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Welcome!!

Hello everyone! The weather is getting a lot warmer. Spring is coming. This is the last Grapevine newsletter for the 2010 school year. The winter term is a short term and the students will soon be on vacation. At the moment, the students are busy studying for their upcoming examinations. We wish all the students good luck with their examinations.

ずいぶん暖かくなりいよいよ春です。今年度最終号です。3学期は短く、生徒はすでに学年末に忙しい毎日です。これが終われば春休み。最後までしっかり頑張りましょう!



Recent School Events

Chorus Contest

The 5th Chorus Contest at Kosei on Saturday January 29th was the culmination of months of intense practice. It proved to be a very exciting event, with extremely high-level performances from both the junior and senior high school students.

In the junior high section, the 7th graders proved that they were able to compete with the older students without any problem. While they had a slight advantage over the other grades in terms of sheer numbers (big classes), their performances were very expressive. This clearly won over the judges as they took second and third prize with "Hanataba" (1-2) and "Cosmos" (1-1) respectively. The first prize went undisputedly to 3-2, who performed "Asu e no tobira", as well as The Carpenters' "Top of the World", with dedication and musicality. Their free song, especially, was a real treat, displaying the wide range of the class' musical ability, in the full chorus sections as

well as the solo section towards the end of the song. 3-2 also managed to pick up the "Best Conductor" award (Marie Mizuno). "Best pianist" went to the Mayu Nishizaki from 3-1. Congratulations!

The senior high section was equally thrilling. The 2E girls – who had just come back stunned everyone with their performance of "with you smile" and got a well-deserved first prize! They mirrored the best junior high class in also capturing the "Best Conductor" award (Ryoko Goto). The second prize went to 2B, who sang "Michi", and the third prize was for "Anata e", in a very moving performance by the 1A class, with Nako Miyamura on piano, who got the "Best Pianist" award. Congratulations!



Karen wins the 2nd Prize

The Setagaya Ward Speech Contest was held at Dennencyoufu Futaba Junior Senior High School two weeks ago on Saturday, February 19th. Three Kosei students did extremely well. They had all been practicing for many weeks and it showed during the contest. First was Yuuri Hayashi with her recitation of 'Rose Parks'. Next came Karen Shiose, who recited 'Texan in London' Yuria Aoyama was next with her aunt disability. Karen Shiose got second place among 21 junior high students. Congratulations! The two other girls also gave excellent performances and made their teachers proud. The year last we had Yui chosen as the second place and last fall Saori got the 5th prize, too. We are looking forward to the next contest and encourage any students interested to volunteer and challenge themselves.

スピーチコンテスト

2週間前の19日(土)世田谷・目黒・町田地区の私立中学・高校生によるスピーチコンテストが田園調布双葉中学・高校記念講堂で開催され、中3の林優里、中1の塩瀬花蓮、高2の青山有里香り出場しました。レベルが高いことで有名なこの地区は今年も激戦になりましたが3名がそれぞれ大変健闘しました。その中で中学のグループに出た塩瀬花蓮が2位に入賞しました。おめでとう! (^u^) 1昨年・昨年・今年と入賞する生徒が続いています。これからも挑戦する生徒がたくさん出るのが楽しみです。



合唱コンテスト

第5回合唱コンが1月29日に開催されました。時間をかけて各人が大いに練習し中高ともに素晴らしい成果を残すことができました。年下でも頑張れば入賞できることを証明し中1-2組が2位、3位に中1-1組が決まりました。優勝は3年2組で課題曲はカーペンターズの"Top of the World", 自由曲共にすばらしかったです。指揮者賞は3-2の水野真里江さん、伴奏者賞は3-1の西崎真由さんでした。

高校もまた接戦でしたが、満面の笑みを浮かべて歌った2年生

E組がNZから帰国後まもなくでしたが優勝しました。指揮者賞も同クラスの後藤涼子が獲り中学生の良い手本となりました。2位は2年B組、3位は1年A組で伴奏者賞も同クラスの宮村菜子に決まりました。皆素晴らしい出で良く頑張りました。

Speech Contests

Seventh graders gave a speech on their first year at Kosei. Many of the students had interesting memories with many recalling the school festivals and the trip to Oume as highlights. The speech final was of a very high standard with Karen Shiose winning overall. Miyu Suzuki was second, and Eriko Noguchi was third. A special mention must also go out to Madoka Sugimoto, Sayuka Kashiwagi, Tomoka Kitamura and Kozue Nakajima who gave it their all and shared fourth place. Shiori Furuta, Emiko Shiokaki, and Momoko Suzuki got class honors.

学期の最後は恒例のスピーチコンテストです。中1は1年間の思い出をスピーチにし、多くの生徒が学園祭と青梅合宿を上げ1位塩瀬花蓮、2位鈴木みゆ、3位野口絵莉子、4位杉本円香、柏木沙有加、北村友香、中嶋梢、敢闘賞に古田栞里、正垣恵美子、鈴木桃子が選ばれました



The eight graders were again of a high standard with all the girls who participated in the final giving their all and making it very hard for the judges to decide the winners. This year it was decided that the students would give a book report. The overall winner was Aki Sakuramoto. Second place went to Saori Takechi who was closely followed by Yuuki Besho, then Ayano Mibu and Marika Miyasako. The class honors went to Sakino Hiraga from 2-1 and Yuri Nakaya from 2-2.



中2のコンテストも代表を選ぶのが大変なほどの上出来でした。今回は読書感想で1位に桜本亜紀、2位武市祥保里、3位別所優希、壬生綾乃、宮迫真理佳、敢闘賞は平賀咲乃、中谷有里でした。

The ninth graders gave a speech on their memories from junior high school and about their hopes and dreams for the future. Many students had very good memories of their recent trip to New Zealand, in particular the whole farmstay experience. Some girls had put a lot of thought into their future professions and had clear ideas about what they want to do and how to achieve their goals. The overall winner was Marie Mizuno. In second place was Yuuri Hayashi, followed by Aina Hirano and Natsumi Tani who shared third place. Class honors went to Haruka Ichikawa, Yuuki Watanabe and Misaki Omata .

中3は中学の思い出や将来の夢を発表しました。NZ旅行のファームステイは特に良い思い出になったようです。将来に向けて思いをしっかりと語った生徒もいました。1位は水野真里江、2位林優里、3位平野愛奈と谷菜摘、敢闘賞に市川春奈、渡邊由規、小俣美咲が選ばれました。



Immersion Art

Grade one have been working on character designs this term. This project involved them using a range of skills - starting with observational drawing of everyday objects and progressing to 3-D Design. They learnt how to think creatively and work with clay as a material. This gave students the ability to develop ideas visually as well and begin to understand the limitations and possibilities of materials.

中1の美術はキャラクターデザインで、紙粘土の性質を生かして身の回りの物を形にしていく技術を学びました。

Grade Two's project this term was to create textile patterns and designs for bags. Using a process of cutting and stenciling they are learning how to use a basic printing technique to realize a two dimensional design. We have encouraged them to think about color combinations, reviewing color mixing from grade one, and how to use pattern, symmetry and balance in their designs.

中2は布袋に自分で描いた図形を載せて染めました。中1で学んだ色使いを駆使し、図形の配置の工夫を学習しました。

This is the final term for Grade Three students. They worked very hard on their "Memory Album" project. Using collage, painting, drawing and a pop-up technique they created a record of their art work from grade one to three. This was a great chance for them to reflect on what they had learned. All of the students were also able to use English in their Albums, reflecting a truly International outlook.

中3は最後の作品に思い出帳を制作しました。コラージュ・絵画・線画・ポップアップ技術を交えながら中1からこれまでの作品の集大成にし、学習した内容の振り返りにもなりました。出来上がったものはNZへの修学旅行の絵や英文の頁もありイマージョン美術らしい作品になりました。

Important Dates This Term

- Mar 2-4 Final Exams
- Mar 9 High School Graduation Ceremony
- Mar 23 Junior High School Graduation Ceremony
- Mar 24 Closing Ceremony
- Apr 8 Opening Ceremony

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