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December Break Day Camp
(open to children, ages 9-14)

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Kanji Camp News, Past, Present & Future . . .

"Kanji Camp" began as a summer camp to help students prevent brain drain during the summer months away from school. The first to register, Terra Keck an amazing, Japanese loving, manga artist and her family have since moved out of state and back apparently. Then one future oriented, forward thinking Mom asked Blake-sensei to tutor her son during the year. Ever loyal he's still with us . . . and slowly Kanji Club has grown in a planned and controlled way, one carefully selected student family at a time. With each passing month, curriculum and programming evolves. Heading into the final academic quarter, we recognize that the program needs to continue growing to best serve our student family's educational needs. Therefore, please anticipate continued positive changes to benefit everyone.

Some things to look forward to is our Kanji Club students will be taking on some article writing for our newspaper. Students will use their Japanese (and English) talents to write from their own point of view about their experiences at Kanji Camp. With some budding literary and graphic artists, we are also hoping to receive some comic stills. Mr. E is also trying to convince the life partner of one of our female adult students to share some of his popular online comic strips. (The latest 411 is one of the main character's storylines will soon be including some Japanese elements.) So January should be very promising for this little newsletter.

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STUDENT RECOGNITION

100 Kanji Certificate Earned
Congratulations to adult student, Stacy Slavings for earning the 100 Kanji Certificate on 10/16/07 from disciplined self-study!!!!

Other Certificates Awarded
Congratulations to Michelle & Jill for earning their Hiragana Certificates and to Zack for earning his Katakana Certificate on 10/16/07/07!!! Good progress by Erika and Jyu.

Special Student Awards
On November 3, 2007, Kanji Club study team had their Spirited Away Party, where students dressed up as their favorite Japanese character. Congratulations to Kevin for earning the People's Choice award from a vote by fellow teammates for his *Mai Monsuta (My monster) essay*. Additional honor goes to Rei for earning the Instructor's Choice award for her disciplined artwork, labeling and related descriptive essay that followed all the requested criteria. See her artistic and colorful creation here. Logan should receive an honorable mention for his creative computer work.

Developing the Indy Japan Network

The Indianapolis Japanese Society will likely be changing its name to the Indy Japan Network. Our goal for doing this is to ensure there is no confusion between the relatively new fledgling organization and a veteran Japan business organization. Serving two completely different purposes, it is important to keep the names distinctly different. The goal of the Network is to help foster friendship among Japanese and American families living right here in Hamilton County and Northern Indianapolis. The idea behind Indy Japan has been a social network, where people who love Japan can gather for food, folks and fun and occasional travel outings. On top of these community purposes, the organization will be expanding its Liaison and Transition Services with KC's help. For families interested in volunteering skills or talents to help grow the fledgling group, please lend us your ideas via email: info@IndyJapan.org.

11月の日本の休み

Important days in November

November 3rd is Bunka no Hi, a national holiday on which culture and freedom and peace are celebrated. Schools and the government award individuals for the special, cultural contributions to the community through work or hobby activities.

November 15 is Shichigosan. This special festival for children is not a national holiday. Girls of age three and seven and boys of age three and five are celebrated, hence the day's name. These children dress in special kimono and visit shrines, where families pray for the child's good health and growth.

November 23 (national holiday) is the closest thing Japan has to Thanksgiving. Called Labour Thanksgiving Day or *kinro kansha no hi*, this national holiday honors labour and we want to celebrate our hard working advanced studies students. To celebrate this, Kanji Camp will dine Sunday, November 25, 2007 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. at Journeys on 96th Street. Families are welcome. Cost per person is estimated to be approximately \$13.00 including tip. Please RSVP family numbers so we can request a sizeable room. Students please wear your KC shirt.

