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**NEWSFLASH**

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Dear Students and Parents,

Within this News Flash you will find important news for Spring & procedure updates for Summer studies. We hope this is helpful in planning family schedules or communicating with us about your needs.

Regards, the Tutoring Team

Arigatoo Gozaimasu... **NEW YEAR GROWTH & OPPORTUNITIES**



Per our New Year's Resolutions, we are happy to report that our Japanese and ESL study programs (for Japanese) have grown this Spring. Thank you to student families for your thoughtful referrals!

### **New Payment Procedures . . .**

Due to this growth, we discovered the need to streamline payment procedures to make them easier to manage for students and staff. We are asking that all families pay a monthly tuition. Therefore, beginning in June, student tuition will be due the 1st week of the month. Tuition payments should cover all your student's sessions for that calendar month. Please adjust any May payment accordingly. We believe this simple procedure change will help student families more easily know their payments are due as well as help school administration simplify operations. Please note this procedure change does not affect families with 6 month or annual contracts. Should you have any questions or concerns, please email [Tutoring@Kanjicamp.info](mailto:Tutoring@Kanjicamp.info)

### **Spring Calendar of Events:**

#### [International Day at Carmel Elementary](#)

March 25, 2006 Kanji Camp instructors helped Carmel Elementary School celebrate their International Day. Mrs. Iizuka, Ms. Koike and Mr. E gave Japanese show & tell presentations to numerous groups of students, grades K-5.

#### [PRESENTATION AT THE JAPANESE SCHOOL](#)

On April 22, 2006, Mr. E was asked to give a presentation in Japanese at the Indiana Japanese School on American Education systems. He spoke to Japanese parents about the typical experience of Japanese students and teen struggles in Indiana schools. He also spoke about various laws the 41 Japanese parents need to understand for their children with natural English deficiencies. The presentation was two hours and supported by Toshiko-sensei.

### **Adults Student Numbers Increase**

On April 25, 2006 twelve American professionals from various walks of life began studying Japanese. The eight week program will culminate in a cross-cultural party, where students can test their newly acquired skills on our native Japanese students and vice versa.



### **Kanji Camp Goes to Franklin**

On May 5, 2006, the Kanji Camp crew was invited to Franklin Community High School (one of the oldest programs in the state) to talk about Japan and the upcoming 3rd Annual Kanji Camp.

## **Avoiding Summer Brain Drain!**

In a previous article we talked about the impact of winter holidays on student language acquisition and memory. Some parents are questioning whether summer has similar affects. In truth it can cause worse affects on student language skills, but this is very dependent on student age and maturity and language management motivation levels.

To help avoid brain drain we recommend weekly flashcard independent study. Students not already engaged in a yearly Kanji Club or Ninja contract with Kanji Camp might consider forming a Warrior group, Japanese social club of 4-6 classmates. And of course, this summer will be our 3rd Annual official Kanji Camp, the catalyst program that started our whole educational programming. Please visit our website to learn more.

## **Vacation Notices**

IBLCI and Kanji Camp will be in operation during the summer without vacation. Your tutors want to keep their commitments to you. Heading into Summer, parents please communicate about your family vacation schedules via email. Please notify your individual tutor **in writing via email** as soon as possible so clear understanding of your family needs are known. Obviously, this will help everyone's time management schedules,

### **Late Spring Special Event**

Watch your email for invites to our upcoming 1st quarter family student party...☺



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