

# The Buzz

Bush Site Monthly Newsletter

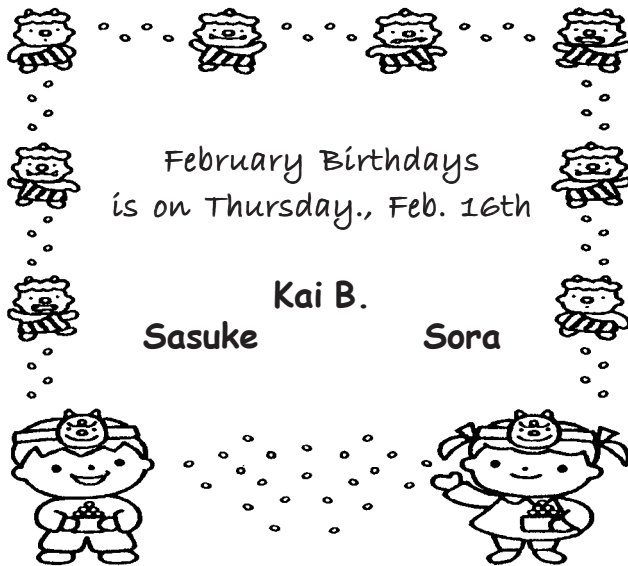
Happy Year of the Rooster!

February 2017

## Kid Focus

**Curriculum:** We have started out the month of February exploring the theme of friendship and Valentine's Day and the children enjoyed a Japanese traditional custom, *Mamemaki*, which was done for the *Setsubun* celebration last week.

\*\*The children have begun practicing for the dance performance two times each week. We will have a dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd and the last practice on Thursday, Feb. 23rd. A letter with information on what your child should wear on the day of the performance was emailed and placed in your mailbox. Please bring the clothes your child will be wearing the day of the performance by this Thursday, Feb. 16th. The children will be performing a dance interpretation of "The Giving School".



\*The school will be closed on **Monday, Feb. 20th** in observance of President's Day.

\* NLF'S tax identification number is:  
94-2325686

**Blankets:** Please take your child's blankets home to be washed on Friday, Feb. 24th and returned on the following Monday.

## Mark Your Calendar

**"Dowa No Omatsuri" Fundraiser:** NLF's annual theater performance fundraiser will be held on **Sunday, February 26th** at the Palace of Fine Arts Theater. A ticket order form which is on the flyer about the event is on the parent's table. Tickets are on a first come, first serve basis so the sooner you turn in your ticket money and order, the better your assigned seats.

\*\***Auction Committee** is still accepting auction donations until **TUESDAY, February 21st.** We are requesting that **all families try to donate or solicit at least one donation item and (receive a parent participation point!)** Thank you to those families who have brought in auction items and/or signed up to bring items on the auction wish list!!

**Raffle Tickets:** Many thanks to those parents who have already returned their completed raffle ticket stubs with payment. We have plenty more available for sale!! Please return any **unwanted/unsold raffle tickets** by **Friday, February 17th**. If you lost your tickets, please make a \$20.00 donation for them. If you do not return unsold tickets, you will be billed for them at a later date. Money for **sold** raffle tickets can be turned in as late as Friday, February 24th.

**Respite Night:** The next respite night is on **Friday, March 17th** from 5:30pm to 10:30pm at the Bush Site preschool. The cost is \$6.00 per child with dinner provided. Priority will be given to those on the waiting list from the last respite. Please sign on the sign up sheet which will be posted on the parents' table next month, if you're interested in having your child participate.

**Class Photo:** NLF's annual class picture day will be on the morning of **Tuesday, March 14th**. Both individual photos as well as a group class photo will be taken that day.

**The Day of Remembrance** will be held on **Sunday, Feb. 19th at 2:00pm, at the Sundance Kabuki Theater**, 1881 Post Street. The program will conclude with an interfaith procession to the JCCCNC building where a reception will follow. This is an annual commemoration of President Franklin Roosevelt's signing of Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the evacuation and internment of 120,000 persons of Japanese ancestry during World War II. For more information, please call NJAHS at 415- 921-5007.

## Change in Calendar

**Cherry Blossom Festival Fundraiser:** The Cherry Blossom Festival will be held on the weekends of April 8-9 and 15-16 which is different from what was on the Calendar of Events. Due to the impending move to the new building we will only be participating during the parade weekend which is April 15-16th. A letter with more information will be in mailboxes next month.

## Japanese Lesson: SETSUBUN

February 3rd marked the day of the season change or the end of the coldest season in Japan. They celebrate SETSUBUN with children and adults chasing the Oni out of the house throwing soy beans (mame-maki) at them saying “Oni wa soto” (devil go out) and “Fuku wa uchi” (happiness come in). This bean throwing ceremony is done in most Japanese homes around this time. At school, Fen sensei and Kai sensei wore an oni mask and the children threw the mame at them saying “Oni wa soto and Fukuwa uchi.” The children also ate the same amount of beans as their age.



“Oni wa soto” “Fuku wa uchi”

## Acknowledgements

Many thanks to Tomohiro & family for the vase and flowers for the staff; Nolan & family for the graham crackers and apples for snack, cheese and crackers, banana bread and graham treats for the staff; Sabrina & family for the gifts, chocolates and taro pandan cake for the staff and snap peas for snacks; Kenji & family for the crackers for snack and pastries for the staff; Willis & family for the fruit snacks, boxes of crackers, boxes of envelopes, packages of scotch tape, markers, colored paper, glue sticks and office supplies; Gabriella & family for the goldfish crackers; Yaichiro & family for the goldfish crackers; Kristine & family for the pastries for the staff; Nomuun & family for the box of cereal; Aiko & family for the dim sum for the staff for Lunar New Years; Axyl & Kyran and family for the copier paper; Dashiell & family for the manju for the staff; Owen & family for the Girls Scout cookies for the staff; Leah & family for the drinking cups; and Kohta, Leah, Erika and their families for the birthday cupcakes, fruit snacks, goldfish crackers and pastries for the staff in honor of their birthdays.

Special thank you to Irene (Ohio’s mom) for creating our Alphabet photobook which will be available for purchase at the Dowa no Omatsuri event. Be sure to check it out!

**We truly appreciate your continued generosity and support!!**

## Reminders

- \*Please do NOT allow your child(ren) to write on or take anything from the parents table.
- \*Please remember to use the **white zone for a short drop off and pick up only**. If you will be staying for a while, please look for a regular parking space.
- \* Please remember to return any clothes that your child may have borrowed when he/she had an accident, especially our underwear and pants. Thank you.