — BARIS ARUK

them down.

HYIS has several fundraising projects planned along the theme of "Calling to Your Heart 2." Mother's Day will see a charity bake sale, and on the 30th of this month there will be a "Springy Spring" Festival. As in previous years, proceeds will be donated to World Vision Japan. — PATRICIA ALDANA



"That's What Friends Are For," HYIS's Sunshine class's gift tribute for the Super Kids kindergarten graduates of 2013–2014. HITOKOE YOKOHAMA INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

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NewIS's Cinderella show and song for Tohoku



Cinderella, played by Rene Hosmer (age 9), is dancing across the stage with the Prince, Shinzo Tanimoto (age 13), at the ball. NEW INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

New International School (NewIS) had its annual musical at the Box in Box Theater in Minami-Ikebukuro on March 11, which also happened to be the third anniversary of the Tohoku earthquake. In commemoration, the music teachers composed an original song entitled "Believe in Yourself-強くなろう" that was performed on stage by the upper- and senior-school students after a moment of silence.

The lyrics, created by the students with the support of the teachers, were as follows:

She saw her whole life

Crumble away

泣きぐずれ

Sometimes in the dark

The path is not clear

迷いながら

でも明日に向かって

You just have to hang on tight

Believe in yourself

強くなろう

希望を持って歩こう

あなたにできること

勇気を持って進もう

Just never give up

Have faith in yourself

Do not be afraid

We are always one

助け合う

We'll be there for you

You are not alone

負けないで

この日を忘れない

We will always pray for you

Believe in yourself

強くなろう

Following the song, students performed an adaptation of Roald Dahl's "Cinderella," in which Cinderella recognizes the Prince to be a brute and instead marries a commoner. The musical featured about 90 students from ages 3 to 17 participating as musicians, vocalists, or actors.

It was a memorable day and evening, beginning with the dress rehearsal — which was attended by children from Joy to the World American International Preschool and the Tokyo YMCA International School — continuing with a matinee, and ending with the sold out evening performance. If any school would like to send their teachers and students to next year's dress rehearsal, please contact Steven Parr at sparr@newis.ed.jp.

Ohana raises ¥700,000



Attendees enjoyed the canapés provided by Cezars Kitchen throughout the evening while bidding on student artwork for charity. CEZARS KITCHEN

Ohana International School held a minute's silence on March 11, during which all the children stood with their eyes closed, thinking about the events of three years before.

Three days later the school held a wine tasting fundraiser, catered by Cezars Kitchen. Cezars Kitchen served items such as mesquite duck cones, mini asparagus quiche, spooned beef carpaccio, bacon-wrapped roast zucchini, and achiote-spiced prawn shooters. Cezars catering services offers a full range of catering options for meetings, private dinner parties, staff gatherings, or special events such as fundraisers.

Over 115 people attended Ohana's fundraising event, which raised ¥700,000 for areas of Tohoku and the Philippines that have been affected by natural disasters in recent years.

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St. Alban's cherry blossom reflections on 3-11

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Also during last month, director Gilma Yamamoto-Copeland had the pleasure of enjoying the company of some of her 2011 students and mothers at a cherry blossom party she hosted. The group reflected on 3-11 together — a time when the small group were the only members of the school community still in Tokyo, and became life-long friends through taking care of each other at that difficult time.

This month, St. Alban's will be busy learning about life cycles and preparing for graduation, as well as what Gilma says will be their best summer program ever!

For information, see <http://www.saintalbans.jp>.



Gilma and her 2011 students under the school cherry blossom tree, remembering 3-11. ST. ALBAN'S NURSERY

Aoyama International Daycare showcases crafts



Student artwork in AIDLC's new Creative Corner. AIDLC

To showcase its students' creative achievements, Aoyama International Daycare & Learning Center (AIDLC) has introduced a "Creative Corner" where students can display their artistic achievements. The staff plans to expand and change the display on a seasonal basis and as submissions increase.

Submissions so far have included artwork inspired by insects, sea life, emotions, and the weather. The children are currently creating a spring cherry blossom window display with help of the staff. — AKIL WATSON

Gregg International School spring concert

Gregg International School students, from preschool to elementary, organized and performed a spring concert last month, to the delight of the staff and parents.

The Ducklings class transformed into Tarzans and jungle animals and performed three songs in front of their friends and families. They had fun designing the costumes and admiring (and pulling!) each others' tails as well as their own. The older students helped the younger ducklings make the jungle-themed stage set; the ducklings especially had fun popping out from the big rock to find the audience clapping and cheering for them. Some of them got stage fright and were shy at first, but as the crowd was so warm and welcoming, students soon remembered how to stomp like hippos, swing their arms like monkeys, and roar loudly like lions. By the end of the show, the ducklings were hamming it up for the audience and couldn't wait to get back on stage for the finale. They have since vowed to brush up their acting chops daily during circle time.

The K3 students did a mini-musical version of "The Gigantic Turnip" for the concert, with each child being given a line to deliver. They really enjoyed rehearsing and were very proud of their

performance on the day — their favourite part was definitely yelling, "Heave, ho!" as they pulled out the turnip. Learning to work together to create a show was a great team-building experience for the kindergarteners.

Each elementary school student really outdid himself or herself this year. The upper elementary students put together a circus and magic show complete with hypnotism and juggling that was worthy of a three-ring-circus. The students worked diligently during their free time, in order to master prestidigitation and juggling. Only local fire codes prevented students from firing each other out of a cannon! — SUE SOUTHERN



Gregg International School students Ruruka, Leo, Bryan, and Haruki performing in last month's spring concert. GREGG INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Tokyo Association of International Preschools

Taip provides networking, marketing, and professional development opportunities for teachers, staff, and administrators. Current regular membership includes:

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ATTENDANCE

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Produced by the loving families and Jerry Hanus of Jerry's Home English operating Joy to the World American International School and KES Lepton.

May Day Hula Hoike

Marsha Grey of Hulabootie Japan will be hosting a hula event on May 3 at the New Sanno Hotel, from midday until 3pm. There will be hula keiki (children's) performances, a lunch buffet, and cash bar. Attendees must come wearing a lei and there will be a prize for the best one. Entrance fee for adults is ¥6,000 and for children, ¥5,000. For more information, email Marsha at hulabootie@yahoo.com.

Hulabootie recognizes that all children are able to dance and sing and express themselves through music and movement from a very early age. Hulabootie Keiki Program creates a child-centred environment that supports growth and exercises developmental skills through the medium of hula dancing.

TELL's Parenting Program

Christina Blair, Applied Behaviour Analysis therapist, will be presenting on the topic of "Applied Behavior Analysis: All Behaviours Are Means of Communication," as part of TELL's Exceptional Parenting Program on Tuesday, May 13 from 10am-midday.

The free seminar will take place at the Wesley Center, Seminar Room, 2nd floor, 6-10-11 Minami Aoyama, Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-0062.

RSVP: Chie Sawa, Exceptional Parenting Program Coordinator at excep.parents@telljp.com (prior registration is required).

NewS spring carnival

New International School will have its annual spring carnival on Sunday, May 18, 10am-3:30pm.

Games, bingo, show time, fleamarket, international food court, and raffle.

Come one! Come all! <http://newis.ed.jp>

HJIS open house

Horizon Japan International School (HJIS) is pleased to invite parents who are considering its school as well as interested members of the local community to its school open house on Saturday, May 24, from 10am to 12:30pm, at the main building of the Yokohama Campus.

The day will include a presentation and tour of school facilities with an opportunity to speak directly with teachers and staff and ask questions throughout. In particular, the following topics will be covered: the HJIS educational philosophy, an overview of the HJIS curriculum, introductions to teachers and staff, and an overview of supplementary activities such as after-school programs.

Following the information session, light refreshments will be available during which time visitors and teachers are welcome to mix and talk freely.

To join the open house, or for further information, please contact Ms. Mina, Administrative Secretary by phone on 045-584-1945, fax on 045-584-1946, or email at hjis@horizon.ac.jp.

Please note that parking is not available at HJIS, so the school would be grateful if visitors could use public transportation. If you do need to travel by car, please contact the school beforehand.

On another note, the staff at HJIS would like to take this chance to thank parents for their help at the school's recent Japanese Culture Day, which gave students plenty of opportunities

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to learn about Japanese culture. The day began with a costume parade and later featured mochi pounding, Japanese calligraphy, the Fukuwarai game, and Japanese flute playing. Thanks to parents for their support!

Joy to the World bazaar

On Sunday May 25, Joy to the World American International School, located in Bunkyo ward, will hold a bazaar to celebrate their 10th anniversary. For details please check <http://www.joytotheworld.info>.

Saudi educators seek best-practice schools in Japan for May visit

A small group of Saudi Arabian executive educators — comprising eight head teachers and school principals — will be visiting Japan this month in order to learn about Japanese and international school educational methods and management.

The visiting executives are hoping to visit some public and private schools (grades 1–12) in order to observe best practice and set new benchmarks for Saudi-based education. They are interested in visiting schools that consider themselves to have advanced educational systems and/or a strong use of technology. It is hoped that school visits will include a brief presentation by the host and a simple tour of school facilities; it is not expected that the visit will take more than a few hours.

Those interested in welcoming the Saudi delegates to their schools should email Kiyoko Rifki at smartkdsclub@gmail.com.

JSN Listings

Dance programs

Aloha! **Hulabootie Keiki** program is spreading aloha in Tokyo! This program focuses on movement, music, and performance. Hula enriches keiki growth, builds confidence and creates a community for families who celebrate Hawaii. Please ask your international school about hula! Hulabootie also offers entertainment for special occasions and birthday parties. Let's dance! Contact us by email at hulabootie@yahoo.com, or by telephone at 090-8508-2497. Performing on May 3 at May Day Hula Hoike at New Sanno Hotel, and May 25 at Komazawa International School International Festival.

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Summer school at Saint Maur International, Yokohama



Students from last year's TOEFL course during Saint Maur's summer school. SAINT MAUR

Saint Maur International School offers a summer school program for children from preschool (age 2½) all the way up to students entering grade 12 in the fall. The program begins on June 16 with options to enrol for 2, 3, or 4 weeks for children from preschool to grade 12. For grades 2 to 12, the 4th week (July 7 to 11) is called "Exploration Week" and follows a curriculum unlike the first three weeks of regular summer school.

In the preschool, children age 2½ to 5 closely follow the Montessori curriculum and philosophy.

In the Grade 1 Headstart Program, learning opportunities that focus on preparing students academically for entry into Grade 1 are provided.

In Grades 2 to 5, the International Primary School (IPC) Curriculum is followed, and includes maths, science, language skills, Japanese, physical education, computer education, and arts and crafts. During Exploration Week children engage in activities such as swimming, bowling, tennis, and field games, as well as a field trip to explore the Enoshima caves and beach, and a visit to a science museum/planetarium.

In the middle and high schools, subjects offered include maths, digital media, creative writing, basketball, Japanese, introduction to Mandarin, journalism/global issues, physics, biology, and more, although some courses are for high school students only. The

summer school curriculum is designed to reinforce the fundamental concepts and skills necessary for academic success, and combines serious academic study and physical activity in a relaxed atmosphere.

The Exploration Week consists of two classes (students may take one or both classes). Morning classes are in first aid and CPR training, and afternoon classes cover manga skills. Students attending the full-morning, five-day training course will receive the Malteser First Aid Certificate. The full-afternoon, five-day course offers both introductory level and more advanced skill-building in areas of manga comic book development.

Students need not be enrolled at Saint Maur during the regular school year in order to participate in the summer school program. Japanese children attending Japanese schools are also welcome to register, provided that they are bilingual. There is no language requirement for preschool children.

Saint Maur's desire is that children will find its summer school program to be an enjoyable learning experience. For details, please see: <http://www.stmaur.ac.jp/learning/summer-program/index.aspx>. Feel free to direct any questions by email to summer@stmaur.ac.jp or phone on 045-211-4831. — PHYLLIS ENGSTROM, GILLES GAURY & TIMOTHY MATSUMOTO

Nanbo Discovery Camp



Last year's summer camp attendees exploring the beach with the staff at Nanbo Discovery Camp. DAVID GREEN

Nanbo Discovery Camp began in 1999, and with its five- or six-day sessions, is an adventure of snorkeling, swimming, discovery, activity, science, cooking, campfires, and much more. Whether campers

are learning about organisms in a tide pool, trying hard to cycle over the next hill, cooking meals for the entire group, body surfing at the beach, or building self-esteem through success, they are assured of having a positive summer experience.

Nanbo's English language, residential summer camp is located in Minami Boso, in Chiba prefecture. The new camp facility, Nanbo Kokusai Mura, was opened in 2007. Learn more about the camp, mixed-age-group activities, incredible staff, and more at <http://www.discoverjapan.co.jp>.

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Summer program listings

Chiba

Nanbo Discovery Camp's English language, residential summer camp is located in Minami Boso, in Chiba prefecture. See story for details.

Hyogo

Ashiya International School will host its summer school program from June 30–August 22. Open to children two years old through elementary. Students may choose to enroll by the week. Sign up early for the popular Vacation Bible School program starting July 21. Also open during Obon week! <http://www.aischool.ed.jp>.

Okinawa

Santa Monica International School is accepting applications for 2014 summer school in Okinawa, Japan. See <http://www.santamonicainternationalschool.com>.

Sendai

Horizon Japan International School Sendai campus will hold a summer school from July 22–August 1. Our program offers an excellent opportunity for students to enjoy fun and exciting activities in the educationally stimulating environment of an international school. See <http://www.horizon.ac.jp/sendai/index.php/en/admissions/summer-school>.

Tohoku International School summer school runs from July 22–August 8. It is a superb English course in Sendai for students from kindergarten to secondary school. See <http://www.tisweb.net/summerschool>.

Tokyo

New International School will offer 2- and 4-week summer programs in English, Italian, Japanese, and Mandarin Chinese. Open to children ages 4 to 18 years. Monday–Friday from 9:30am–3pm, from July 7–August 1, July 7–18, or July 21–August 1. Registration fee: ¥20,000 (applies to non-NewIS students only); program cost: ¥78,000 for two weeks or ¥145,000 for four weeks. Tel. 03-3980-1057 or see <http://newis.ed.jp>.

Yokohama

Hitokoe Yokohama International School summer program starts June 2. Overseas participants welcome. Immersion summer school classes July 22–August 8. Hip! Hip! Hooray! Summer Fes' on August 8. Florida Homestay and Study Abroad Program, July 11–August 11. Special Summer sessions from August 11–22. See <http://hyis.org>.

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