



NAKAYOSHI GAKKO
FRIENDSHIP SCHOOL

Summer 2010
Family Orientation Handbook

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2010 HANDBOOK

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WELCOME TO NAKAYOSHI GAKKO

Welcome to the 11th year of Nakayoshi Gakko. As we embark on the second decade of existence, we thank the many people who helped make Nakayoshi Gakko an enormous success. We are grateful for the continued support of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple and encouragement from our families and friends.

This year's superb staff of teachers, together with an energetic group of sempai and junior sempai, is looking forward to leading a variety of lessons and introducing your children to the many different aspects of Japanese and Japanese-American culture.

With your help, we know Nakayoshi Gakko will continue to be a wonderful experience for your children.

HISTORY OF NAKAYOSHI GAKKO

The vision of starting a Japanese Cultural Summer School program at the Mountain View Buddhist Temple was initiated by parents who wanted to pass from generation to generation the elements of their own Japanese culture. Armed with their vision, Temple parent Kathy Fujii presented the concept to the Temple board. She received overwhelming support and great enthusiasm from the Temple board and from participating parents.

In September 1999, a small volunteer board was organized comprised of Phyllis Chan, Pat Tomosada, Charlene Temple, Debby Inenaga, Becky Hudson and Kathy Fujii. Staff recruitment began with the hiring of an experienced Curriculum Director: Kit Nishiura, a former teacher and director at Medaka no Gakko. By January 2000, teachers and coordinators were hired. Both board and staff had the objective of putting on an exceptional program in an effort to make the children, the parents and the community happy and proud. In June 2000, Nakayoshi Gakko opened its doors to 76 students.

CURRICULUM OBJECTIVES

Nakayoshi Gakko offers a full and rich curriculum. After considerable research, we adopted a three-point mission statement, provided below:

Mission Statement

- To promote an awareness of Japanese culture in its historical and religious context.
- To gain an appreciation of Japanese - American heritage.
- To encourage friendship and cultivate those values that characterize the Japanese way of life.

The following objectives serve as guidelines to achieve the Mission Statement goals. With the help of experienced, credentialed teachers, students will:

- Learn about different aspects of Japanese culture through various hands on projects.
- Gain an understanding of Japanese - American heritage by participating in enrichment activities and field trips.
- Analyze and interpret Japanese & Japanese - American Culture and history through literature and student-produced written and oral assignments.
- Demonstrate their appreciation of Japanese culture and values in school activities, such as Japanese language instruction, undokai (physical education), music, science and cooking classes.
- Develop awareness that these values have importance in how we live and relate to others.
- Provide opportunities to develop a wider circle of friends from surrounding communities.

CURRICULUM OUTLINE

Class	Soc. Studies	Values	Holidays/Events	Cultural Topics and terms
Panda	Family	“Me” in my family	(New Year’s Day)	Roles of family members (<i>chichi, haha, watashi, boku</i>), Family identity (family crest)
		Pride in tradition	Girls’ Day Boys’ Day	<i>Kimono</i> for boys and girls, <i>Ayatori, menko</i> , and other traditional toys
		Respect to the elders	Respect for the Aged Day	Bowing and other forms of showing respect to the elders
Saru	Community (1): Awareness and responsibility	Notion of <i>Mottainai</i> (appreciation of what we are given)	(Needle Festival)	Reusable items (<i>furoshiki, kimono</i>) Reuse of paper Japanese traditional paper (<i>origami, chiyogami, washi</i>)
		Harmony: awareness & responsibility as a group	Nikkei Matsuri	House (<i>zabuton, shoji, fusuma, tatami, tokonoma</i>) Matsuri (<i>yatai, omikoshi, matoi, happi</i>)
Kuma	Community (2): Connection to the universe	Nature as gods	Star/Moon Festivals	Summer card & gift giving, Calligraphy(<i>fude, sumi</i>), <i>Tanabata</i> (<i>orihime, hikoboshi</i>) Japanese mythology
		Mental/physical cleanliness	(New Year’s Eve)	Cleansing of house & self (water and salt), sumo, <i>shinto</i>
Zou	Oceans & Nations	Ocean and Japanese Life Style	New Year’s Day	“ <i>Umi no Sachi</i> ” (food from the ocean, <i>gyotaku, sushi</i>) New Year's celebration
		Weather & life	Obon Relocation War Memorial Day	Weather and kanji characters, <i>teruteru-bozu</i>
		China and Japan		Tradition from China (kanji, tango-no-sekku, tanabata)
Kirin	Learn from our past	Perseverance	Relocation	Relocation (<i>issei, nisei</i>)
		Respect to ancestors	Obon	Items from Buddhism (Buddha, <i>Daruma</i>)
		Peace of two	War Memorial Day	A-bomb and prayer for

		countries		peace (paper cranes)
Tora	Nature and seasonal symbols	Appreciation of four seasons	Excursions to enjoy cherry blossoms, maple leaves, & snow	Natural beauty in the house (garden, <i>tokonoma</i> , table setting) <i>Haiku</i>
	Heritage of Japanese aesthetic value	<i>Ma</i> (balanced space) and <i>Sabi</i> (elegant simplicity)	(Hakone Matsuri)	Japanese visual art, <i>haiku</i> , tea ceremony
	Identity as “Nikkei-jin”	Pride of being a Japanese American	(Nikkei Matsuri)	How we enjoy our annual events & how people in Japan enjoy their annual events (review: months and seasons)
Ryu	Tokugawa			Bunraku Kamishibai
Tsuru	Migration Immigration			Kabuki

SCHOOL POLICIES

Enrollment requirements

Eligibility

Students entering first through eighth grade in September of the upcoming school year are eligible to participate in Nakayoshi Gakko.

Tuition and Extended Care

At the time of registration, tuition is paid in full (\$375 per child) with the application. If using extended care, full payment must be received prior to the start of the session (please see details in the registration materials).

A 25% late fee is assessed on all late payments. Emergency or unplanned use of extended care is subject to availability and is billed at a higher rate. **All accounts must be settled by the last day of the session.**

Refunds

Cancellations made and confirmed by the Registrar(s) before April 12th will receive a \$325 refund (\$375 - \$50 processing fee). Cancellations made after April 12th are not refundable. If your child's class is full, you will receive a tuition refund up to April 12, 2010.

PARENT VOLUNTEER COMMITMENTS

As a parent cooperative school, Nakayoshi Gakko relies heavily on parent volunteers to support various school programs and curriculum. Parent participation IS critical to the integrity of the program and well-being of the children. Parents are required to assist in four main areas:

1. Maintenance
2. Classroom Work Days
3. Committee Support
4. MVBT Obon Bazaar support

If a family fails to fulfill their commitments and has good cause as determined by the Registrars, then a fee of \$50 will be assessed, but the enrollment priority of the family's returning child(ren) will not be affected.

If a family fails to fulfill their commitments and does not have good cause as determined by the Registrars, then a fee of \$50 will be assessed AND the enrollment priority of the family's returning child(ren) will be lost. The registration of the child(ren) will be considered with the other general pool of first-time applicants.

1. MAINTENANCE I OR II

On the Saturday prior to and following the session, parents help general clean up of the classrooms, gym, kitchen, and other facilities used by Nakayoshi Gakko. Please arrive at the Mountain View Temple at 9 a.m to work your shift.

2. CLASSROOM WORK DAYS

- One parent IS required to assist in the classroom one day per family.
- On your workday, please sign-in by 8:15 AM in the Nakayoshi Gakko office and report to your assigned classroom. Please stay until 4:15 PM. when all children have been picked up or escorted to childcare.
- Duties include assisting the classroom teacher as needed, supervising recess & lunchtime for your class and accompanying your class and supporting them during scheduled afternoon specialty classes.
- Please note siblings who are not enrolled in the program are not permitted to accompany the parent on their classroom work day.
- Should you need to change or switch a day, please find another Nakayoshi Gakko parent with whom to trade and let the office know of your day change.

Floater should also report at 8:15 am to the Nakayoshi Gakko office for assignment to areas as needed.

3. COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Each family is assigned to help work on one of four committees. Committee meetings are held at the Parent Orientation meeting. If you have a question regarding your committee, please contact the committee chairperson. Brief descriptions of the committees are listed below:

Arts and Crafts

- Prepare materials for classroom projects and special events. Duties may include cutting paper, gluing, woodworking, sewing, etc.

Publications

- Assist with school newsletter, take digital photographs of classes and activities, compile and publish the slide show for Open House, create memory book or CD.

Fundraising

- Support fund-raising activities.

Open House

- Assist in the preparation and execution of Open House. Duties may include set-up and take down of tables, chairs, and art displays; supporting a variety of miscellaneous tasks necessary to put on the open house presentation.

4. OBON FESTIVAL

Parents help with Obon in the following ways: prepare food the week before the festival or assist in an assigned booth on the Saturday or Sunday of Obon Festival. Sign-ups are posted the first week of school.

PARENT/FAMILY EVENTS

Cultural Demonstrations

Parents and family members are welcome to attend our daily cultural demonstrations. Unless otherwise specified, these take place in the gym.

First Day Welcome Tea

This occurs just after morning taiso (exercise) and is a casual social gathering of parents. Light refreshments are served in the gym lobby.

Dine with Nakayoshi Gakko

Dine at designated restaurants on specified days and Nakayoshi Gakko receives a percentage of sales from Nakayoshi Gakko customers

Book Fair

Occurring the last two days of the session in the gym lobby. A variety of Japanese and Asian-themed books are available for purchase from Heritage Press. The program receives a percentage of total sales.

Open House

Open house is the last day of the session and is a casual gathering of families and friends to celebrate the end of session and to view the activities completed by the children. We enjoy an obento (boxed) dinner and home-made desserts, watch a school-wide musical performance, and visit classrooms.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

School hours are 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Classrooms open at 8:15 AM. For your child's safety and protection, please stay with your child until the classroom or gym lobby is open. Please sign your child in on the class specific sign-up sheets located in the gym lobby. Please notify the school by 8:30 AM if your child will not be attending that day.

At the end of the school day, students will return to their classrooms to collect their belongings. A parent or authorized person (photo identification may be required) must pick up and sign-out the child from their classroom by 4:00 PM or for optional Extended Care by 5:30 PM in the Gym Lobby

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL (continued)

A grace period of 5 minutes will be allowed for the 4:00 PM pick up at which time your student will be moved to extended care and charged automatically. Parents arriving late will be assessed the extended care daily fee of \$20. All late fees will be collected before the last day of session.

LUNCH AND SNACKS

Each student should bring a separately packed morning snack and lunch *free of nuts*. At the start of the school day, lunches are refrigerated and brought out prior to lunch time. No microwave services are available to reheat food, so please plan accordingly. Nakayoshi Gakko provides an afternoon snack and an extended care snack. These snacks generally consist of crackers and fruit and occasionally cookies and frozen treats. If your child has a severe food allergy, please send him/her with a separate afternoon snack.

HEALTH

Illnesses

If your child is ill, please do not send him/her to school. We ask each family's support and cooperation in this matter. We will send your child home for the following reasons: fever, injury, nausea, or suspected contagious conditions. Please notify the school if your child had an infectious disease. We will notify other parents in the class so they can watch for symptoms in their children.

Allergies

All allergies should be listed on the health form and must be brought to the attention of the classroom teacher and school personnel. As mentioned above, if your child has a severe food allergy we ask you to please provide a separate afternoon snack as we cannot guarantee the snacks will be allergy-free for all children.

Medical Emergencies

In the event your child has a medical emergency, the school makes every effort to contact the parents or guardians listed on the registration forms first. If parents or guardians cannot be reached, the school will contact the doctor listed on the medical release form.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

In the event of an emergency PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL. It is imperative we keep our telephone lines open for emergency purposes.

Nakayoshi Gakko IS fully prepared for emergencies and we maintain supplies of food, water, and first aid equipment should students need to remain at school for a substantial period of time. Nakayoshi Gakko has established emergency procedures to ensure the safety of all our students. Fire and earthquake drills are held on the first day of the session.

1. In the event of an earthquake, all children will be kept at school until picked up by a family member or a designated person.
2. For any other reasons, you will be contacted via phone using the number that is listed on the Emergency Form.
3. No student will be dismissed from school unless a parent (or individual designated in writing by parent) comes for him/her. Please ensure that the proper contact information is listed on the emergency contact form.
4. All parents or designated persons who come for students must sign out at the temple gym or at the temporary student release station. Signs will be posted if this alternate location is required.

In the event of an earthquake, prolonged power outage, fire, etc., where it is necessary to close the school before the regularly scheduled closing, we expect parents to pick up their children as soon as possible.

If you are not able to reach the school in an emergency, Nakayoshi Gakko will care for your children until you arrive or the person designated by you in writing arrives.

INSURANCE

Nakayoshi Gakko does not carry medical insurance

LIABILITY

1. Students not officially enrolled in the program are not allowed on the school grounds unless accompanied by an adult.
2. No person shall be personally liable for debts of Nakayoshi Gakko solely because of association with the school.
3. All participating students are required to have a signed photography release and parental consent waiver on file.

NONDISCRIMINATION & ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY

Nakayoshi Gakko is committed to providing learning and volunteering environments in which all students and volunteers, both adult and minor, involved in school programs and activities can participate in an atmosphere free from all forms of prohibited harassment and discrimination. All students and volunteers have the right to learn and teach in an environment free of unlawful discrimination and harassment. Harassment or discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran's status, religion, disability, age, gender or sexual orientation is prohibited.

Prohibited harassment or discrimination includes, by way of example, slurs, verbal or physical conduct of a sexual, harassing or discriminatory nature: unwelcoming sexual advances or reference to sexual themes which are deemed offensive, or other discriminatory or harassing verbal, non-verbal or physical conduct based on the recipient's race, color, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, veteran's status, religion, disability, age, gender or sexual orientation.

Any participant at Nakayoshi Gakko (students, volunteers, both adult and minor) who engages in the harassment or discrimination of anyone at school programs or activities shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program.

Anyone affected by harassment or discrimination should immediately contact staff if they feel they are being harassed. Within 24 hours, staff shall report complaints to the Principal or Designee. Staff shall similarly report any such incidents they may observe, even if the affected person has not complained. The Principal and the President of the Nakayoshi Gakko Board of Directors will investigate reports of harassment. Upon verifying that harassment has occurred, they will ensure that appropriate action is promptly taken to end the harassment, address its effects on the affected person and prevent any further instances of the harassment.

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

The Nakayoshi Gakko Code of Conduct supports our effort to maintain a safe and supportive school environment. Each student is expected to behave appropriately in all activities and accept responsibility for his/her actions. Parent and staff share responsibility for supporting the school's objectives and working together to correct problems when they arise.

School Rules

At Nakayoshi Gakko students are expected to:

1. Treat Sensei, Sempai and each other with respect and courtesy.
2. Get Sensei, Sempai or adult permission before leaving the class or group.
3. Use appropriate language or gestures.
4. Refrain from physical and verbal aggression.
5. Maintain a "hands-off" policy with respect to appropriate boy-girl relationships.
6. Remain on the Temple grounds during the school hours unless signed out by a parent or guardian.
7. Respect and take care of Temple property.
8. Refrain from using cell phones and electronic devices during school hours.

STUDENT CONSEQUENCES

When a student fails to act responsibly and school rules are violated, consequences will occur. Consequences will be assigned based on the severity of the offense and/or the frequency with which a student breaks school rules. The following is a list of potential consequences:

- 1 CLASS SUSPENSION - Teachers reserve the right to send any disruptive student from a class to the office. This kind of suspension requires a phone call or conference between the suspending teacher and parents.
- 2 IN-SCHOOL SUSPENSION - This form of suspension is assigned only by an administrator. The student is allowed to remain in the class provided his or her legal guardian is present to directly supervise the student throughout the entire day for every day the student is under in-school Suspension. The length of in-school suspension will be assigned based on the severity and/or frequency of the offense. This kind of suspension requires a conference between the administrator and parents.
- 3 OFF-CAMPUS SUSPENSION - This form of suspension is assigned only by an administrator. The student is temporarily removed or excluded from school and school programs. The length of off-campus suspension will be assigned based upon the severity and/or frequency of the offense. This kind of suspension requires a conference between the administrator and parents
- 4 EXPULSION - This form of suspension is assigned only by an administrator and the President of the Nakayoshi Gakko Board of Directors. An expulsion is a complete exclusion and removal from Nakayoshi Gakko and all Nakayoshi programs for the remainder of the current session. Return of the student in future years will be reviewed on an individual basis.

DISCLAIMER

The policies listed in this handbook are by no means all inclusive. Not every situation is included or addressed. Nakayoshi Gakko retains the right to alter or vary the application of rules and policies. This handbook is intended as a guide to help students, parents and volunteers, both adult and minor to work together. Every effort will be made to help students and volunteers, both adult and minor, understand what is expected of them.

Board of Directors and Board Information

An organizational chart along with job descriptions of the Executive Board, Working Board, and Committees are available at:

<http://www.nakayoshigakko.org/contact.html>

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 1

June 19 - Saturday	Maintenance I – 9:00AM – 12PM Set-up the school, assist teachers in classroom set-up, and general cleaning of the facility
June 21 - Monday	First Day of School 8:30 AM - First Day Tea - Please join the children in taiso (exercises). Afterwards, light refreshments for parents. Emergency Procedures Drill Afternoon Demonstration: Shinkendo
June 22 - Tuesday	Class Photo Day <u>Wear your Nakayoshi Gakko T-shirt</u> Afternoon Demonstration: Acting demonstration
June 23 - Wednesday	Afternoon Demonstration: Buddhism Fundraiser dinner at Round Table Pizza on Shoreline, Mtn. View
June 24 - Thursday	Open House Obento order form due (form available from http://www.nakayoshigakko.org/) Class Field trips: Ryu - Asian Art Museum; Tsuru – Angel Island, San Francisco Afternoon Demonstration: Music
June 25 - Friday	Afternoon Demonstration: Mochitsuki

Notes

All Demonstrations are held from 3:15-4:00 PM in the Temple gym unless otherwise noted.
Parents and siblings are welcome to join us.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Week 2

June 28 - Monday	Newsletter Distributed Class Fieldtrip: Kuma - Nijiya Afternoon Demonstration: Sunny and Judy Seki
June 29 - Tuesday	Class Fieldtrip: Zou – Sushi Tomi; Kirin – San Jose Japantown Afternoon Demonstration: Mountain View Buddhist Temple Taiko Fundraiser dinner at Armadillo Willy’s, Sunnyvale
June 30 - Wednesday	Class Fieldtrip: Tora – Hakone Garden Afternoon Demonstration: Akebono Dance
July 1 - Thursday	Class Field trips: Panda, Saru – Yu Ai Kai Afternoon Demonstration: Bunraku/Kabuki 3:00-4:30 PM---Heritage Source Book Fair
July 2 - Friday	Last day of school 1:00-1:45 PM- Afternoon Demonstration: Ikebana After Ikebana: snack and rehearsal for Open House 3:00-8:00 PM-Heritage Source Book Fair 5:00-8:30 PM-Open House. Visit classrooms to see the students’ projects and see other classes. Obento dinner pick-up starts at 5:00 PM; musical performance program starts at 5:45 PM.
July 3 – Saturday	Maintenance II - 9:00-Noon Close down the school. General cleanup of classrooms, gym, kitchen, and any other necessary areas.
July 17-18 Saturday/Sunday	Mountain View Buddhist Temple and Obon Parent participation in booths and activities

Notes

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Parents and siblings are welcome to join us.

PANDA thru TORA DAILY SCHEDULE

Panda/Saru/Kuma Schedule

8:30	-	8:45 AM	Sign In and Taiso (morning exercise)
8:45	-	9:35 AM	Period 1 Class Time
9:35	-	10:15 AM	Period 2 Class Time
10:15	-	10:45 AM	Snack and Recess
10:45	-	11:25 AM	Period 3 Class Time
11:25	-	12:15 PM	Period 4 Class Time
12:15	-	1:00 PM	Lunch Period
1:00	-	1:50 PM	Specialty 1
1:50	-	2:00 PM	Move to next activity
2:00	-	2:50 PM	Specialty 2
2:50	-	3:10 PM	Snack and bathroom break
3:10	-	3:15 PM	Move to Demonstration area
3:15	-	4:00 PM	Demonstration
4:00			Checkout or Transfer to Extended Care
4:00	-	5:30 PM	Extended Care - Optional

Zou/Kirin/Tora Schedule

8:30	-	8:45 AM	Sign In and Taiso (morning exercise)
8:45	-	9:35 AM	Period 1 Class Time
9:35	-	10:25 AM	Period 2 Class Time
10:25	-	10:55 AM	Snack and Recess
10:55	-	11:40 AM	Period 3 Class Time
11:40	-	12:30 PM	Period 4 Class Time
12:30	-	1:00 PM	Lunch Period
1:00	-	1:50 PM	Specialty 1
1:50	-	2:00 PM	Move to next activity
2:00	-	2:50 PM	Specialty 2
2:50	-	3:10 PM	Snack and bathroom break
3:10	-	3:15 PM	Move to Demonstration area
3:15	-	4:00 PM	Demonstration
4:00			Checkout or Transfer to Extended Care
4:00	-	5:30 PM	Extended Care - Optional

RYU AND TSURU DAILY SCHEDULE

Tsuru Schedule (Week 1) and Ryu (Week 2)

8:30	-	8:45 AM	Sign In and Taiso (morning exercise)
8:45	-	9:45 AM	Taiko
9:45	-	10:45 AM	Period 1 Class Time
10:45	-	11:45 AM	Specialty Class (Origami on Mon/Tues and Sumie on Wed/Fri)
11:45	-	12:45 PM	Period 2 Class Time
12:45	-	1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15	-	2:15 PM	Period 3 Class Time
2:15	-	3:15 PM	Period 4 Class Time
3:15	-	4:00 PM	Demonstration
4:00			Checkout or Transfer to Extended Care
4:00	-	5:30 PM	Extended Care – Optional

Tsuru Schedule (Week 2) and Ryu (Week 1)

8:30	-	8:45 AM	Sign In and Taiso (morning exercise)
8:45	-	9:45 AM	Period 1 Class Time
9:45	-	10:45 AM	Taiko
10:45	-	11:45 AM	Period 2 Class Time
11:45	-	12:45 PM	Cooking
12:45	-	1:15 PM	Lunch
1:15	-	2:15 PM	Period 3 Class Time
2:15	-	3:15 PM	Period 4 Class Time
3:15	-	4:00 PM	Demonstration
4:00			Checkout or Transfer to Extended Care
4:00	-	5:30 PM	Extended Care – Optional

MAINTENANCE ASSIGNMENTS - If you are unable to make your scheduled maintenance day, please find a family from the other maintenance day or someone else to cover your responsibility. You must also notify the chairperson of your change.

Maintenance I (June 19th 9am - Noon)			Maintenance II (July 3rd 9am - Noon)	
Arima	Kaylyn		Acevedo	Joanna
Bryant	Hana		Chu	Evan
Fukuda	Richard		Crowley	Danica
Ham	Aryssa		Doll	Tamlyn
Higa	Caitlyn		Fujii	Misa
Hironaka	Ryan		Furukawa	Jory
			Furumasu	Jessica
Ho	Lauren		Hamasaki	Erin
Itow	Evan		Hatch	Cassidy
Jesperson	Carly		Ho	Julianne
Kabasinskas	Nicholas		Howard	Sydney
Keen	Tyler		Kita	Cayla
Keever	Bryce		Koga	Jared
Kobayashi	Keiko (Erin)		Leveille	Samuel
Koga	Aili		Li	Matthew
Kosakura	Kelli		Mikami	Kaelyn
Lee	Brianna		Miller	Hiroimi
Leonard	Maia		Mizota	Jennifer
Lo	Adrian		Mok	Jessica
Lombardo	Kaitlyn		Morishima	Kale'a
Lund	Allison		Nakagawa	Megan
Matsumoto	Devon		Nakamura	Lara
Morimoto	Scott		Nishikawa	Sydney
Mukoyama	Kylie		Nishimoto	Cherilyn
Nakamura	Cameryn		Nishimoto	Lindsey
Nishikawa	Jarett		Okumura	Kimiko
Nodohara	Allyson		Sakae	Brenden
Sato	Jordyn		Schneider	Evan
Sugar	Sarah		Shinkawa	Victoria
Tachibana	Madeline		Tsudama	Mitchell
Takahashi	Danny		Tsukimura	Erica
Tang	Akemi		Vadasz	Katie
Tani	Christina		Wheeler	Lucas
Temple	Kazu		Wong	Braden
Tsudama	Tyler		Wustenhoff	Christiaan
Whall	Victoria		Yokoi	Megumi
Wong	Kalyn			
Yee	Taylor			
Yokota	Summer			

2010 CLASSROOM WORK ASSIGNMENTS

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
PANDA	21-Jun Leveille	22-Jun Hatch	23-Jun Li	24-Jun Kabasinskas	25-Jun Bryant
	28-Jun Yokota	29-Jun Sakae	30-Jun Kitani	1-Jul Itow	2-Jul Nishikawa

SARU	21-Jun Morishima	22-Jun Leonard	23-Jun Kosakura	24-Jun Kabasinskas	25-Jun Acevedo
	28-Jun Sato	29-Jun Mizota	30-Jun Ho	1-Jul Whall	2-Jul Furukawa

KUMA	21-Jun Fukuda	22-Jun Keen	23-Jun Wong	24-Jun Ho	25-Jun Moy
	28-Jun Tsudama	29-Jun Higa	30-Jun Wheeler	1-Jul Chu	2-Jul Yokoi

ZOU	21-Jun Schneider	22-Jun Koga	23-Jun Tsudama	24-Jun Shinkawa	25-Jun Moy
	28-Jun Hamasaki	29-Jun Higa	30-Jun Morimoto	1-Jul Tsukuhara	2-Jul Yamaguchi

KIRIN	21-Jun Jespersion	22-Jun Temple	23-Jun Sakae	24-Jun Okumura	25-Jun Takahashi
	28-Jun Kobashigawa	29-Jun Lund	30-Jun Tachibana	1-Jul Mok	2-Jul Arima

TORA	21-Jun Nishikawa	22-Jun Ham	23-Jun Yee	24-Jun Bryant	25-Jun Tani
	28-Jun Furumasu	29-Jun Takeda	30-Jun Nishimoto	1-Jul Keever	2-Jul Fujii

RYU	21-Jun Sueoka	22-Jun Kobayashi	23-Jun Crowley	24-Jun Nishimoto	25-Jun Lombardo
	28-Jun Mukoyama	29-Jun Nakamura	30-Jun Nishimoto	1-Jul Lee	2-Jul Koga

TSURU	21-Jun Mikami	22-Jun	23-Jun	24-Jun Wong	25-Jun
	28-Jun Wustenhoff	29-Jun Ham	30-Jun	1-Jul	2-Jul

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Publications	Open House	Arts and Crafts	Fundraising
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2010 CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Panda Class - Annette Lowe Sensei

Hana Bryant	Evan Itow	Aina Koga	Evan Schneider
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Saru Class - Doris Lau Sensei

Yumiko Bellon	Akemi Kitani	Allison Lund	Tyler Sato
Jory Furukawa	Kelli Kosakura	Jennifer Mizota	Sarah Sugar
Vannesa Higa	Maia Leonard	Megan Nakagawa	Jason Tsukimura
Sara Ho	Maxwell Leonard	Jarett Nishikawa	Naomi Yokoi
Ryan Kever			

Kuma Class - Joanne Endo Sensei

Kelly Chu	Tyler Keen	Akemi Tang	James Vadesz
Richard Fukuda	Makena Morishima	Chris Tang	Lucas Wheeler
Ahram Ham	Karina Moy	Shelby Tsudama	Kalyn Wong
Julianne Ho	Nicolas Tachibana	Tyler Tsudama	Taylor Yee
Lauren Ho			

Zou Class - Grace Ikenaga Clymer Sensei

Lauren Furukawa	Mitchell Kita	Kylie Mukoyama	Josef Sueoka
Lauren Hamasaki	Aili Koga	Lara Nakamura	Ryan Tsudama
Caitlyn Higa	Kristin Li	Caleb Schneider	Evan Tsukahara
Wesley Hiroto	Scott Morimoto	Victoria Shinkawa	Kimberly Yamaguchi

Kirin Class - Satomi Fujikawa Sensei

Carly Jespersen	Monika Mizota	Sydney Nishikawa	Madeline Tachibana
Erich Lund	Tori Mok	Allyson Nodohara	Erika Tsukimura
Maddie Matsumoto	Rossten Nakamura	Miya Okumura	Cameron Wheeler
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Tora Class - Brian Tamekuni Sensei

Hayley Arima	Erin Hamasaki	Lindsay Nishikawa	Alexander Shinkawa
Tamlyn Doll	Bryce Kever	Cherilyn Nishimoto	Christina Tani
Misa Fujii	Cayla Kita	Kimiko Okumura	Kazu Temple
Kevin Furumasu	Adrian Lo	Jordyn Sato	Victoria Whall
Aryssa Ham			

Ryu Class - Yukiko Hara Sensei

Evan Chu	Matthew Li	Kale'a Morishima	Maxwell Sueoka
Danica Crowley	Kaitlyn Lombardo	Cameryn Nakamura	Mitchell Tsudama
Ryan Hironaka	Devon Matsumoto	Rachel Nakamura	Alex Tsukahara
Jared Koga	Miyako Miller	Lindsey Nishimoto	Michael Yamaguchi
Brianna Lee			

Tsuru Class - Gail Satake-Nakamura Sensei

Joanne Acevedo	Sydney Howard	Mari Sato	Anneke Wustenhoff
Kaylyn Arima	Erin Kobashigawa	Danny Takahashi	Christiaan Wustenhoff
Nikolas Furumasu	Keiko Kobayashi	Kendal Takeda	
Sydney Hiroto	Jessica Mok	Braden Wong	

CLASSROOM TEACHERS

Principal – Marian Endo

Marian is currently a teacher in the Moreland School District in San Jose. Born and raised in Oakland, she attended UC Berkeley, and later obtained her teaching credential from National University. Marian has completed her first year in SJSU's Master's in Educational Leadership program. She is married, with three children, and enjoys jelly-making, baking, reading, and raising assistance puppies for the disabled.

Panda Sensei – Annette Lowe

Annette was born and raised in Del Rey, California (which is located in the Central Valley). She received her B.S. in Communicative Disorders at California State University of Fresno. She also received her Multiple Subject Credential and Special Education Credential, while attending Fresno State. Annette currently teaches Special Education at Lincoln Elementary School in Cupertino. This is her 10th year teaching the Panda class at Nakayoshi Gakko.

Saru Sensei – Doris Beyers

Doris Beyers was born and raised in the Bay Area. She is a first grade teacher in the Cupertino Union School District. Doris attended UC San Diego and later on completed her Masters Degree at Notre Dame de Namur University. This will be her third year teaching the Saru class. She is very excited to return to Nakayoshi Gakko after taking last summer off to get married.

Kuma Sensei – Joanne Endo

Joanne grew up in Santa Clara and Cupertino, and she attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo where she received a B.S. in Liberal Studies and a teaching credential. She has just completed her third year as a second grade teacher at Baker Elementary School in San Jose. Her favorite subjects to teach are science and art. In her free time, she enjoys reading, paper crafts, guitar playing, and singing Disney songs.

Zou Sensei – Grace Ikenaga-Clymer

Grace was born in Hawaii and educated at the University of Arizona where she received her BA in Elementary Education. She received her Early Childhood Certificate at Louisiana State University and her School Librarian Certificate from Northwestern State University. She has taught fourth grade in Arizona, New Hampshire, and Louisiana. She is currently certified to teach in the State of Washington. This will be her 10th year teaching at Nakayoshi Gakko.

Kirin Sensei – Satomi Fujikawa

Satomi is an elementary school teacher at Vinci Park School in the Berryessa District in San Jose. She has taught third grade for the last three years. After growing up in Oakland, attending college at UC Davis, then moving to the South Bay to get her teaching credential and masters at San Jose State, she now considers Campbell her home. Being a teacher brings together many of her favorite things--science, history, arts and crafts, reading, and writing. She has always been fascinated by the experiences of Japanese Americans during World War II. As a Kirin teacher, she can share her knowledge about their struggles and amazing perseverance with the class.

Tora Sensei – Brian Tamekuni

Tora teacher, Brian Tamekuni, is already gearing up for his fourth year at Nakayoshi Gakko. He is also finishing his fourth year as a teacher in Campbell Union School District. Prior to teaching, he spent two years in Japan on the JET Program. He is a Bay Area native, and enjoys the outdoors, traveling and movies. He is looking forward to another fun-filled summer at Nakayoshi helping students discover and explore Japanese and Japanese-American culture.

Ryu Sensei – Yukiko Hara

Yukiko was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan. She graduated from International Christian University in Tokyo with BA in Linguistics. After working for All Nippon Airways, she married a Japanese American and resides now in Santa Clara. She is currently working as an aide for Cupertino Union School District, art aide at St. Joseph of Cupertino and tutors Japanese language at home. Her hobbies include drawing anime, ikebana and web surfing. This is her 4th year with Nakayoshi Gakko and she is looking forward to working with the Ryu class.

Tsuru Sensei – Gail Satake-Nakamura

Gail is a sansei and was raised in Mountain View. She earned a bachelor's degree from U.C. Berkeley in Political Economies of Industrial Societies, an M.B.A. from Santa Clara University and an M.S. in Counseling from Cal State University Hayward. Her most recent employment has been at Ohlone College as a career counselor and instructor. She currently serves as a substitute teacher for the Mtn. View-Whisman School District. She volunteers as a Sunday school teacher and middle school youth group advisor for the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. She has been an active parent in the Nakayoshi Gakko community serving on the Board of Directors in purchasing and chairing a 10th anniversary commemorative committee. She is looking forward to her first year of teaching the Tsuru class.

Origami Sensei – Kaoru Yamaguchi

Kaoru was born and raised in Tokyo, Japan where she graduated with a B.A in English Literature from Sacred Heart University in Tokyo. After studying in the UK

for one year, she returned to Tokyo and then moved to the US in 1998. She currently teaches Japanese language at Ohlone Elementary School in Palo Alto, Terakoya at PABT, and tutors local high school students. Her goal is to teach not only Japanese language but its culture as well. She enjoys many arts and craft activities and looks forward to teaching her fourth year of origami at Nakayoshi.

Cooking Sensei (Ryu and Tsuru) – Irene Nishimoto

Irene is a former registered dietitian who decided to change careers and become an elementary school teacher. Irene received her Bachelor of Arts degree in home economics with a dietetics emphasis from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. After working as a registered dietitian managing the food service for senior centers and Meals on Wheels for San Mateo County, she consulted for the Senior Adult Day Care in Palo Alto and Casa MACSA in San Jose. During this time, she decided to pursue her dream of working with children by earning her teaching credentials through San Jose State. She has taught second and mostly third for the past sixteen years at Country Lane Elementary School in San Jose. When her children were younger, she was a board member of Medaka no Gakko in Palo Alto and taught a combo 4, 5, and 6th grade class for one year. Last year was her first year teaching cooking for the 7th and 8th grade classes at Nakayoshi Gakko. She is looking forward to joining the staff at again.

Odori Sensei – Reiko Iwanaga

Reiko Iwanaga started her classical Japanese dance training at the age of 4. She received her natori certificate and name of Hanayagi Reimichi in Japan in 1968 and assisted teaching in a Hanayagi studio in San Jose for a number of years. She has been the head teacher of the San Jose Betsuin Obon Odori where attendance has increased annually, reaching a peak of 1200 on Saturday and 700 on Sunday.

She is the co-owner of At Your Request, a wedding and events planning business. She is involved in Contemporary Asian Theater Scene, serving as its Executive Director. Other associations include past president and art show chair of the Saratoga Rotary, Japantown Community Congress of San Jose, Susan G. Komen, Saratoga Foothill Club, Spirit of Japantown Festival, Padma teacher for S.J. Betsuin Brownies.

She has a B.S. from the University of California, San Francisco and a M.S. from Columbia University and has done postgraduate work in English as a Second Language and other disciplines. She was selected for the 2009 class of 1st Act's Multicultural Arts Leadership Initiative. She was chosen as the 1991 Citizen of the Year in Saratoga.

Language and Taiso Sensei – Yasuko Tahara

Yasuko was born in Kanagawa and raised in Tokyo, Japan. She received her BA in English literature and teaching credential from Jissen Women's college.

She started her career in teaching Japanese, English, and Math. After 7 years experience, she moved to the Bay Area in 2000. Since then she is teaching children at several locations including Kumon Center and Tachibana Language School as well as tutoring. In addition, she volunteers for craft class at Yu-Ai-Kai, a senior center in San Jose Japan Town.

Taiko Sensei – Keith Gushiken

Keith is looking forward to his first experience teaching the Nakayoshi Gakko taiko classes. He has performed in Hawai'i, Germany and Belgium with the Kenny Endo Taiko Ensemble, and is currently a member of Jun Daiko. He is a classically-trained percussionist, having graduated from the Indiana University School of Music with a degree in instrumental teaching. Keith just completed his 25th year as a music educator and has taught grades 4 through the university level in Hawai'i, Colorado and California. He presently teaches band and orchestra at Everett Middle School in the San Francisco Unified School District.

Cooking Sensei, Panda through Tora – Cathy Nakamura

Cathy is a registered dietitian who brings her cooking expertise and love of cooking to our afternoon specialty class. She was a co-leader of the Mountain View Temple Fuji Club for 12 years. Cathy has her B.A. in Home Economics with a concentration in Dietetics from San Jose State University. Cathy currently works with special education students at Monta Vista High School in Cupertino. This is her 11th year with Nakayoshi Gakko.

Music Sensei- Rika Williams

Rika is very excited to share her music enthusiasm. She was born and raised in Fukuoka, Japan. When she was young, she studied Minyo Songs for 6 years. After she graduated from Kyushu-Zokei-Art Collage, she worked at a middle school and special education school. She studied Japanese Language Teaching Methods when she came to the US, and began teaching Japanese to children. She has been working at Tachibana School for 7 years. She also volunteers with the Japanese style circle time at the playgroup called POPS which is a Japanese Christian church function, and some other play groups in the Japanese community.

Undokai Sensei – Kelsey Sawamura

Kelsey Sawamura will be a senior at Mountain View High School in the fall. She attended Nakayoshi Gakko when she was younger and volunteered as a junior sempai for a few years. Kelsey loves kids and that's why she loves NG. She also babysits for her neighbors and cousins from time to time. At her high school, she has played basketball for 3 years and in the fall she will start her fourth year in basketball. Kelsey enjoys sports of all kinds, such as hockey, tennis, and basketball. But her favorite sport is definitely basketball. Whether she's playing or just a spectator, everything about it is exciting. The Golden

State Warriors is Kelsey's favorite team and she goes to watch them play at Oracle Arena with her dad. Aside from sports, Kelsey's passion is music; whether it is singing or writing songs, she loves it all. Her dream is to be a successful singer someday and to also hear her music on the radio. Her other dream is to adopt children from all different parts of the world.

Anime and Manga Drawing Sensei – Theresa Choi

Theresa Choi graduated from San Jose State with a BFA in Animation/Illustration. She has taught classes with all ages in oil painting, drawing, and digital art applications. Hobbies include painting, traveling, analyzing movies, cooking.

Sumie Sensei – Ami Wada

Born in Yokohama, Japan, Ami attended Yamate Gakuen in Yokohama and the Azuma Art School in Kyoto. She studied privately under artists Shoso Azuma and Shutei Ota. Ami exhibited her work through Japan and in numerous Bay Area galleries and prestigious department stores. She taught sumie at Foothill College for over 20 years and currently teaches privately in the Bay Area.

Language Sensei for Ryu and Tsuru - Miki Wakabayashi

I feel honored to receive this wonderful opportunity to teach Japanese in one of the very traditional summer school, Nakayoshi Gakko. I was born in Tokyo, came to US after I graduated from college. I have raised 2 children in Los Gatos/Saratoga area. One of my children just graduated from college last week.

I have been teaching Japanese for all age groups both in private and in classroom settings for many years. Besides teaching, my passion is to introduce Japanese music to people in Bay area. I have been playing flute for the Shakuhachi part with Marimo-kai (Koto Performing group). We have been performing for Cherry Blossom Festival and other cultural events, such as schools and company events. I recently started to learn Koto too. It's really interesting instrument.

I am very excited to contribute my experience and skills to Nakayoshi Gakko students to keep their interests in Japanese culture.

Sempai

Head Sempai – Doug Hasegawa

Doug will be a sophomore in college this fall. He is attending UC Merced and is currently involved in a health based organization called H.E.R.O.E.S.. Doug is a Nakayoshi Gakko alumni and worked as a classroom sempai for the last two years. He looks forward to being a good role model for the kids and learning and interacting with them.

Panda Sempai – Samantha Howard

This fall Samantha Howard will be a junior at Monta Vista High School. She spends most of her time dancing hula, playing volleyball, and hanging out with friends. She is also a National Honor Society Project Officer as well as a yearbook photographer. Samantha is a Nakayoshi Gakko alum, as well as a former jr. sempai and sempai, and can't wait to be part of the fun again.

Panda Assistant Sempai – Clara Takahashi

Clara is an incoming junior at Monta Vista High School next fall. She enjoys singing in choir and solo, playing the piano, and playing video games, drawing, and reading in my free time. She is a member of Cantabile Youth Singers' Vocalise group, and will be in Monta Vista's Variations next fall. Clara takes Japanese classes at school and participated in the Japan Bowl in Washington D.C. in April, and was in Nakayoshi Gakko as a student in Ryu and Tsuru year and as a junior sempai as a freshman and sophomore. She is looking forward to being a junior sempai again this year!

Saru Sempai – Nicole Andrews

Nicole Andrews will be a senior at Homestead this fall. She enjoys basketball, spending time with her friends and family, and going to the beach. This will be her second year as Sempai.

Saru Assistant Sempai – Kameko Oshiro

Kameko Oshiro will be starting high school next year at Homestead. She enjoys playing basketball, volleyball, and reading. She is part of her school's leadership class and is a member of National Junior Honor Society. Kameko plays Tri-City and San Jose Zebraette basketball. This will be her first year as an assistant sempai.

Kuma Sempai – Ashley Andrews

Ashley Andrews will be a senior at Homestead High School in the fall. She plays basketball and field hockey. She enjoys listening to music, spending time with her family, and going to the beach. This will be her second year as a sempai.

Kuma Assistant Sempai - Miyako Vasquez

Miyako Vasquez will be a freshman at Mission San Jose High School this fall. She enjoys volleyball, basketball, drawing, music and singing. This will be her first year as an assistant class sempai.

Zou Sempai – Katie Kobashigawa

Katie Kobashigawa is going to be a senior at Mountain View High School. She has been a part of this program since it first started and has loved it ever since. This is her third year as a Sempai. Katie is very active at school playing school basketball and participating in student government. She enjoys listening to music, eating frozen yogurt, and hanging out with her friends and family.

Zou Assistant Sempai – Camille Hironaka

Camille Hironaka is going to be a sophomore at Homestead High School this fall. She enjoys reading, watching Sharks games, and drawing. She is very excited to be returning for her second year as a Junior Sempai.

Kirin Sempai – Adam Oshiro

Adam Oshiro will be a senior at Homestead High School. His favorite hobbies are playing basketball and hanging out with friends. He is a member of National Honor Society and the events director for Japanese Honor Society. Outside of school, he tutors at his old day care center, plays Tri-City Basketball and belongs to the Mountain View Buddhist temple. This summer he will be volunteering at Kaiser Hospital as well. This will be his third year as sempai.

Kirin Assistant Sempai – Trini Inouye

Trini Inouye will be a freshman at Los Altos High School this fall. She enjoys Buffy The Vampire Slayer, competitive swimming and musical theater. Trini is a former Medaka no Gakko and Nakayoshi Gakko student, and a first-year junior sempai.

Tora Sempai – Bobby Woo

Bobby Woo will be a senior this fall at Cupertino High School. He enjoys playing basketball, listening to music and watching movie/TV comedies. He is on the varsity basketball team and a member of the Key Club and National Honor Society at Cupertino. He is also a member of the YBA at MVBT. Bobby has volunteered with Tri-City Basketball teaching younger children basketball. He is also a former student of Nakayoshi Gakko and was a junior Sempai last year. This will be first year as a Sempai.

Tora Assistant Sempai – Jennifer Adachi

Jennifer Adachi will be attending Mountain View High School this fall as a sophomore. She has been playing the alto saxophone for 6 years and is a part of the Spartan marching band. Jennifer has been doing judo for the past 7 years and has placed well at many state and national tournaments. This will be her second year as a Junior Sempai/Sempai.

Ryu Sempai – Laura Clymer

This fall Laura will be a senior at Hanford High School in Washington State. She is an active member of Knowledge Bowl and Gamers Club at her school. Laura also loves listening to music and is a drummer. She has been a part of Nakayoshi Gakko since its inception as a student, volunteer, Jr. Sempai, and Cooking Sempai.

Ryu Assistant Sempai – Allison Tani

Allison Tani will be a junior at Lynbrook High School this fall. She enjoys running, skiing, and and traveling with her family. This will be her first year as an Assistant Class Sempai.

Tsuru Sempai – Tommy Koyama

Tommy Koyama will be a junior at Mountain View High School this fall. He plays basketball for his high school team and also enjoys traveling and hanging out with friends. This will be Tommy's second year as sempai.

Tsuru Assistant Sempai – Teresa Li

Teresa Li will be a junior at Monta Vista High School this fall. At Monta Vista, she is an officer of the MV Dance Team and a member of many community service clubs. In addition, she is a part of Dance Academy USA's competition team and a third degree black belt in tae-kwon-do. Teresa enjoys listening to music, helping others, and spending time with family and friends. This will be her first year as an Assistant Sempai.

Cooking Sempai - Jaimie Nishimoto

Jaimie Nishimoto will be a sophomore at Homestead High School this fall. She enjoys basketball, hanging out with friends and watching movies. This will be her second year as a junior sempai.

Cooking Sempai – Nick Kikuchi

Nick Kikuchi will be a freshman at Prospect High School this fall. He enjoys playing basketball and spending time with all his friends as much as he can. He plays basketball for the Tri-City Youth Group as well as the San Jose Zebras organization. He has attended Nakayoshi for the past eight years and wishes to continue his experience will the Nakayoshi Gakko School. This will be his first year as a cooking sempai.

Cooking Sempai – Emiko Vasquez

Emiko will be a junior at Mission San Jose High School this coming year. She enjoys playing volleyball for her club and school team, cooking, and being with friends. Emiko has completed all 8 years of Nakayoshi Gakko and this will be her second year as a sempai.

Cooking Sempai – Kim Inenaga

Kim Inenaga will be a freshman at Homestead High School this fall. She enjoys sewing classes, softball and shopping with friends. This will be her first year as a sempai.

Junior Sempai

Kyle Oka

Kyle Oka will be a sophomore this fall at Mountain View High School this fall. His hobbies include skateboarding, playing guitar, and taking random cruises through the neighborhood.

Kiana Ariyama

Kiana Ariyama will be a freshman at Mountain View High School this fall. She enjoys texting, listening to music, walking her dog, hanging with friends, playing with her cousin, and much more. This will be her first year as a junior sempai.

Kevin Schindler

Kevin Schindler lives in Los Altos and currently goes to Mountain View High School as a freshman and is 14 years old. He enjoys volleyball and tennis although he doesn't play them that often. This is his first time as a Junior Sempai at Nakayoshi Gakko, and he will enjoy his position.

Jenna Iwamura

Jenna Iwamura will be a freshman at Los Altos High School this coming year. She loves the beach, summer, and softball. This will be her first year as a Junior Sempai, and her fifth year at Nakayoshi Gakko.

Jackie Yee

Jackie will be attending Monta Vista High School in the Fall as a ninth grader. She loves playing basketball, softball, swimming, golf, sewing and just hanging out with her friends. Last year was her first and last year as a student and this is Jackie's first year as a Jr. Sempai.

Emily Liu

Emily Liu will be a 9th grader this fall. She also likes all types of music, such as: Japanese, Chinese, Italian, American hip-hop, and lots of oldies. She loves art. She thinks the best things about art are that you can use the pencil, color, paper and some articles to present yourself. She enjoys volleyball, basketball, soccer, ultimate Frisbee, discus, shot put and swimming. Swimming is the sport that she likes the most. This will be her first year as a junior sempai.

Kraig Fujii

Kraig Fujii will be a freshman at Menlo High School this fall. He enjoys film making, wrestling, and music of all sorts. This will be his first year as a junior sempai.

Cori Nishimoto

Cori Nishimoto will be a freshman at Mountain View High School. She enjoys basketball, volleyball and snowboarding in the winter. This will be her first year as a junior sempai.

Erin Tokutomi

Erin Tokutomi will be a freshman at Homestead High School this fall. She enjoys tennis, volleyball, and music very much. This is her first year as a Junior Sempai at Nakayoshi Gakko.

Erica Moy

Erica Moy is 13 years old and will be a freshman at Mountain View High School. She enjoys singing, playing volleyball, and hanging out with her friends. This is her first year as a junior sempai.

Alec Matsumoto

Alec Matsumoto will be a freshman at Homestead High school next fall. He enjoys playing baseball, volleyball, and basketball. This will be his first year as a junior sempai, but not his first year at Nakayoshi Gako; he was in the program from Panda to Tsuru.

Derek Tahara

Derek Tahara will be a freshman attending Homestead High School in the fall. He enjoys playing basketball, going skiing, and listening to music. This will be his first year as a jr. Sempai.

James Whall

James Whall goes to Monta Vista high school and will be a sophomore next year. He plays multiple sports and also has fun playing trumpet for his band. This is his second year as a junior sempai and hopes he will enjoy it.

Heather Fong

Heather Fong will be a freshman at Cupertino High this fall. She enjoys playing softball and basketball, baking, reading, watching the Sharks. Heather is a former Nakayoshi Gakko student. This will be her first year as a junior sempai.

Alex Minagawa

Alex Minagawa will be a freshman at Sobrato High School this fall. He enjoys basketball, volleyball and hanging out with friends. This will be his first year as a junior sempai.

2010 Board of Directors

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The Honorable Margaret Abe-Koga Council Member, City of Mountain View

Margaret was elected to the Mountain View City Council in November 2006. She served as Mayor in 2009 and as Vice-Mayor in 2008. She started her public service work as an aide to Congresswoman Anna Eshoo from 1993-1999. She then went on to assist former Cupertino City Councilmember Michael Chang in launching the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Leadership Institute (APALI) at DeAnza College and served as its associate director. She also became a small business owner in 2000, and ran an indoor cycling fitness facility. In 2002, Margaret was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Education, representing Area 1, which covers the North County area. She served as the Board's Vice-President in 2004. In 2005, Margaret returned to APALI to help develop several new programs encouraging civic engagement until her election on the Mountain View City Council.

Her community involvements include past service on City of Mountain View's Environmental Planning Commission and the Human Relations Commission, the Old Mountain View Neighborhood Association steering committee, and the Boards of the Mountain View Sister Cities Association, Avenidas Senior Services, the Silicon Valley Asian Pacific American Democratic Club Board, which she also founded, the Peninsula Democratic Coalition, Democratic Activists for Women Now, the Executive Council of Leadership Mountain View, Silicon Valley Japanese American Chamber of Commerce, JACL San Mateo Chapter, San Jose Taiko where she served as President in 1996, and on the the Santa Clara County Democratic Party executive board. She also practices the martial art of Kendo where she holds a third degree black belt. In 2002, she was a member of the Northern California Kendo Federation Women's Team, which took the Championship at the All United States Kendo Federation Championships. Margaret holds an A.B. in government from Harvard University. She is married to husband Yotto, and they have daughters Aili and Aina. Aili is a participant in Nakayoshi Gakko.

She has been recognized for her leadership and community service by the California State Assembly as Woman of the Year for the 22nd Assembly District in 2009 chosen by Assemblymember Paul Fong, as one of the top "40 under 40" years of age to watch by the Silicon Valley Business Journal in 2008, with Santa Clara County Supervisor Liz Kniss' Asian American Heroes award in 2001, and the Asian Americans for Community Involvement (AACI) Youth Leadership Award in 2004.

The Honorable Michael M. Honda

U.S. Congressman, 15th District of California

Since 2001, Mike Honda has represented the 15th Congressional District of California in the U.S. House of Representatives. His district includes Silicon Valley, the birthplace of technology innovation and the leading region for the development of the technologies of tomorrow. Mike has been a public servant for decades during which he has been lauded for his work on education, transportation, civil rights, national service, the environment, and high-tech issues.

Mike was born in California, but spent his early childhood with his family in an internment camp in Colorado during World War II. After a decade living in Chicago, his family returned to California in 1953, becoming strawberry sharecroppers in San José's Blossom Valley. In 1965, Mike interrupted his college studies to answer President John F. Kennedy's call for volunteer service. He served in the Peace Corps for two years in El Salvador, returning with a passion for teaching and fluent in Spanish.

Mike earned Bachelor's degrees in Biological Sciences and Spanish, and a Master's degree in Education from San José State University. In his career as an educator, Mike was a science teacher, served as a principal at two public schools, and conducted educational research at Stanford University.

In 1971, Mike was appointed by then-Mayor Norm Mineta to San Jose's Planning Commission. In 1981, Mike won his first election, gaining a seat on the San José Unified School Board. In 1990, Mike was elected to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, where he led efforts to acquire and preserve open space in the county.

Mike served in the California State Assembly from 1996 to 2000. In 2000, Mike was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and serves on the Appropriations Committee, with postings on that body's Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, Commerce, Justice, and Science, and Legislative Branch Subcommittees. As an appropriator, Mike focuses on directing funding to critical areas such as: access to affordable healthcare; worker training; port and border security; law enforcement and the safety of our neighborhoods; health care for our veterans; recovery from natural disasters, particularly Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Ike.

Mike is serving his sixth year as Chair of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, coordinating with his colleagues in the Congressional Black Caucus and the Congressional Hispanic Caucuses to champion the causes of

under-represented communities by promoting social justice, racial tolerance, and civil rights.

In 2007, he was named House Democratic Senior Whip by House Majority Whip Jim Clyburn (D-SC). Senior Whips are a select group of Members and Democratic Caucus opinion leaders tasked with strategic planning about how issues impact targeted Members or groups, and will help develop strategies to ensure legislative success.

In 2009, Mike was re-elected as Vice Chair of the Democratic National Committee. Working with DNC Chair Tim Kaine, some of Mike's work will involve registering new Americans to vote, outreaching to ethnic and specialty media, ensuring that Democrats' voices and votes abroad are counted, and reaching out to the Spanish-speaking community given Mike's Spanish fluency. In all this work, Mike's priority is to make sure that the DNC, state and local Democratic parties/bodies are more reflective of America.

Mike is widowed and has two grown children. His wife, Jeanne, was a teacher at Baldwin Elementary School in San José before her untimely passing in 2004. His son, Mark, is an aerospace engineer and Michelle, his daughter, is a public health educator with three young boys.

The Honorable Tom Kinoshita

Former Trustee, Morgan Hill Unified School District

Tom Kinoshita served on the Morgan Hill Unified School District Board of Trustees for ten years. Currently, he is the Public Policy Director for the Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits (SVCN). He is also the part-time Interim Associate Director for the Alum Rock Counseling Center. He is on the Board of Directors for Housing For Independent People, Inc. (HIP). Tom is currently the Vice-Chairperson of the Santa Clara County Senior Care Commission. He was the Executive Director of Community Solutions in South County for ten years and has been in nonprofit management for 30 years. He is a former Peace Corps Volunteer stationed in Venezuela. His family is originally from Hawaii and were strawberry farmers in Gilroy, Hollister and Morgan Hill from the 1950's to the early 1970's

The Honorable Jeremy Nishihara

Trustee, Oak Grove School District

Jeremy was appointed to the Board of Education for the Oak Grove Elementary School District in 2006. He is currently the Communications Manager for the Cupertino Union School District. Prior to joining the school district, he worked for the State Legislature for Assemblymember Rebecca Cohn and Assemblymember

Sally Lieber working in the issue areas of K-12 education budget and policy, public safety, and domestic violence. He attended U.C. Davis and graduated with a B.S. in Managerial Economics and a minor in Psychology. In addition to serving on the Oak Grove School District Board of Education, he serves on the Board of Directors for the San Jose Taiko group and the Asian Pacific Youth Leadership Project (APYLP).

The Honorable Richard K. Tanaka

Trustee, San Jose/Evergreen Community College District

Richard Tanaka believes that every citizen has the opportunity to make his/her community a better place to live. He has been serving the community for more than 35 years, and through his initial efforts, became one of first Asian American Trustee, if not the first to serve in Santa Clara County. In the 1970's, he was first elected to the East Side Union High School Board of Trustees and has been re-elected for five terms serving more than 21 years on this Board. In 1992, Richard ran, and had been elected to the San Jose/Evergreen Community College Board of Trustees, and now serving his (5th) term.

Due to his leadership ability, he has been elected President of the State of California Community College Trustees, which serves the entire 108 California Community College systems

Richard was born in San Jose, California, and was interned with his parents in Poston, Arizona during World War II, (1942-1945). After the War, he and his family moved and resided on the East Coast, (New York, Michigan) then after many years, returned to the West Coast, (California).

Tanaka is also an author, who wrote "America on Trial", chronicling his experiences during the war years of internment (1942-1945)

Mr. Tanaka had received a Bachelor degree in Architecture from the University of Michigan and holds a Masters degree in Urban Planning from San Jose State University. He is the founding partner in a 90 person architectural, planning, interior offices located in San Jose, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Then Mayor Norman Mineta and the City Council have appointed Richard to the San Jose Bicentennial Commission in 1975, and shortly thereafter his appointment, the Commission elected him Chairman of the Commission. Also, the City Council created the (San Jose Commission of Internment of Japanese Americans), which Richard was later appointed as its Chairman. Tanaka then formulated and became the founding Chairman, of the now present Nikkei Matsuri, where he served for seven years. He has been responsible and credited

for the Japanese American Internment Memorial at the Federal Building located in downtown San Jose, executed by the world-renowned artist, Ruth Azawa.

Mr. Tanaka serves on organizations and civic groups encompassing the entire State. He was the founding Commissioner of the Santa Clara County Human Relation Commission, the East Side Union High School District, Martin Luther King Art and Poster Contest, served on the Board of Governors of the Boy Scouts of America, and the National Conference of Community and Justice, and numerous other community and civic organizations.

Richard has been given numerous awards, "the Citizen of the Year" award by the City Council of San Jose, "Human Relations" Award from the Santa Clara Human Relations Commission, "Community" Award from the San Jose JACL, Award from the California Community College Trustees and well as from other state, civic and community organizations.

Mr. Tanaka and his wife, Barbara, have four children and seven grandchildren. Craig, AIA, Architect (University of California, Berkeley), is Director of Capital Planning at Stanford University, Todd, (San Jose University) is a Director of Marketing, Sandra, (San Jose State University) a elementary school teacher), Trent, (University of Southern California) a producer, and video journalist, is in the IT Dept. at San Jose State University.

