

# Our Hirosho School Life!



## What happened in April?

### The effect of Covid-19 on school

The school opened up for about a week. In the middle of that time, Hiroshima prefecture's board of education announced that schools would close again, and teachers would begin to prepare a way to instruct students online. The goal is to keep students and their families safe, while still helping them prepare for their future.

### Opening Ceremony

Opening ceremony was very different from normal. Instead of everybody gathering in the gym, all students and teachers stayed in their classrooms. The same general format was followed, but it was done using the intercom. It took much less time because students did not have to move to the gym and then go back to classrooms.

### New Student Ceremony

The new first year students came to school and their parents could watch the opening ceremony for the students. The teachers for the first years were introduced and the students and parents learned about Hirosho. Due to the corona virus, the ceremony was a little different from the normal ceremony. No second or third year students attended. All chairs were spaced out as much as possible and all doors and windows were left open during the ceremony.



### Stay safe!

Corona is affecting so many aspects of our lives right now. It's important to stay safe and be careful. That being said, it is also important to keep a positive attitude. If you're stuck at home and unable to leave, remember this is a great time to improve yourself! You can practice studying in a way that is very fun! Do you like video games? Try playing a video game in English. Most games have a language setting. Now you have more free time to play more slowly and look up words and phrases you don't understand. Do you like to cook? Awesome! Look up a recipe in English and try to follow it without looking at a Japanese version. A great website to look up recipes is: [www.allrecipes.com](http://www.allrecipes.com). Do you like to watch drama or movies? Watch dramas in English with English subtitles! Don't use Japanese subtitles! Japanese subtitles essentially make the movie a Japanese picture book. Netflix, Amazon Prime, and Hulu all have many shows with English. Use your interests to find a way to continue doing fun things, while also improving yourself.

# What's coming in May?

School might restart?

With the virus affecting everything it's hard to tell what will happen!

Golden Week

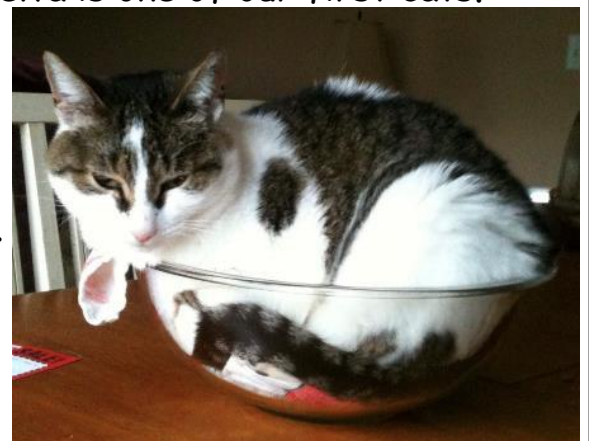
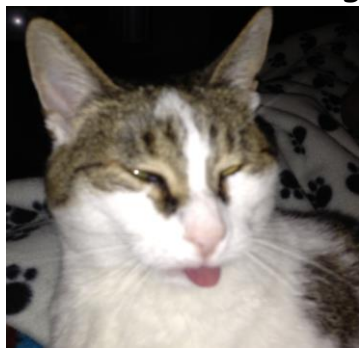
Golden Week begins the last week of April.

## In the ALT's corner...

### Pets

With the worldwide situation, I wanted to continue with the pet theme. This month I will introduce some of my pets! First, I'd like to introduce Melva. Melva is one of our first cats.

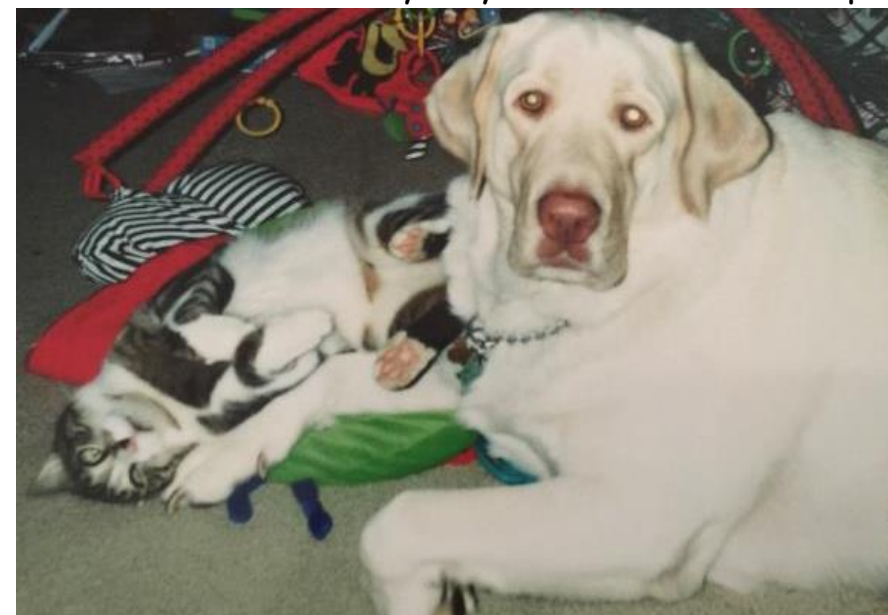
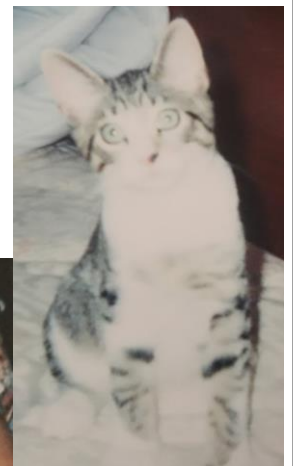
Here is Melva. We got Melva from a friend who couldn't afford to feed a pet. Melva was very strange. She recently passed away, but she lived for a long time. She became a part of our family. After getting Melva, we got Teton. Teton was a giant white Labrador. Melva and Teton were really good friends. Teton



always wanted to sleep next to Melva even though she is very small. Here is a picture of Teton.



Teton weighed about 65kgs. He was our first dog and he was very nice to everybody; however, he was very big and it scared many people. After a while, Melva had kittens! I got to keep one kitten. His name was AJ. AJ was awesome. Here is a picture of AJ as a kitten. He was very relaxed and he loved to be held and pet. Teton and AJ became really good friends. They would always lay together. Teton treated AJ like his child. He would lick AJ and always lay with him. Here is a picture of Teton with AJ.



I miss our pets. They were awesome! If you fell asleep on the couch, this would happen! 