

The Kosei Grapevine

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Welcome!!

Hello everyone!! The end of term tests start this week. The students are all studying very hard. We wish the students all the best!! The winter vacation will start soon. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable vacation. Also, have a merry Christmas and enjoy the New Year's celebrations.

今週から期末テストが始まります。冬休みも間もなくです。元気に楽しく過ごしましょう。

メリークリスマス&ハッピーニューイヤー

Christmas Party

On Thursday afternoon, the 8th Graders all gathered in anticipation in the big meeting room for their Christmas Party. Santa Claus made an appearance ably assisted by his helper Rudolph. Both Santa and Rudolph kept everyone enthralled recounting the tale of Christmas. After this, the games commenced with the Santa relay where the students had to dress as Santa Claus and run around the course. All the students raced to be the first to complete the course. Pin the tail on Rudolf was a huge success and the students again competed hard to get the tail on Rudolf. Unfortunately the party was over and the students left but not before getting their Christmas candy to the delight of them all.

クリスマスパーティ

12月3日(木)中2はサンタとトナカイと一緒にクリスマスお楽しみ会を開きました。特別出演のルウどうフトナカイに皆大喜び。クリスマスの話を聞いた後、ゲーム・写真・クリスマスプレゼント。あっという間に終わってしまいました。



Junior High Recitation Contest

On Saturday, November 21st, three Kosei Junior High School students joined 81 other students from 28 other Tokyo area junior high schools to compete in the 9th annual Private Junior High School English Recitation Contest. There were almost 30 students from each grade who gathered at Chiyoda Jogakuen Junior High School for the contest. The representatives from Kosei were Mayumi Okazaki from class 1-1, who recited "At Hospital", Marie Mizuno from class 2-2, who recited "April Fool's Day", and Mai Kubota from class 3-1, who recited "The Ant and the Dove". None of the Kosei students won a prize this time, but they all gave excellent performances and made their teachers proud. In his closing comments, Director Masanari Furumoto said that he was very pleased to see the level of overall performances this year being the best so far. We are looking forward to the next contest and encourage any students interested to volunteer and challenge themselves.

レシテーションコンテスト

11月21日に東京都の私学28校81名の中学生が千代田学園女学校に集まりコンテストが開催されました。校成も中1：岡崎真由美、中2：水野万里江、中3：久保田舞が参加し入賞はしませんでした。それぞれ健闘しました。委員長の古本先生は年々レベルが高くなっていくことに言及されましたが、貴重な体験になります。校成からの来年の健闘が楽しみです。



Speech Contests

The Second Kosei Junior High In-School Speech Contest was held during the first week of December. There were, as usual, many good presentations!

All of the 7th grade students recited the story "The Hungry Lion". Winners were chosen from each class and advanced to the Recitation Finals on December 3rd. The quality of the recitations was so good that choosing winners was a very difficult task! However, the best of an already excellent group were: Aki Sakunamoto, Erika Ishigaki, Marika Miyasako, Mayumi Okazaki, Mizuho Uchiyama, and Yukari Ikeda.

中学のスピーチコンテストが12月の第1週にありました。

中1は「腹ペコライオン」を暗唱しました。賞を決めるのが難しいほどみんな上出来でした。その中から選ばれたのが桜本亜紀、石垣彫華、宮迫真理佳、岡崎真由美、内山瑞穂、池田ゆかりでした。



The 8th grade speech contest was also held on December 3rd. Students gave speeches on a variety of topics. The most common topic was presenting an aspect of Japanese culture. The final winners were: Ayano Miyaki, Chiharu Okashi, Megumi Zafar, Riko Okajima, Shiori Hashimoto and Yuki Endo.

中2は日本の文化等のテーマでスピーチをしました。入賞は宮木彩乃、橋本汐理、大越千椿、ザファール恵美、岡島梨子、遠藤優希。



The 9th grade contest was held on December 2nd. The theme was their trip to New Zealand. Speeches, skits and videos were included in the presentations. One major goal for this year was to help the future third year students to understand some difficulties they might face. So the B classes prepared speeches and skits showing various things that happened during their stay. The A class focused on the theme of "regrets". The final winners were: Chika Takashima, Kana Sakamoto, Marie Okabe, Masako Suzuki, Mayuko Yoshida, Rika Yamasaki, Sayruri Furuuchi and Yukiko Yamamoto.

中3はNZ旅行をテーマにスピーチや寸劇がおこなわれました。今年度の主な目的に将来困ったときに役立つ学習を設定しBクラスはNZで経験した様々なことに基づいたグループ寸劇でした。AクラスはNZで反省した、しておけばよかったこと、必要なかったことをテーマにスピーチしました。入賞は高島千佳、坂本佳奈、岡部万里江、鈴木雅咲子、吉田真由子、山崎里紗、古内沙友里、山本有貴子でした。

Junior High Immersion Classes

Physical Education (P.E.)

This term, all the students have done very well in each of the sports. The 7th graders have successfully learnt Parts of the Body, and have also mastered serving, forehand and backhand, in Table Tennis. The 8th graders have completed all their tests in soccer, and can now pass, dribble and shoot. Finally the 9th graders have completed their first term doing gymnastics. They have also successfully executed their first gymnastics routine and have learnt the gymnastic terms in English. Well done everybody!

体育

中1は体の部位を英語で言えるように学習。卓球ではフォアハンド打ち・バックハンド打ちの両方ができるようになりました。中2はサッカーのパス・ドリブル・シュートを学習。中3は体操で用いられる英単語を学習し、基本種目ができるようになりました。

Eiken Stuff

On November 14th, Part Two of Eiken, the speaking test, was held all over Japan. And as usual, many students came to practice for the speaking test with the native teachers and nearly all of them passed. On the other hand, most of the students who DID NOT COME, did not pass the test. The native teachers are friendly, able and willing to help you prepare for the speaking test but YOU MUST TAKE THE FIRST STEP! Please come to the English room and make an appointment!

英検

11月14日英検2次試験があり、外人の先生方と練習に来た生徒の多くは合格、練習をしなかった生徒は不合格でした。親切な先生が練習をしてくださいます。まずは英語科に練習の申し込みに来ること！

New Zealand News

The 2F class will be coming back to Japan on the December 13th. They have spent almost one year living and going to school in New Zealand. In their time away they have improved a lot in English and have made many friendships. All the girls said that they have had a wonderful time and that they don't want to come back to Japan just yet. It will be interesting to hear about all of their stories and experiences they had in New Zealand. Please feel free to talk to them when you see them around school.

5期 NZ 留学生帰国

12月13日に高2生が1年間のNZ留学を終えて帰国します。1年の間に英語力を向上させ、多くの友達ができ、生徒たちは大変楽しんで別れを惜しみながらの帰国です。さまざまなNZでのおもしろい話・経験を聞けることでしょう。気軽に声をかけてみましょう。

The Grapevine Staff



Music

The junior high students have begun preparing for the biggest event of third term, the Chorus Contest. Pianists and conductors have been chosen for the performances of both an English song, "Yesterday Once More" by the Carpenters, and a "free" song in Japanese. Each class has chosen different free songs, and all will perform the same English song. High school classes will perform one free song of their own choosing. The junior high school students have already learned the English song and have begun learning their free song. The contest is just around the corner (January 30th!) and we are all very much looking forward it. Do your best and good luck everyone!

イマージョン音楽

年間最大のイベントのコーラスコンテストに向けてすでに練習が始められました。課題曲カーペンターの「Yesterday Once More」と自由曲の日本の歌の2曲で競われます。コンテストは1月30日です。健闘を期待します。

Art

This term the 7th grade students have been focusing on printmaking and drawing. They completed drawings of leaves and hands, and have printed these onto paper. The final prints will be colored with pastels and mounted on a board. They also learned basic cutting techniques and sponge printing methods which were used to make a Christmas card.

The 8th graders worked on a fabric design project. Using tessellations, they created a stencil which was used to paint colorful designs onto a bag. They have learned how to use color and balance and how this applies to fabric.

The 9th graders have been thinking about the final term project. We have introduced the Memorial album project and studied watercolor painting techniques and collage. The students have been reviewing perspective and the color wheel.

イマージョン美術

中1は線描写とプリントを学習。題材は手と木の葉でそれらを描いて印刷し、その上にパステルで色を足したり色を埋めたりしました。切り絵の基本的技術とスポンジ印刷を用いてクリスマスカードの制作もしました。中2は布にデザインを施すことを学習しました。制作したステンシルをモザイク模様の要領で色づけしパタンを布袋の上にも書きました。色使いとバランスを布を使っての学習。中3は3年間の思い出帳を作り始めました。遠近法とカラー円環の復習もしながら水彩画法とコラージュを学習しました。

Important Dates This Term

Dec 10	Half day for Junior High students
Dec 11	Junior High English Examination
Dec 11-14	End of Year Examinations
Dec 15	7 th Grade trip to Kidzania
Dec 15	8 th Grade trip to Kamakura

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