

# *JTAM Journal*

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Japanese Teachers' Association of Michigan

# Next JTAM Meeting

Please join us to discuss Japan Bowl and tour the Modern Language Building where Japan Bowl 2005 will be held.

**When:** Saturday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2005 from 10:00am-12:00pm.

**Where:** University of Michigan School of Social Work Building Room 1644  
1080 South University, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1106

\*\*\*The doors will be locked, so please call Jane (517) 256-4736 or Faye (586) 822-9101 to be let in the building.

## **Directions:**

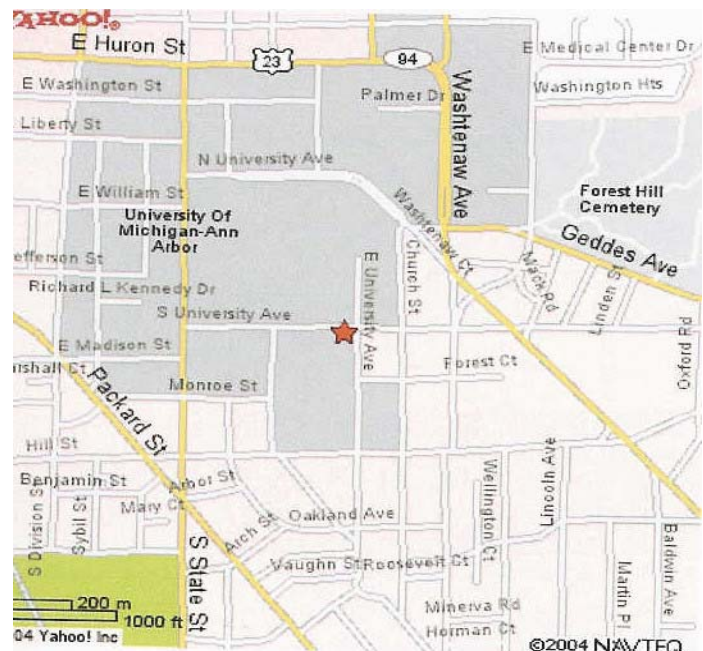
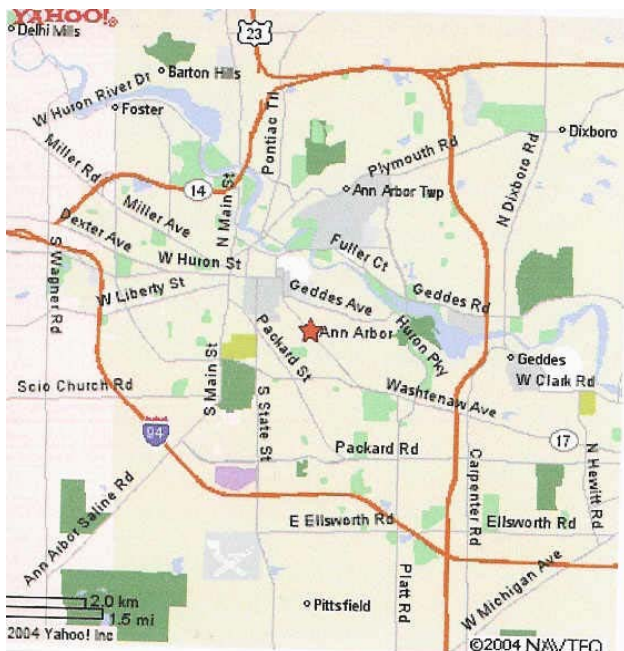
**From the Lansing area:** From I-96 E merge onto US-23 S exit number 148A toward ANN ARBOR. Take the M-14 W exit- exit number 45- toward DOWNTOWN ANN ARBOR. Merge onto M-14 W/US-23 BR S and take the US-23-BR exit- exit number 3- toward DOWNTOWN ANN ARBOR. Then merge onto N. Main St./US-23 BR S. Turn left onto Depot St. Turn right onto N State St. Then left onto S University Ave.

**From the Battle Creek area:** From I-94 E take the I-94-BL exit- exit number 172- toward ANN ARBOR. Take until Jackson Rd/I-94 BL E. Continue to follow I-94 BL E. Turn right onto South State St. Turn left onto S. University Ave.

**From the Detroit area:** From I-94 W toward CHICAGO take the State St. exit - exit number 177. Turn right onto South State St. Turn right onto South University Ave.

Ann Arbor Area:

U-M Campus:



# JTAM News

## *Japan Bowl 2005*

The decision was made at the December meeting to only allow Division IV teams to go to Nationals this year. The winning team will receive \$1,100 to attend the National Competition in Washington, D.C. This decision was made after JTAM members expressed concern over the high cost of attending Nationals as well as the difficulty of the National questions used in last year's Japan Bowl. If you are bringing Division IV teams the questions will be National questions. Divisions II and III questions will be revised according to Michigan Japan Bowl curriculum and standards. Please make sure that your students are aware of these changes. **Remember the registration deadline is Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and no exceptions will be made.**

## *JTAM Member Certificates*

Karen Kaczmarek, JTAM Treasurer, came up with the wonderful idea of issuing member certificates to all new and current JTAM members. This certificate makes a great artifact for your portfolio or classroom. Please e-mail Karen if you would like to receive a JTAM member certificate. Her e-mail is: [kazlivmi1@aol.com](mailto:kazlivmi1@aol.com).

## *Correction*

In the last issue of the JTAM Journal, Anita Savio's e-mail address was incorrectly written. Please make note that Anita's correct e-mail address is: [kouhou@globalbiz.net](mailto:kouhou@globalbiz.net). The change being that globalbiz is one word, not two as it had been mistakenly written.

## *CLEAR Summer Workshop Grants*

The University of Michigan Center for Japanese Studies (CJS) is offering grants for Michigan K-12 Japanese language teachers to attend summer workshops given by the Center for Language and Research (CLEAR) at Michigan State University. You must submit the application form to CJS by March 4, 2005. Scholarship awards are for \$300 and only one grant per applicant will be awarded. The workshops range in cost from \$200 to \$225 dollars. For more information on the workshops, visit <http://clear.msu.edu/> and click on Training and Professional Development on the left side of the screen. Then click on 2005 Summer Workshops. For a grant application please call or e-mail Jane Ozanich at the Center for Japanese Studies (734) 763-4301 or [jozanich@umich.edu](mailto:jozanich@umich.edu).

# Lesson/Activity Ideas

In this issue I have decided to share with you some items for creating lessons and activities. These include things I have found and purchased in teacher catalogs, such as a Kanji board game, Japanese plastic sushi, Japanese place settings, happi coats and more. Below is a list of the items I have and where I purchased them from.

## **The Kanji Game by Mindware**

Price: \$19.95

For 2 to 4 players. Ages 5 to adult.

Type of game: board game with spinner, cards, and pawns.

Object: The player who can identify the Kanji numbers the fastest wins.

Teaching idea: This game is great for students to practice Kanji numbers 1-10. It is fast and is a great motivating tool!

Visit [www.mindwareonline.com](http://www.mindwareonline.com)

## **Eggspert Buzzers by Bright Apple**

Price: \$49.95

Six buzzers in different colors. Includes control panel and teacher control button.

Teaching idea: This is awesome for reviewing, "Quiz Show" type games, and for preparing students for Japan Bowl!

Call 1 800-728-9783

## **Japanese Food Set and Child Size Happi Coats by Lakeshore Learning**

Japanese Food Set Price: \$14.95

This includes 8 pieces of sushi with ginger, wasabi, and a carrot flower, plus a serving tray.

Teaching idea: Lessons/Units on Japanese food

Japanese Happi Coat Price: \$18.50

This is for children ages 2 to 5.

Teaching idea: Lessons/Units on clothing and matsuri.

Visit [www.lakeshorelearning.com](http://www.lakeshorelearning.com)

## **Traditional Japanese Table Setting by Creative Diversity**

Price: \$39.99

Set includes 4 spoons, 4 plates, and 4 bowls.

Teaching idea: Lesson/Unit on food, table manners, at a restaurant, homestay, chopsticks.

Visit [www.creativediversity.com](http://www.creativediversity.com)

## **Traditional Japanese Toys by Culture for Kids**

Daruma Otoshi \$13.99, Kendama \$7.50, Kami Fusen from \$4.99 to \$10.99 depending on the size, Koma \$7.95 for a set of five and \$4.95 for a set of 3 upside down tops.

Teaching idea: Lesson/unit on entertainment, comparison of Japanese and American toys, New Year's.

Visit [www.cultureforkids.com](http://www.cultureforkids.com)

