

Within this News Flash you will find the latest info on program happenings.

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### Happy New Year!



Sensei's instructional met  
we are fairly confident to

Seems like only yesterday we were in the 1st quarter of 2007. Perhaps you are thinking its hard to believe how fast the year has passed by. Or perhaps you're also pondering the future, setting New Year's resolutions in all the areas of your life that matter, such as the 5Fs:

☺ Faith ☺ Family ☺ Fitness ☺ Finance ☺ Fun

Regardless of how you define each category, we are appreciative that Kanji Camp Japanese Studies was a planned part of your educational goals for the coming year.

Looking back, we wish to express how proud we are of all students for the incredible progress they made, particularly in the final quarter of the year. Each student made visible progress in his or her personal area of lingual weakness and continued to refine areas of strength.

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**We welcome you to join  
Kanji Camp.**



with Kanji Camp! Stay tuned for exciting opportunities ahead!

the Garden for the community. We  
It's a great time to be involved



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Notice: This newsletter is a historic record of the activities of Kanji Camp, including the our trademark advanced Japanese studies programs. All students are encouraged to keep copies for their personal educational records and/or life scrapbooks.

7年12月12日 Kanji Club はコロケとギョザを作りました！。



Top Row: Logan-kun, Kevin-kun and Chris-kun prove men can cook! Bottom Row: Logan smiles as Weekly Warriors Aubrey-tyan and Phillip-kun join elder sibling, Rei-tyan (center) in Kanji Club food preparation teamwork. Kota-sensei steps in to offer some potato shaping advice.

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Top Row: Weekly Warriors Aubrey-tyan and Phillip-kun, Kevin-kun and Kota-sensei.  
Bottom Row: Rei-tyan & Logan-kun partake with Toshiko-sensei & Chris-kun.

# Kanji Club はShell Gameを作りました！。



Kanji Club continues its study of Japanese history, learning about early Japan and Prince Shotoku and Prince Naka no Oe. Each student makes a traditional Japanese game dating from the days of the Japanese imperial court, called the shell game. Top Left Design, Chris-kun Top Right Design : Kevin-kun Bottom Left Design: Rei-tyan, Right Design: Logan-kun

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Top Left, Jill-san, Michelle-san and Erika-san prepare vegetables, with Kota-sensei and Holly-san washing veggies in the background. Right: Toshiko-sensei is all smiles over the beautiful meat bunching and preparation work Zack-kun is doing. Left Bottom: The girls stand ready to drop veggies, while Zack-kun and Jill-san artistically design the *sukiyaki* pot. (right)

### 2008 EXAM AUTHORIZATION

Thanks to your loyal studentship, Kanji Camp is growing in recognition within the community. In 2007 Westfield High School recognized us by affording students who study with us two years of foreign language credit. Sensei has continued to teach

our skill. And much of KC curriculum and disciplined practices will be published.

While Kanji Camp has long set its own standards of excellence with regard to what it means to be a competent, bilingual cross-cultural communicator, these external recognitions also bring with it greater responsibility for us. We have been very appreciative of students recognizing that good programs must change a little here and there through continuous improvement—what the Japanese call *kaizen*.

In 2008, we plan to achieve several other external recognitions, which we hope to share with you soon. With regard to students pursuing the 2008 exam, to be approved by sensei for the exam, students need to not only demonstrate potential for success on the exam, but also need to have 90% attendance rate and a 95% independent study assignment submissions yielding a “B” average by Fall registration deadlines. Yup, stuff is graded.

ence. Since it takes quite a few students to do this, we will greatly appreciate your new client referrals during January and February.



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### Safe Travels

Wishing Donna-san safe travels during her New Years trip to Japan to visit her Japanese family. We look forward to hearing all about her trip when she returns.

### Ps & Qs

Special thanks to Carol Dierckes (Chris' mom) for donating the high quality card stock and envelopes to Kanji Club for a special New Years studies related craft project.

### Materials Fee Reminder

With the acquisition of texts as well as new audio, video, and other class material supplements, please pay the 2008 materials fee (\$100) in January. A link is provided via this email.



### *Indy Japan Network 新聞*

Indy Japan Network launched its first, mini, special preview issue. Described as an Edutainment publication for native Japanese living within Indiana, the magazine is written completely in Japanese. It can be a good reading practice tool and challenge for students. Please watch your local Japanese restaurant or supermarket for a copy. Or contact BlazeCom for subscription rates. Sponsor and advertiser inquires welcome. Please contact [info@IndyJapan.org](mailto:info@IndyJapan.org). With your well wishes, we hope the publication to grow in success similarly to other similar resources in other major cities. To learn more about the Indy Japan Network, please visit the developing website: [www.IndyJapan.org](http://www.IndyJapan.org).

### Kanji Club New Year's Classes

**REMINDER!** Kanji Club will have its make-up session for Christmas week on Thursday, January 3, 2008, allowing us to lengthen the Club's New Years celebrations. That means students will have sessions two days in a row that week. We look forward to seeing Kanji Club members on Wednesday January 2nd and Thursday, January 3rd.

Also, don't forget, Kanji Club shifted its time slot earlier in the classroom for the remaining winter months. We'll see Kanji Club members during January and February and probably March from 5:00 — 7:00 p.m. We hope this shift in timing will help students get back to important family dinners etc.

For those of you who have agreed to help with carpooling. Please make sure you connect by January 2nd with your tag team family, so everyone makes it to club on time.



### Kanji Camp Closed January 7th

As you know, Kanji Camp virtually never shuts down during the year. Never the less, Kanji Camp is closed **Monday, January 7, 2007**. All students with Monday sessions will have make-up sessions on Thursday, January 10, 2007. Please confirm your appointment time with your *sensei*, especially Chris-kun.