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Introducing our monthly English newspaper!

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The E.S.S. club is pleased to announce the publication of a monthly English newspaper serving Gionkita High School.

The newspaper will print school news and features written by students and teachers. We hope the newspaper will help you learn more about your

school and other cultures.

Would you like to write for the newspaper? Do you have a story idea? Please talk to Gail sensei.

You could also go to a meeting of E.S.S. The club meets every Thursday at 4:15 PM in the English office on the 5th floor. See you there!

Meet the principal

By Yuka Second grade

I interviewed our principal (kocho sensei), Mr. Shiimpei Sakamoto.

Q. Do you have any hobbies?

A. My hobbies are fishing and jogging.

Q. What are you proud of about Gionkita High School?

A. Students are pure and true.

Q. How fast can you run the 50-meter?

A. It takes 6.4 seconds.

Q. What did you have for lunch?

A. My wife makes me rice balls everyday.

Q. Please give us a message.

A. You live in an international society. So I hope you study hard and join club activities and school events and become a person with wide experience.

In the future, I want you to play an important role in the international society.



It will soon be Valentine's Day

By Natsumi

Second grade



We celebrate Valentine's Day in countries as far apart as the U.S. and Japan. But we celebrate in different ways.

In Japan, common gifts, usually given by a girl to a boy, include cookies and chocolates. So, boys are restless in the morning. They don't know if they will get chocolates. And, they don't know when the girls will give them the chocolates.

In America, children celebrate Valentine's Day by exchanging heart-shaped candies.

Adults in Japan as well as America use it as an opportunity to show romantic affection and gratitude. American men like to give flowers and chocolates to women on Valentine's Day. Men also take women out to dinner. Some women buy men gifts, too.

Every year, February 14 is one of the most popular days to get engaged or married in America.

Some people hate Valentine's Day because they are alone. But in South Korea, single people celebrate their own holiday. It is called Black Day, and it is celebrated on April 14.

How do you spend your Valentine's Day?



Famous English Quote of the Day

The three grand essentials of happiness are: Something to do, someone to love, and something to hope for. – Allan K. Chalmers, an 18th century Scottish writer

Funky Monkey Babys thrills crowd at concert in Club Quattro

By Ikumi First grade

I went to a concert for the Funky Monkey Babys' first Japan tour "Lovin' Live" on Jan. 13. About 900 people came to the concert at Club Quattro.

First, I want to introduce the band members to you.

Funky Kato is the Funky Monkey Babys' leader and vocalist. His T-shirts are cool! His birthday is Dec. 18, 1978.

Moiukichi is another vocalist. His voice is very high pitched. His birthday

is Feb.17, 1979.

DJ Chemical is a DJ and sometimes he dances. His birthday is May 13, 1982.

They sang 16 songs. For example, they sang "Lovin' Life" and "Always." Some of my favorite performances were "Oh My Lady," "Daijobu da yo," "Go! Go! Raida," "Morning Shot," and "Naite Warate Yumewomiteta." I love all their songs!

Their music is very wonderful. I think their songs and their MC are great

At the concert, a sense of unity developed between the band and audience.

Their merchandise is very cute, too. I really liked the fans' towels and the bracelets.

I love that the band tries its best, so I want to cheer for them forever.

