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Current Items

- Japan Bowl 2005 will be held in the Modern Languages Building at the University of Michigan on Saturday, March 5th. Thank you to Jane Ozanich for making these arrangements!!! More details to follow.

Reminder: You must be a paid JTAM member and complete at least one task to compete in Japan Bowl.

- You can expect an e-mail from Faye in the near future outlining who is doing what task for Japan Bowl. There may be some tasks that no one has signed up for yet. If you have not yet signed up for a task, please do so we can make this year's Japan Bowl as much of a success as last year's!
- The issue of whether or not to stay with Nationals, break from Nationals, or stay with Nationals and just send Div. 4 teams to D.C. is still up in the air. Faye is working on contacting someone at Nationals to find out our options. Once she has this information, she will share it with JTAM members and we will have to make the final decision democratically. If you feel strongly one way or the other, please make your feelings known by attending the next JTAM meeting or e-mailing Faye at JTAM_2003@yahoo.com.
- Oketani-sensei has arranged for the JBSD Women's Club to come to Japan Bowl and perform Koto, tea ceremony, and set up a kimono display for us from 11-2 pm. Thank you Oketani-sensei!!!

Happy News

Suzi Shaw delivered a bouncing baby boy, 6lbs. 15 oz. 20 inches, making this her second child. Omedetou Suzi!

Have you heard? It's Mrs. Anne Hooghart now, hoping to be Dr. Hooghart soon. Anne married Andy Gillman on 10-22-04 at the Hitching Post Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas! Congratulations to Anne and Andy!

Next JTAM Meeting

When: Saturday, December 18th, 2004 from 10am-12pm.

Where: 218-A Alexander Building, EMU

What: Disussion of Nationals and Japan Bowl, tasks, future meeting dates and swapshop. Please bring an idea to share!

Directions: Take Exit 183 off of I-94 towards Ypsilanti. Go north on Huron past Michigan Avenue, Congress, Cross, and the stoplight at Forest Avenue. At the next intersection, turn left onto Jarvis. Proceed about 2 blocks to the Visitor Parking Lot (on the right) across from the Alexander Building. (If you need further assistance with directions please contact Faye at JTAM_2003@yahoo.com)

Lesson/Activity Ideas

Instead of giving you specific lesson/activity ideas in this issue, I have decided to share with you what I learned at the MFLA workshop given by Jane Ozanich titled "Hidden Treasures Found at the Center for Japanese Studies." Anita Savio from the Consulate General of Japan's office also gave us a wealth of information that I would like to share.

There are many free resources available to Japanese teachers through U-M's Center for Japanese Studies. Guven Witteveen is the person to contact if you would like K-12 Japan-related resources. Guven will also come to your school and be a guest speaker on a variety of topics.

Resources at the center include Japan Kits, which contain all sorts of realia geared for certain age groups, like lower elementary, upper elementary, and secondary. They have toy kits, kimono kits, and lots of other kits available free of charge. If you have ideas for kits, please e-mail them to Jane Ozanich at ~jozanich@umich.edu. Guven's e-mail address is wittevee@umich.edu and CJS's website is www.umich.edu/~iinet/cjs.

The goal of the center is to provide resources and enrichment for teachers and students. They are open to any ideas you have about resources or events you would like them to support. Other useful CJS links include:

<http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/cjs/events/calendar.html>

<http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/cjs/resources/teacher.html>

<http://www.umich.edu/~iinet/cjs/resources/index.html>

Anita Savio from the Consulate General of Japan's office offered many resources available to teachers free of charge. Some items they will mail to you or even bring to your school. You can go to the Consulate and look at all of these resources in their Resource Center at 400 Renaissance Center, Suite 1600 or e-mail Anita for a list of items. Also, please e-mail Anita to let her know you would like to come in at kouhou@global.biz.net. Resources include:

- Videos on a variety of cultural, historical, and geographical topics
- Movies
- Music CD's
- Japanese items (some of which have never been borrowed!) including:
 - Kimonos, yukata, happi
 - Tatami mats
 - 8 display sets of food
 - Dolls
 - Diorama's of buildings including temples, shrines, castles
 - Artificial Bonsai trees
 - Ikebana sets
 - Toy sets
 - Character masks