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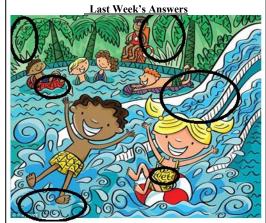
We lose almost a quarter¹ of the school this week. The third grade are off to Canada and the fifth grade are off to Cambodia or Kyoto. The junior high students will have a lot of fun. I love Vancouver at this time of year and I think they will all have fun in their homestays. I hope that they use lots of English and try all of the food. Cambodia is going to be hot, so I hope those students have taken nice cool clothes. They'll have a great experience. And the students going to Kyoto will have a great chance to learn about Japanese culture and to visit USJ.

Something You Didn't Know (Cities)

- 1. 71% of the Earth's area is sea. 3% of the Earth is urbanized². 11% if agriculture³.
- 2. The Tokyo-Yokohama conurbation⁴ is the world's largest city with 34 million people.
- 3. Manila has the highest population density⁵ in the world. 41,515 live in every km².
- 4. At 4,150m ASL⁶, El Alto in Bolivia is the world's highest city.
- 5. AT -258m BSL⁷, Jericho in the West Bank is the lowest city in the world.
- 6. Luanda, Angola, is the world's most expensive city. Most of the inhabitants⁸ live in poverty⁹, but there are many wealthy¹⁰ foreign workers. The city has very high import tariffs¹¹ which mean a McDonald's set meal costs about 1,500 yen. The country's average monthly wage¹² is 20,000 yen.
- 7. King Edward Point is the capital city of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. It only has a population of 18 people and is the smallest capital city in the world.



Can you find the 6 words hidden in the picture?



Announcements

The 3rd grade have left for Canada. The 5th grade have left for Cambodia and Kyoto. The 5th grade English Department and Music Majors have no PM classes. The rest of the school have PM guidance.

Gardens in the Sky

This isn't really news, but something interesting I found. Some buildings in Milan have started to become "green". What does that mean? It doesn't mean that the government are painting the buildings green. It means that they are becoming ecological 13. The government has realized that the city doesn't have enough greenery 14 and they have too many grey buildings.





There isn't enough space to build more parks, so they asked some architects¹⁵ to come up with ideas for gardens in the sky. One of the ideas was so good that they commissioned¹⁶ it and now Milan has two buildings that look like forests. They have trees, flowers and grass planted all over them. This is good for many reasons. It makes the building look better and it makes it cooler in the summer.

Sunlight is absorbed¹⁷ by concrete and dark colors, making plain¹⁸ buildings hotter. Green trees reflect¹⁹ the sunlight and keep the building cool. This means that they won't have to use their air conditioners so much in the summer. And, as we build more and more skyscrapers²⁰ in our cities, soon the only place for parks will be on top of them. Maybe, we will only have gardens in the sky.



1.Quarter 四分の一 2.Urbanized 都会的な 3.Agriculture 農業 4.Conurbation 大都市圏 5.Population density 人口密度 6.ASL (Above Sea Level)海面上 7.BSL (Below Sea Level)海面下 8.Inhabitant 民住者 9.Poverty 貧乏 10.Wealthy お金持ち 11.Import tariff 輸入税率 12.Wage 給料 13.Ecological 環境保護の 14.Greenery 緑の草木 15.Architect 建築家 16.Commission 依頼する 17.Absorb 吸収する 18.Plain 地味な 19.Reflect 反射する 20.Skyscraper 超高層ビル



Hello everyone! This week will be a quiet week, because the 3rd grade students will be in Canada, and the 5th grade students will be on their school trip. You also have no afternoon classes. I hope you all who are here this week can take advantage¹ of your extra time! - Krystal



Teacher Interview



Q: What do you do in your free time?

A: I exercise at the gym, go shopping, and I try various ramen restaurants.

Q: Who is your favorite celebrity?

A: I like Masaharu Fukuyama.

Q: What is your least favorite food?

A: Raisins, because I don't like the taste or texture².







Ms. Avano Tanaka School Nurse

Q: If you could visit any country, where would you go?

A: I'd like to go to Greece, because I want to visit Santorini. The contrast³ of the white buildings and blue sea is beautiful. Plus, there's so much history there.

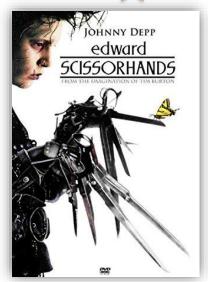
Q: What is your favorite thing about working at Hokusei?

A: Talking to the students, because they're so cute and energetic4.

Q: What advice do you have for Hokusei students?

A: Take care of your health! *

From the English Lounge 💢



Tuesday Movie @ 16:30

Edward Scissorhands

Edward Scissorhands is a dark romantic fantasy film directed by Tim Burton and starring Johnny Depp. Edward is an artificial⁵ man, whose creator⁶ died before finishing him. So, he has scissors for hands. He lives alone in a spooky⁷ mansion⁸, and is discovered by Peg, a kind saleswoman. She is frightened⁹ by his appearance at first, but sees that Edward is pure and harmless¹⁰, so she adopts him into her family. Edward meets Peg's daughter, Kim, and falls in love with her at first sight. Will Kim return Edward's affection11? Watch and find out!

English Speaking Celebrities 🗙



Miley Cyrus is an American singer, songwriter and actress. She was born on November 23, 1992, in Franklin, Tennessee. Her birth name was Destiny Hope Cyrus. Her father is Billy Ray Cyrus, who was a famous country singer in the 1990's. She grew up on a farm in Tennessee and was raised a Christian. She became interested in acting when she was a young child, and played a few minor roles before getting the starring role in the Disney Channel TV series Hannah Montana in 2006. The show was a huge success, so Miley quickly became a teen idol. She also began her singing career at this time, and released her debut album, Meet Miley Cyrus, in 2007. She has released six albums so far. Her most recent album, Younger Now, was released on September 29, 2017. You might have heard her most famous songs, "Party in the U.S.A." and "Wrecking Ball". Miley Cyrus is known for her drastic¹² image change in the early 2010's. She started as a wholesome¹³ teenager, but quickly grew up to be a sexier, mature¹⁴ woman. Her image change caused controversy¹⁵ because most of her fans were young girls who looked up to her as a role model¹⁶. She is a supporter of the LGBT¹⁷ and homeless community. She is a vegan¹⁸.





Before

After

Horoscopes

Aries March 21-April 19 Your communication skills are especially good this week.	Taurus April 20-May 20 You will receive many compliments this week. Lucky you!	Gemini Amay 21-June 20 Studying, romance, and money – everything is great for you this week!
Cancer June 21-July 22 You will get new ideas from reading books and magazines this week.	Leo July 23-Aug 22 You will experience something new with your friends this week.	Virgo Aug 23-Sept 22 Be on the lookout 19 for new opportunities this week.
Libra Sept 23-Oct 22 Something big and unexpected ²⁰ will happen to you this week.	Scorpio Cot 23-Nov 21 Someone new will come into your life this week. Maybe a new romance?	Sagittarius Nov22-Dec 21 You'll be very busy this week, but don't forget to study!
Capricorn Dec 22-Jan 19 You've been working hard recently, so you should reward yourself.	Aquarius Jan 20-Feb 18 Big changes are coming your way. It's your time to shine this week.	Pisces Feb 19-March 20 You have many things to do this week

New words: 1. take advantage of ~を利用する 2. texture 食感 3. contrast 対照 4. energetic 元気 5. artificial 人工 的な 6. creator 創造者 7. spooky 不気味な 8. mansion 大邸宅 9. frighten びっくりさせる 10. harmless 無害な 11. affection 愛情 12. drastic 思い切った 13. wholesome 道徳的に健全な 14. mature 成長した 15. controversy 論争 16. role model 模範 17. LGBT 女性同性愛者(Lesbian)、男性同性愛者(Gay)、両性愛者(Bisexual)、トランスジェンダー (Transgender) 18. vegan 絶対菜食主義者 19. be on the lookout 張り込む 20. unexpected 突然の