

## Staff Changes

We'd like to thank Tiffany sensei for being our long term substitute when Megumi sensei went on maternity. Tiffany will be working with us until August 12th.

## Thank You

Thank you to Rachel & Jeff (Kai G.'s parents), Mayuko (Ayumi's mom), Tuya (Emily's mom), Alice (Kohta's mom), and Fen sensei for helping at our information table at the Nihonmachi Street Fair this past weekend!

## Comings and Goings

It's that time of year where we wish our graduating class the best of luck and hope they visit us from time to time. The following children will be going to Kindergarten this fall: Aila, Andy, Angel, Arsema, Blaine, Hannah, Jay, Kate, Maggie, Maxi, Mio, Momoko, Sakura J., Sakura K., and Shailen. We wish them well and will miss them all.

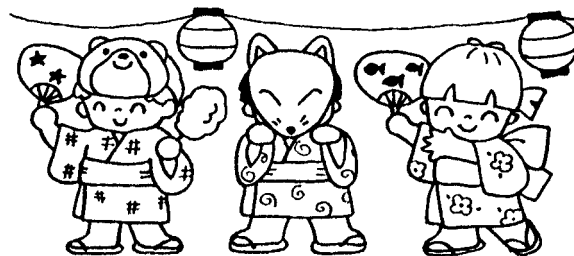
We would like to extend a warm welcome to Aiko and her parents, Eri & Sean; Dashiell and his parents, Erica & Greg; Cameron & her parents, Jerrica & Jimmy; Erdem and his parents, Battumur & Saruul; Axyl & Kyran and their parents, Tiemi & Kul; Yaichiro and his parents, Junko & Dan; Eden and her parents, Young-Joo & Kyu-Soo; Gabriella "Gabby" and her parents, Maria & Ashley; My Tra "Mimi" and her parents, Thuy & Hung; Kristine and her parents, Chau & Thuan; and Willis and his parents, Nuai & William. Aiko, Cameron, Erdem, and Eden all have siblings who are NLF preschool alums. We look forward to getting to know all our new and returning families.

## Acknowledgements

Our many thanks to the following children and their families for their generosity and thoughtfulness: Kenji & family for the case of washable markers, grapes and case of glue sticks, Japanese books, wooden house area toys, and rolls of scotch tapes; Hannah & family for the Korean food for lunch for the staff and for the ice cream truck to celebrate birthdays; Kate & family for the many cases of grapes and donuts for the staff; Rosie & family for the packs of washable markers; Sakura J. & family for the cookies from Japan; Maggie & family for the pastries, bagels and coffee for the staff; Nomuun & family for the cookies and chocolate covered fruits for the staff; Isabella & family for the facial tissues and watermelon; Kohta & family for the case of facial tissues; Sora & family for the rolls of scotch tape; Kai B. & family for the case of paper towels; Leina & family for the envelopes; Momoko & family for the peaches; Michiko & family for the cookies for the staff; Aiko & family for the dessert from Japan; and Sasuke & family for the dessert from Japan.

Special thank you to Rachel, Kai G.'s mom for coming to teach the Kindergarteners yoga!

**As always your kindness is greatly appreciated!**



# The Buzz

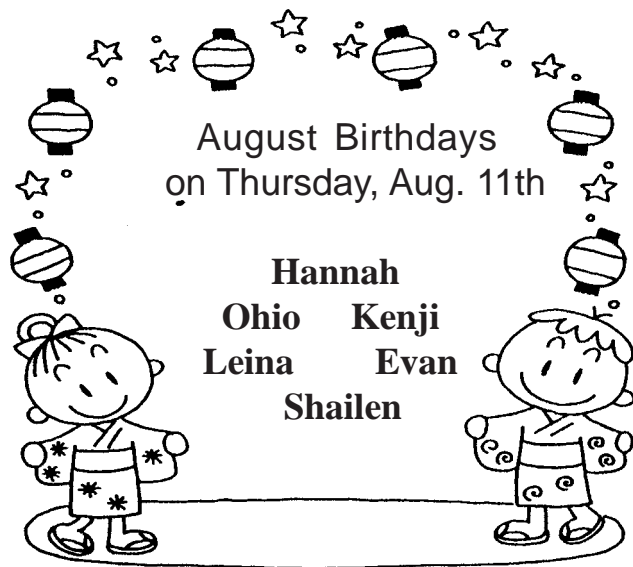
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## Kids Focus

**Curriculum:** We will start the new school year on August 15th by discovering and researching new group names with the children as well as skills assessments as we welcome new little friends. Each group will focus on a subject in-depth to promote critical thinking and problem solving skills.

**New Groups:** On August 15th, we will be having new learning groups, and your child's group teacher may be changing. A new group listing will be posted on the parents' table on the 15th.



## School Holidays

NLF will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of the Labor Day holiday. We will re-open on Tuesday, September 6th.

## Coming Events

**General Meeting:** We will be having a very important Parent Meeting Potluck on Friday, September 9th from 5:30pm at the preschool. There will be a potluck dinner followed by a parents and staff meeting to introduce each other and go over the general plans for the year. Childcare will be provided and all parents are encouraged to attend. There will be a sign up sheet posted on the parent's table, at a later date for this event.

**New School Year:** We will clean all the lockers on Friday, August 12th and children returning on Monday, August 15th should check for their names as they may have new lockers assigned to them. Parents will also have new mailboxes that will be in alphabetical order along with the attendance sheets.

**Blanket Cleaning:** Blankets will be sent home to be washed on Friday, August 26th (and August 12th for the pre-k children). Please let one of the teachers know if your child will not be in school that day so that his/her blankets can be sent home beforehand. Please remember to wash and return the white sheet along with your child's bedding.

**Workday:** We will be having our annual workday to thoroughly clean and dust the school on Sunday, September 25th from 9 to 11:00am which is a change from the date on the Calendar of Events. We need parents to help sweep outdoors, redistribute the sand, do general cleaning and move items into a dumpster as we prepare for our future move into the new building. A sign up sheet with more information will be posted on the parents' table at a later date.

**5K Run/Walk & Potluck Brunch Picnic--Save the Date:** We will be having our 5K run/walk at Lindley Meadows and the Polo Fields on **Sunday, October 9th**. More information regarding this mandatory fundraiser will be distributed closer to the date.