



## Welcome from the 2010 Nakayoshi Gakko Board

# Nakayoshi Gakko Friendship School

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Youkoso! Welcome to the 11<sup>th</sup> year of Nakayoshi Gakko.

We are always looking for different ways to introduce the Japanese culture to our children. This year we are excited to add an Anime and Manga drawing class. We hope the class will help your children discover their inner Naruto or Pokemon spirit.

Nakayoshi Gakko continues to flourish because of the support from the parent volunteers, teaching staff, and sempais. It's the people of Nakayoshi Gakko that makes the program special. We would like to thank everyone for your commitment to the school.

We are thankful for the ongoing support of the Mountain View Buddhist Temple. Every year, the Temple allows Nakayoshi Gakko use of their facilities while many Temple members share their stories with the student body.

We also wish to thank the Arts Council Silicon Valley, who provides funding to enable art that inspires the celebration of one's culture. Their support helps Nakayoshi Gakko put together wonderful art projects and community outreach programs such as this year's screening of the "Only the Brave" film.

We look forward to sharing our love and respect of the Japanese culture and Japanese-American heritage. The next two weeks will fly by!

Sincerely,

2010 Nakayoshi Board

### Contact Information

**Phone:** 650.793.8253 (active June 21 - July 2 only)  
8:00 am – 6:00pm, Mon-Fri

**Email:** [president@nakayoshigakko.org](mailto:president@nakayoshigakko.org)

**Address:** Mountain View Buddhist Temple  
575 N. Shoreline Blvd.  
Mountain View, CA 94043

## Nakayoshi Gakko Schedule of Events

### June

<b>June 21 - Monday</b>	<b>First Day of School</b> First Day Tea for Parents - immediately after taiso Afternoon Demonstration: Shinkendo
<b>June 22 - Tuesday</b>	<b>Class Photo Day</b> <b>Wear your Nakayoshi Gakko T-shirt!</b> Afternoon Demonstration: Acting
<b>June 23 - Wednesday</b>	Afternoon Demonstration: Buddhism Fundraiser dinner at Round Table Pizza on Shoreline, Mtn. View
<b>June 24 - Thursday</b>	Ryu class field trip: Asian Art Museum Tsuru class field trip: Angel Island, San Francisco Obento order forms due (all families)
<b>June 25 - Friday</b>	Afternoon Demonstration: Mochitsuki
<b>June 28 - Monday</b>	Class Fieldtrip: Kuma - Nijiya Afternoon Demonstration: Sunny and Judy Seki
<b>June 29 - Tuesday</b>	Zou class field trip: Zou – Sushi Tomi Kirin class field trip: San Jose Japantown Afternoon Demonstration: Mountain View Buddhist Temple Taiko Fundraiser dinner at Armadillo Willy's, Sunnyvale
<b>June 30 - Wednesday</b>	Class Fieldtrip: Tora – Hakone Garden Afternoon Demonstration: Akebono Dance

### July

<b>July 1 - Thursday</b>	Panda, Saru class field trips: Yu Ai Kai Afternoon Demonstration: Bunraku/Kabuki 3:00-4:30 PM---Heritage Source Book Fair
<b>July 2 - Friday</b>	<b>Last day of school</b> Heritage Source Book Fair (all day) <b>Open House (5:00-8:30 pm)</b> . Visit classrooms. Obento dinner pick-up starts at 5:00 PM; musical performance program starts at 5:45 PM.
<b>July 3 – Saturday</b>	<b>Maintenance II - 9:00am-12pm</b> Close down the school. General cleanup of classrooms, gym, kitchen, and any other necessary areas.
<b>July 17-18 Saturday/Sunday</b>	<b>Mountain View Buddhist Temple and Obon</b> Parent participation in booths and activities. More information to follow.

## ***What happens in the morning?***

Nakayoshi Gakko opens every morning at 8:15AM. Upon arrival, sign in your child(ren) on the class sheets placed on tables in the gym lobby. Have your child(ren) find and wear their name tags. Put their snack, lunch, and water bottles in the class bins. Walk your child(ren) to their classroom. If you are a parent volunteer for the day, check in at the office with a Board member.

## ***Can I attend the afternoon demonstrations?***

Yes. Parents and guests are welcome to attend the afternoon demonstrations. We ask that you are respectful of the performers during the demonstrations.

## ***Are there any special food policies?***

Nakayoshi Gakko is a nut-free environment. We ask that all families honor this policy.

## ***Can I leave with my child directly from the afternoon demonstration?***

No. After the demonstration is done, your child(ren) will return to the classrooms to await pick up or transfer to extended care. You or an authorized adult must sign out your child(ren) from the classroom. Forms to add authorized adults to pick up your child are underneath the sign-in sheets.

## ***How do I find out about my child's daily activities?***

To reduce excess paper, the majority of correspondence will be via email or the website, [www.nakayoshigakko.org](http://www.nakayoshigakko.org)

## ***We are not attending Open House. Do I still need to return the Obento order form?***

Yes. The Obento order form must be returned by all families to insure an accurate dinner count.

## ***I have read all emails, the parent Handbook, and website postings, but I still have questions. Who can I talk to?***

At least one Nakayoshi Gakko Board member will staff the office. He/she will be wearing the Nakayoshi Gakko T-shirt for easy identification. There is also an office phone: 650.279.5167 (active only during the session, June 21-July 2).

## ***Where can I find out more about joining the Board?***

Please speak with any of the current Board members or email [president@nakayoshigakko.org](mailto:president@nakayoshigakko.org). Descriptions of the Board member duties are posted on the Nakayoshi Gakko website.

## ***Are electronic devices allowed at Nakayoshi Gakko?***

Cell phones and other electronic devices should not be used during school hours.

## An Important Note from Our Cooking Instructors



**Dear parents of a child with food allergies,**

Nakayoshi Gakko is starting soon! We are the cooking teachers and wish to let you know how we plan to work with your child and his/her allergies. With over 125 students, there are multiple allergies to food ingredients that make it very difficult to plan activities. In the past we have had children allergic to some or all of the following foods: eggs, soybeans, soy sauce, soybean oil, wheat, all corn products including cornstarch and corn oil, all nuts, peanuts, peanut oil, wheat, shellfish (crab, shrimp, oyster, clam), fish, (dashi), bananas, watermelon, strawberries, melon, papaya, tropical fruit, caramel colorings, avocado and milk.

Eliminating these ingredients means we cannot make many traditional Japanese dishes and sauces. This affects most of the 40 dishes we may choose to prepare.

**If your child will have a severe or fatal reaction to even touching a food we suggest they be scheduled into an alternate activity.** If they can prepare but not eat the food then they can participate in the activity and take the food home for others to eat. We will be providing recipes for the dishes so families may alter recipes to avoid specific allergens.

**The safest policy is for the child to not eat foods that have unknown ingredients.** The child should be responsible for knowing what they can and cannot eat. We think it is best for them to advocate for themselves. We appreciate parents accepting the responsibility to provide substitutions for their child when they know they cannot eat the snacks provided by Nakayoshi Gakko.

**We are very sensitive to children's feelings about being treated differently and want them to experience the fun of cooking, so we will do our best to substitute an ingredient, or eliminate a sauce so your child can participate and enjoy the food.** We plan on using safflower or canola oils to accommodate allergies to some of the oils.

We can have gloves available for kids to use as long as they are not allergic to latex. **Please call Cathy at (408) 255-1039, if you have any concerns or questions.** Let's all have a great time!

Sincerely Yours,  
**Cathy Nakamura and Irene Nishimoto**  
**Nakayoshi Gakko Cooking Teachers**

**Dear Parents,**

In order to streamline the creation of the Open House slideshow, we need your help. We request that each family submit 1-2 photos of their child engaged in a Nakayoshi Gakko activity. You may also work with your Sempai or JrSempai to coordinate this request. We will ask the Sempais to supply 1-2 group shots of each class as well. Our aim is to have every child included in the Open House slideshow. As in previous years, a Nakayoshi Gakko Memory DVD will also be created and submitted to the Arts Council.

**Please use the following format for identifying each photo that you send:**

Class\_FirstInitialLastName\_N.jpeg, where N is the photo number.

For example: Panda\_JDoe\_1.jpeg, Panda\_JDoe\_2.jpeg

**Please email your photos (no more than 2 photos per child) with a brief description of each photo by Friday, June 25 to:**

Susan Leveille: [susan\\_levaille@comcast.net](mailto:susan_levaille@comcast.net)

Gloria Yamauchi: [gyamauchi@aol.com](mailto:gyamauchi@aol.com)

If you do not want your child(ren) included in the slideshow or in the Memory DVD please notify Susan and Gloria via email.

