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あけまして おめでとう ございます
Happy New Year!

Dear JMP Parents,

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. As many of you know, Oshogatsu, (Japanese New Years) is the biggest and most important holiday in Japan. The year begins with traditional foods, games and the sending of 年賀状 nengajo. The 年賀状 nengajo was originally started as a way to inform distant friends and relatives that you are alive and well.

Consider this Oya No Kai's 年賀状 nengajo. We have had a wonderful year and are looking forward to an even more successful 2010. As always, many thanks for your endless support of our program.

The ONK Board

今年もよろしくお祈いします

Intern Update

We need HOST FAMILIES for this spring!!!

At the end of 2009 we received word from ISECE, our intern

recruiting partner in Japan, that 16 interns had been confirmed for our Pre-K through 12th grade program this coming March/April. There have also been additional applicants, so we could potentially have 19 interns this spring, giving our program an intern in every Japanese classroom Pre-K through 5th grade and increasing the intern support at Mt. Tabor Middle School and Grant High School. This is really wonderful news as we did not have enough interns last year. **We really need our community to step up and support this unique and valuable part of our program!**

**In order to move forward we must have at least 16 confirmed host families for ISECE by January 23, 2010!!** They need at least two months to prepare documents and obtain visas. **Please consider hosting an intern or making a donation to the intern fund. We still need 10 host families to come forward by January 23!** A donation of \$60 per student supports the intern in your child's classroom. There is a donation form available at the front of the JMP directory. Donations can be mailed to Oya No Kai, Inc. PO Box 14392 Portland, OR 97293 or put in the Oya No Kai box in the Richmond office. If you have any questions regarding the intern program, please contact Maya Mori at [maya\\_mori@comcast.net](mailto:maya_mori@comcast.net). For host family information and paperwork please contact Melissa Gorgon Clark at [mgorgon@yahoo.com](mailto:mgorgon@yahoo.com). Oya No Kai will have a table at Richmond's New Year's Celebration on Friday, January 15th from 6-8pm. We will be there to answer questions and provide host family paperwork.

A huge thank you to all who are currently hosting or who have donated to the intern fund!

Maya Mori, Oya No Kai VP

#### Read-a-thon



A big thank you to all those that participated in the first annual Read-a-thon! We are collecting donations till January 15th. Please drop off your completed sponsor sheet and donations to the ONK box in the office.

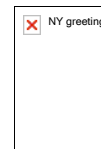
As this was the first year, we were learning as we went. Everyone's patience was greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to holding the read-a-thon again next year. If you have any comments or suggestions on how we can improve on this fundraiser, please contact Alison Walcott at [walcottma@msn.com](mailto:walcottma@msn.com). Final numbers will be sent out in the next newsletter.

#### Mochitsuki 2010

Mochitsuki, the fourteenth annual Japanese American New Year Celebration, is being held on Sunday, January 31, 2010, at a new location, the Scottish Rite Center, 1512 SW Morrison St. Portland. The celebration will run from noon to 4 pm. There are still tickets available for the Mochitsuki Stage Show at 1:30 pm. (adults, \$12, students/seniors, \$9, children under 12, \$5, free for children under 2). The Cultural Fair will have many community partners and activities, including: mochi pounding, sweet and savory foods, Japanese goods and arts and crafts vendors, and calligraphy and Ikebana. Take the max to PGE Park. Hope to see you there! Questions: [info@mochitsuki.org](mailto:info@mochitsuki.org), 503-804-9991

See you there!

For more information visit the event website at:  
<http://www.mochitsuki.org/index.html>



#### Cultural Exchanges

Oya No Kai worked with the Portland-Sapporo Sister City Association to arrange home stays for high school students visiting from Sapporo. We hope that these exchanges will help to facilitate exchange opportunities in Sapporo in the coming years. Next month students from Numazu school in Kobe will be visiting Portland. The students will be spending one week with JMP families and attending school at Richmond. ONK, with the help of Ritsuko Fujiwara and Melanie Scheuermann, is busy organizing an exciting experience for the students.

#### Scrip coordinator

Oya No Kai would like to take this opportunity to formally thank Carrie Sherrill for her years of work as Scrip Coordinator. Carrie is relinquishing her role so we are on the search for a replacement. There is a significant time commitment involved but the job is predictable and is supported by a great team of volunteers and by the Oya No Kai board.

If you are interested in exploring the possibility of becoming the Scrip Coordinator, please call or email Carrie (503-515-6687 [onkscrip@comcast.net](mailto:onkscrip@comcast.net)) so she can give you an overview of what is needed and what is involved. You may even want to consider becoming a co-coordinator.

#### [High School redesign](#)

Since the last update from John Baumgardner in which he let you know about a letter sent to the HS Redesign Project leaders and others from Oya No Kai, another joint letter was sent from all the language immersion programs to the same people. A copy of this letter is accessible on the [Oya No Kai website](#). After this letter we received very good feedback from PPS and we believe that the HS Redesign Planners have heard our concerns, are taking them seriously, and are now trying to loop back to their experts and to the parents and Principals of the schools that house these programs to capture everyone's concerns. They are looking to Michael Bacon (for Japanese, Chinese, and Russian) and Marisol Kreuzer (the several Spanish Programs) for their expertise and input. These two have been talking and meeting with parents and the Principals and other experts for direction. They have put together some goals that they want to have in mind when looking at the many different options that are possible. They are meeting with the Principals again to discuss the details on how to involve more parents in the process to discuss those goals and other things. We should soon be hearing more about some possible options for giving our feedback. Oya No Kai is confident that we are being heard, that our concerns will be taken into account, and we will have a voice in what happens to our programs. If you get a chance, please thank Michael and Marisol for their efforts and hard work. For more information on what the research says about secondary education for immersion programs, please come to the presentation next week by Dr. Myriam Met.

#### [Dr. Miriam Met to speak on Immersion Education](#)

You are invited to a presentation by National Immersion Education Expert Dr. Myriam Met

"Elements of an Effective Secondary Immersion Program"

**Wednesday, January 20, 2010**  
**6:30-8:30 p.m.**  
**Franklin High School Auditorium**  
**5405 S.E. Woodward Street**  
**Portland, Oregon**

Presentation: Pulling from research and her experience in working with immersion programs representing many different languages and models, Dr. Myriam Met will present elements of an effective secondary immersion program and how national trends in second language learning are impacting these programs.

Dr. Myriam Met is the former director and senior research associate for the National Foreign Language Center and currently an independent consultant working with school districts nationally and internationally on immersion and world language education.

#### [Calendar of events](#)

- 1/15 Richmond New Year Celebration- 6:00/ Read-a-thon donations due
- 1/18 Martin Luther King day- No School
- 1/20 Two hour late start/ Presentation by Miriam Met
- 1/25 Scrip order date
- 1/26 ONK Board meeting
- 1/29 Scrip Pick-up
- 1/31 Mochitsuki
- 2/5 Kobe students arrive

Sincerely,

Alison Walcott  
 OyaNoKai - Communications Committee

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