

NEWSLETTER

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:
Staff of Discipline

Welcome to the 2006-2007 school year! The good news is that on July 20th, Hyogo Prefecture approved Ashiya International School as the 14th foreign school in the prefecture, the first to be approved in 10 years.



Before kicking off the new school year, I was searching for a school-wide focus for the year.

I feel that many of the problems and accidents that occur around us today could have been prevented if people were properly disciplined.

We usually see a shepherd holding a staff shaped like the one in the picture. Do you know why one end of a shepherd's staff is shaped like a hook?

One reason was that if a sheep repeatedly ran away and separated from the herd, the shepherd took the hook-end of the staff to pull its neck or leg. This way, the sheep would not be able to run away and would learn not to go astray.

2006-7 school verse:

" Listen to counsel and accept discipline, that you may be wise the rest of your days. "

- Proverbs 19:20

2006-7年の聖句

「勧めに聞き従い、論しを受け入れよ。将来、知恵を得ることのできるように。」

- 箴言 19 : 20

A shepherd's duty is to look over the safety and nurture sheep. We as parents and educators have a similar duty. In order for our children to walk down the right path and to be wise, how should we grasp and use the staff of discipline to lovingly provide guidance.

My goal for all of us this school year is to become better parents and educators through "discipline". I have chosen one verse to focus on this year, which is in the right column of this page. I look forward to learning and growing together with you.

May God bless our journey.

Jay Burke, principal

しつけのつえ

2006-2007年の新学期が始まりました！良いお知らせがあります。7月20日に兵庫県の教育課が芦屋インターナショナルスクールの学校法人申請を認可しました！外国人各種学校の認可は兵庫県で14校目に当たり、実に10年ぶりです。

新学期の学校のテーマを探していました。周りで起きている多くの事故、事件は正しいしつけさえなされていれば、起こらなかったかも知れません。

羊飼いは上の写真の形のつえを持っています。なぜ先は丸い形をしているのかご存知でしょうか。それは群れから何度もはなれる羊の首や足を引っかけるためだそうです。そうやって羊が今後、群れから離れて行かないように教える為のしつけです。

羊飼いの役目は羊を養い、安全を見守ることです。親、教育者も同じ様な役目があります。愛をもったしつけをするために私たちはどの様にしつけのつえを握り、しなければいけない事は何か、考えて頂きたい。子供が正しい道を歩み、知恵を得るために。

今年度は「しつけ」と言うテーマを通してより良い親、教育者に成長する一年にして行きたいと思います。そのため、今年度の聖句をひとつ選び（表紙の右上）、共に学んで行きたいと願っています。

神様の祝福がありますように。

校長 バルク ジェイ

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Projects



New Kindergarten Building

Construction of the new kindergarten building to be completed by February 2007 will begin in October.

The 2-story building will be a little smaller than that of the current one. It will house 3 classrooms and an office on the first floor. The second floor will serve as living quarters for school staff, meeting rooms and storage.

Protecting the school grounds with a fence, supplying parking space and playground equipment is also necessary.

Several individuals and organizations have already given to the school. We sincerely thank you for all your support!

New school website

We are renewing our website to make it more enjoyable and functional. It may still take a few months to get it complete. We will inform you in future newsletters when sections are completed for use. The address reserved for the website is: www.aischool.ed.jp

Principal's meeting

There will be monthly meetings with the principal to discuss school issues. We wish to hear parents' voices in order to meet needs to provide a better environment for students.

September's meeting will be held in one of the meeting rooms at the Ashiya Sogo Undo Koen (site of our Sports Day event). As noted on the calendar, the first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 20th from 9:30 a.m. Items of discussion this month will be the school van service, Sports Day, and potential for a Thanksgiving Carnival/Bazaar.

Discussion on Child Care

After the principal's meeting, there will be a discussion led by Pastor Vincent and his wife Ruby on child care. They are excited to share their parenting experiences with you!

Welcome New Students!

PRESCHOOL

Yui Fujita
Ikoi Haruoka
Airi Miyashita
Rei Oguni
Mai Okuma

KINDERGARTEN 3

Ryoukou Nishi
Curtis Noguchi
Taiga Sasaki
Katsuma Yoshida

KINDERGARTEN 4

Yutei Takahashi

ELEMENTARY

Luna Fukui
Mizuki Ueda

Calendar

September 20 (Wed)

9:30~10:30 Principal's Meeting
10:30~11:30 Discussion with Pastor Vincent on child care (@ Sogo Undo Koen Meeting Room)

Upcoming Important Dates:

October 11 (Wed)

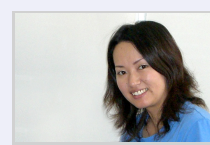
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October 21 (Sat)

Sports Day

New Staff

CHIWAKO FUKUI



Chiwako assisted in the office during the summer. We

loved her presence so much that we refused to let her leave!

BOB IIDA



Bob has spent several years studying in Washington. He

has worked in France and Hawaii and will be assisting the K4 class.

JAY MARANAN



Jay joined us to lead the K5 class. She comes with nine years of

teaching experience.

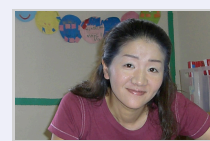
LIH JING NEO



Lih Jing joins us from Singapore and is trilingual. She hopes to care

for the students in the K3 class.

SHIMA SATOMURA



Shima will daily lead the PM Care program and also help assist the K5

class.

MITSUKO YANO



Mitsuko has taught overseas in multiple countries. She will assist the Elementary class and also teach students calligraphy and the abacus.

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