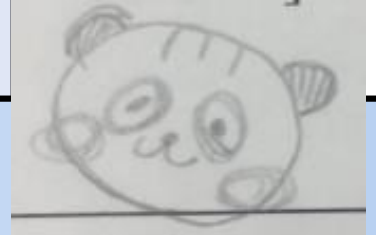


# Our Hirosho School Life!



## What happened in May?

### Golden Week 2019

The 2019 Golden Week was a special golden week. Emperor Akihito decided to retire. Because of this, there was an abdication day. The government put the abdication day in the middle of the Golden Week holidays. As a result of this additional holiday and the rules for public holidays, Golden Week 2019 turned into a wondrous 10 day vacation for public employees. Hirosho teachers and students are dedicated, so most of them still stopped by during golden week, but they shouldn't have! Hopefully everybody had a wonderful break from their studies and got to spend time with friends and family.

#### Flower Festival

During Golden Week every year, Hiroshima comes to life for the Flower Festival. The streets around Peace Park become filled with musical performances, food stalls, and people. Hirosho students often participate in the celebrations. This year the cheer and baton clubs walked in the parade while sporting some sleek San Frece gear. The brass band decided to perform their annual concert on the final day of the Flower Festival. May 5<sup>th</sup> was a fun and relieving time for the band members as they finally performed the music they have been working on for the past two months.



#### Physical Fitness Testing

Making sure the students are happy and healthy is important for the success of the students. When the students came back from their Golden Week vacation, they spent a day for their physical tests and check-up. They start the morning by doing various physical fitness tests. These include a 100 meter dash, grip strength testing, high jump, and throwing strength tests. After lunch they check their height, weight, vision and hearing. Each year the students perform these tests to remain mindful of the importance of staying healthy.

#### PTA Day

PTA Day is a chance for parents to come and get more acquainted with the school they send their children to everyday. It was a super busy day for everybody. Classes were held in the morning so that parents could observe the lessons. After that there were multiple different meetings for teacher and parents. It is a great chance for parents and teachers to help determine what is best for the young students.



#### Etajima Plus

The commercial club held a special event on May 26<sup>th</sup>. Attendees of the event could go canoeing, do stand-up paddle boarding, or cycle around to some beautiful sights on Etajima. After the morning event, there was a big gramping-style picnic. The club spent the past few months organizing and advertising their event. They did so well at advertising that they attracted foreign tourists!



# What's coming in June?

## Bicycle Safety

A professional bicycle racing team will come to Hirosho to educate on bike safety.

## Teacher demonstration lessons

On June 5<sup>th</sup> there are going to be three demonstration lessons.

## Student Teachers

In June, Students come from local universities to develop their teaching skills at Hirosho.

## Toukasan

The first chance for most people to break out their yukatas.

## Choir Competition

On June 19<sup>th</sup>, students will battle it out on stage to determine the best musical performers at the school.

## In the ALT's corner...

### English Challenge

The Easter egg challenge has ended. The next English challenge is being set up but isn't quite ready. More information will come soon.

### How about English Club?

Do you like English? Do you want to have more time to practice using your English. Come to English club! ESS (English Speaking Society) meets every Monday and Friday. Anything related to English is okay. Want to write for this newspaper? Come to ESS! Want to play board games in English? Come to ESS! We are always interested in new members. Stop by small room 1 on Fridays or Mondays at 4pm. If you want more information, please talk to Jeremy, Toryu Sensei, or Sumioka Sensei!



### The ALT's perspective.

One of my favorite hobbies is learning a new language. It is really fun to be able to communicate with people in different ways. Anytime I go to a new place, I like to learn a little bit of that language. Learning languages is very difficult! You can only do it one way. You have to use it. You can use it in many different ways. You can read, listen to music, talk, or write anything. Something fun is the easiest way to learn. I like playing video games. Sometimes I will try to play games in Japanese. This is a way that I can read, and hear Japanese while doing something I enjoy! What do you enjoy? You should try to do it using a different language! If you do try, make sure you have a way to look up new words. I use the internet and a dictionary. If you want help picking something, come ask the ALT! I will gladly help you!

It is about to get hot. When it gets hot in June, we get a lot of rain. Last year these rains caused a lot of landslides. Be aware of the weather and make sure to stay safe. Know where you need to go in order to stay safe. Make sure you have an emergency kit that is up to date and appropriate. If you need to evacuate, know where the nearest evacuation center is. It is very important to be prepared for these situations! It can save your life!