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Celebrating Month of the Military Child

DAY HE CAME HOME

"Kids get a blanket and let's go." Mom said. "Where are we going?" Sam asked.

Ok? I said confused. We got on the road and started driving.

My mom said we were picking someone up from the Airport!

"Is it Dad?" Presley asked. "No, it's not Dad, he's still working in the states. It's one of my friends, Jerry."

"Jerry, who's Jerry?" "It's no one, he's just going to stay for a while." said Mom.

We were all so confused, so we just played a game until we got there.

"Ok, we're almost there!" said Mom.

We were all so excited to meet this Jerry guy. We waited for 10 minutes at the airport until my brother saw something.

"Mom is that..." She nodded her head.

"He's here," said Mom. Presley and I were so eager to see who this mystery buff was.

"Dad!!!!" Presley and I said confused. He put all his luggage in the car, and he was chewing gum like he always does when he comes home from trips. "It's been a whole year!" I said.



When we got home, I went straight into the bathroom to get a surprise for him.

"Meow" "Why is there a kitten in my daughter's arms?" he asked my mom.

"Well, when we went on our daily walk around the park, we were feeding the cats and shook the treats a little more

before we left and she just came out of the bushes so we checked all over

for a mom but there wasn't one.

When we gave her food, she ate forever so we knew she was starving."

"Ava and I practically begged her to bring her home." Presley said. We put the kitten in the car and drove away.

"Ok but why did you have to take her?" said dad "Well we wanted to save her." Presley and I said.

"Ok well, off of that subject, why don't you go see what is in my suitcase." said dad. We went and opened his suitcase and he brought us

back... "Swimsuits?" Sam said, confused. "Ok now go try on those bathing suits and let's eat

some dinner!" dad said. I've never been so surprised before.

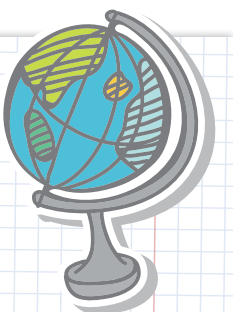
– Ava, 5th grade,
Stearley Heights Elementary School

Military Kid Salute Song

Military kids are awesome and strong
And we all know how to get along
Hand in hand we all know our ways
And learn something new every single day
While our families are away on a big old ship
Or somewhere farther than we can see
We always maintain our a,b,c's and 1,2,3's
All go to the same school DOD's
And sometimes get to use fishing rods
Sometime I go out with my friends
And then they lose their IDs
Then once they get home their parents are not as happy as can be

It's hard to keep going place to place
But every time we meet a new face
We always find new food and treats
And sometime some new exquisite meats
Once our families get back from overseas
We are so overjoyed we could just scream
We always thank the people who protect our nation
Then we go have a big celebration
Remember if your a military kid don't give up
Because we always find the best of luck.

– Abigail Martin, 6th grade,
Jack N. Darby Elementary School



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Mrs. Sacman
1st grade



My name is Alice Axelrod.
My dad works in the Navy.
I am proud of my dad for helping our family.
I enjoy meeting new friends.
I am proud to be a military child.

– Alice Axelrod



My name is Theodin Srun.
My mom fixes the ship.
I enjoy going to different places.
I am proud to be a military child.

– Theodin Srun



My name is Enza Calloway.
My dad works at the Navy.
I am proud of my dad because he makes money.
I am proud to be a military child.

– Enza Calloway

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CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Ms. Carrano
2nd grade

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Aiden Bezdichek

my Dad is in the military and I am happy because he gets money so we can move

- Aiden Bezdichek.



Month of the Military Child
My dad used to go to the navy but he could not continue now he works at the base

I am half happy because he is in the navy


- Julianna Wick



Michael Brown


I feel good in Japan. When my dad goes on the ship under way I feel sad.

- Michael Brown



My dad is in the Navy and Military. He is a doctor. We ride a plane

Jan Soriano 3/15/21



Alisa Gaudin

My dad's ship

My dad are military he are working so hard so we can live in Japan. I'm sad also my mom sister are helping dad so dad is happy

- Alisa Gaudin



Juria Aguilar 3/15/21


I feel sad because of my dad because he is on the ship and ocean

- Juria Aguilar

Kairon Flores

I felt happy because it is so cool that you get to see temples and the huge gaudums too and you can eat new food like sushi and onigiri and other good stuff too. When I got to Japan I got a first Japan candy and it

- Kairon Flores



Lei Delgado 3/15/21


I feel happy because we can go to fun places

- Lei Delgado

Luella Talavera 3/15/21

The way I feel about being a military child is happy because I get to hang out at my dad's work and get some stuff for free.

- Luella Talavera



my mom is

She took a job

I feel happy/sad my mom has a lot of home work but is on the smart. & I like it

- Saige Adams

Branna Kelleher


my dad works in the military in the boat and sometimes he leaves a long time or short. It makes me sad.

- Branna Kelleher



My mom is on the blue rig. I feel sad because my mom left.

- Phoenix Poindexter



Tyre J.

My Parents are in the military. They both work in the military.

- Tyre Jackson



GOODNIGHT SCHOOL



Lori Hovell



Victoria Kwiatkowski



Promoting literacy at home with Facebook live

BY PATRICIA CARLSON,
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This year marked the second year of a popular virtual event organized by Sullivans Elementary for the children of CFAY (Command Fleet Activities Yokosuka) called Goodnight School. As the organizer of the event, I wanted to share a first-hand experience. The event was conceived four years ago at Fort Jackson, SC, where I worked as a teacher. As one of the original organizers for the event, I decided to take it with me when I PCS'd to Japan.

Goodnight School is a much-anticipated event that consists of five mystery readers who read bedtime stories for children live on Facebook. The event takes place over Read Across America week, an event created by the National Educators



Jack Childs

Association. Read Across America typically is celebrated the first week of March.

Goodnight School was conceived to promote literacy at home and involves the participation of Sullivans' school staff as well as members from the community. This year, five educators, a sailor, and world-famous illustrator Jane Chapman participated in the event.

Mr. Jack Childs, a special education teacher at the Sullivans, kicked off the event with Cece Bell's hilarious picture book, *I Yam a Donkey*. "Reading can be boring or exciting," stated Mr. Childs. "When you read stories with expression and intonation, reading becomes exciting. I hope I was able to do that when reading *I Yam a Donkey*. It was my distinct honor to read this story to our military-connected students at the Sullivans school."

"I love reading to children, and it is a wonderful opportunity to bring in social skills with a fun story. My book taught the lesson of putting yourself into others' shoes. Kids can relate to that," stated Lori Hovell, an ESOL (English as a Second Language) specialist at the Sullivans, who was the second Mystery Reader.

She read the book, *Hey Little Ant* by Hannah and Philip Hoose.

Ms. Victoria Kwiatkowski, the school librarian, read *The Book with No Pictures* by BJ Novak. She stated "I have been consistently impressed with the Sullivans school sticking together through this past year. Goodnight School was another great way to connect the community even while having to remain distant."

For the fourth evening, I was invited to board the USS Milius for our live read. The mystery reader was LTJG Salvatore Borgognone. He read the book *Pirate's Perfect Pet* live from the ship's pilot house. LTJG Borgognone shared that "reading for Sullivans was a career highlight because military families sacrifice so much for the force. They deserve the attention of ships and sailors." He continued, "I was happy to do my part and contribute via Goodnight School."

Children were delighted to see their teacher, myself, and LTJG Borgognone joining them live from a real ship. Some even commented that it was their parent's ship. As the daughter of a sailor, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to board a



Patricia Carlson

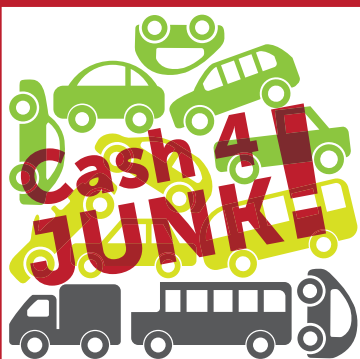
functioning Navy ship for the first time. I am so grateful for the hospitality the sailors of the Milius offered. I enjoyed this experience as much as my students!

The last reader was Ms. Cheryl Wyndham, a first-grade teacher at the Sullivans. She read *Bear Snores On* and was later joined virtually by world-renowned illustrator, Jane Chapman who shared how she drew one of the book's characters. Due to the time difference, the illustrator submitted a prerecorded video.

At the time this article was written, the videos were cumulatively viewed a total of 5500 times. The previous year, the videos were viewed almost 10,000 times. The videos will be available for viewing on the DoDEA Sullivans Facebook page until June 2021.



Jane Chapman, Illustrator



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Ms. Switzer
4th grade

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I love being a military child! Sometimes it's difficult and sometimes is awesome! One difficult thing about being a military child is my dad leaves a lot. I am sad because my dad leaves constantly and it takes a while for him to come back. Before my dad leaves, I cry very hard and hug him. Seeing my dad leave is upsetting. My dad is in the Navy and it's hard for him to leave us almost every day. But the awesome part is, when comes home from a deployment and brings us a lot of awesome things!

My mom told me that my grandpa left for war before my dad was an adult. My dad was so worried he would lose his dad. Being a military child is awesome but it's sometimes scary. To make life easier when my dad is gone I play Minecraft in my spare time. It is very fun to play Minecraft. I am very good at it. Playing video games makes it easy to forget my dad is gone. I personally get super worried when my dad goes on deployment. One day, when I was in kindergarten, I came back from PE and my dad was sitting on a chair in front of my class. I was happy to see him!! My sister and mom were also very happy to see him. When he leaves he cries but we have to get over sad things.

– Christopher Rasmussen



Being a military child is fun and also kind of bad. It's kind of bad because you have to move away from your friends. It's also fun because you go to new places and have fun. I once went on my dad's ship and ate cheetos and chocolate cake. I go to a lot of new places like Japan, Tennessee, Texas, Georgia and Italy. And I could eat cool foods like alligator nuggets, snails, pizza and spaghetti. And go on planes a lot and I like planes. My dad keeps leaving for like 1 year and staying home for like 1 month so my dad leaves on the ship a lot. I get sick on a lot of trips. We get lots of souvenirs and different foods. But when you move back to where your friend lives I am very happy. I like being a military child because it's fun. I meet new people like a lot of new people. I wouldn't have met my best friend if I didn't move. I go to a lot of new places and I am a new student which I don't like being a new student. I also like being a new student because you go to a new school and meet new people and new friends. My Mom got food poisoned by mushroom stew.

– Chuck Reece

To be honest Being Military Child is wonderful. I mean wonderful, because getting to go everywhere is the best but making new friends and leaving them is so hard. My dad left for his ship a few years ago. He would come back. I'm 9 and almost 10 and my dad hasn't been on his ship for a long time. I've been on my dad's ship a few times and it's a little bit big, kids were there too I see them sleep, I never fall asleep but I would never say never. One day my dad pranked my sister and mom the prank was that he would be leaving again he had his green bag and put pillows in it so it can look like the bag has all his military stuff (I already knew that it was a prank) and then he said it was a prank my mom and sister stopped crying. I wanted to stay in Japan for about 1 year. I think, I really don't want to leave Japan because I will miss all my nice friends and in Japan off base they make you separate trash and it helps the environment and it's safe. I want my dad to not leave because I will lose all my friends and some of my family is here. My family in Japan is Japanese. Since it's a coronavirus right now, I'm scared to move because I could get it.

– Kiyomi Miranda

My life without my dad was pretty miserable, but I got through it. I believe deployments help the military, but it can take someone far away from their family. And when I say far, I mean really far! While my dad was on deployment, I always said to myself, "He will never be too far away." Thinking like this is a way to cope with missing him. I hope that helps other people with deployment as well. When my Dad came home I cried happy tears! I was really happy, then my dad surprised me that he retired from the military just to be with me, my mom, and my baby sister.

Now my dad is unemployed and he takes care of my baby sister while my mom works. I really love them! I always called him every night to pray with him, but sometimes he had to skip due to his work. My dad was always the one who made me laugh when he tickles me, and when he makes corny jokes. It is really hard to live without your sibling, your mom, your dad, or another member in your family. When anyone that you love in your life is not here, it's hard. I really hope you feel a little better when your loved one is on a deployment now that you read my essay. I hope you get through it, too. Remember, they will always be there for you!

– Eanna Esmeli

As a military child, my dad has been gone a lot. When he leaves I always miss him, but when he is home I cherish every moment! Last year I found out I was moving to Japan. At first I thought it was a prank, but then realized it wasn't and we were really moving to Japan. My family and I lived on a farm with 32 animals. I was sad we had to leave our animals. I remember when my family and I had to separate. My mom, me and my brother Aiden stayed in the States while my dad, brothers and other brothers went to Japan. My mom, brother and I Facetimed them as much as we could. They would always tell us how different Japan is. When it was finally time to go to Japan we found out that my brother, Aiden had to stay in the States because he is going to college (which I was sad about). I had to say goodbye to him and I started to cry. We went to San Francisco first, then went to Japan. When we finally got to Japan, me and my mom had to go into quarantine right away. Eventually the two weeks were up and we saw Japan. I got to see my dad and brothers after almost a month of not seeing them. I was so happy!! That's my life as a military child!

– Linnea Ramirez

First time to be a military child. And the first time to go to dad's military ship. I was so nervous to go to the ship.

Because I may get hurt on the ship so and I want to be on dad's ship and it was so fun and so awesome my mom was so happy my brother was so happy. And I found my friend on the ship. We played a lot on the ship we take pictures it was so fun. When my dad came back from the ship my dad gave us presents. I like presents in my life. I like dad's present in the world so I am asking

a lot for my present. I can see my dad so I'm ok with military children a lot. Military is normal to me and my friends and family. But I want to be a military child for ever. And have fun a lot because I like it so much first time it was hard but now it so fun I like it so much. It is because my friend is on the ship so I like it so much.

– Sara Tisdall



I like being a military child because my dad gets to see places and brings back lots of things. Sometimes I don't like being a military child, because my dad wasn't there when I was born. I'm still a little mad because he wasn't there when I came into the world. The next time my dad left, I was 3, 4, 5 or 6 years old. I don't remember the exact age, but when he leaves for deployment, I still cry a lot. It's normal for me to cry, but the year 2020 was especially hard for me to let him go. We had a big talk about how he doesn't go to war; he works on the FLIGHT DECK. I'm just glad that he doesn't go to war...but I'm not sure if he does or not. It's really confusing. But what I like about it is I get a lot of toys and other stuff! One time he brought back a fan and a figure of a peacock but when we moved the movers lost it! Speaking of moving, here's all the places I've moved to: Virginia, Florida, and Japan. I don't know entirely where we've been but I've seen some pretty cool things. My mom said she went to bootcamp. I kept asking "Hey dad, what's bootcamp?" He answered me but I don't remember what it was. I THINK it's pretty cool but mom said it's not even close.

– Emma Murray

I was scared. My dad was gone on a ship and I bet the enemy was hot on his tail. One month passed, no dad. The same happened for the next 8 months. Finally he came home! I heard the ship horn and knew it was my dad. We had peace for a few weeks, but it soon ended. I overheard mom say in a worried voice "I don't want you to go back overseas, and the girls be heartbroken!" And I was. The days went by fast, and soon the days of dad going overseas came. I had dreaded this day, and yet here it was. Sometimes I wished I was not a million miles away from being a normal non-military child. But sometimes I love being a military child and am proud of it. I love it, yet hate it. The next day I got up to no dad and no mom. My sister was playing on the Wii and so was my other sister. My mom came home and said we would go back to our normal schedule. Meanwhile I was crying. After about an hour later I did my chores and we, as mom said, went back to the normal schedule. Months passed and I, still sad, did my chores. Secretly the night before he left, he had said that I had to help mom and I had to be strong. Sometimes being a military child is hard but we children have to stand strong.

– Rowan Douglas



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Being a military child is awesome! You get to live in new places and make new friends. You can also try new foods and pastries. You also can take pictures of landmarks then show your friends all the cool places you've seen. Also, you can learn a new language.

Being a military child is also hard. Sometimes you have to move and leave your friends. But the good news is, you can always keep in touch with your friends. I write emails and video chat with them. When your parents leave it is always hard, but you can always write them too. When they come back, it is so much fun to be with your whole family.

When you go to school, you have Specials. Some of the Specials teach you different languages. If you learn a foreign language, you could be at the top of your class! After you graduate from high school, maybe you will be a translator (they make lots of money!).

I always tell myself even though my dad is far, he is always in my heart. Sometimes when we move, we drive to our next destination. And then sometimes I play a game. I look at all the different license plates and play bingo. If you play with people in your car, and you win, you get candy. YUM! Having my dad in the military is hard, but I know he will always be there for me.

– Malia C.

My dad will get me ice cream on the ship. He will let me sleep in his bed. It is sooo cozy;

My Dad is out ,but he will come back home ,because he is the best. On thanksgiving we had a family feast;

it was so good. I wish I ate more. We had sweet potatoes with marshmallows, chicken,

military cand pie, and mashed potatoes. I met a lot of my dad's friends on the ship. They are all nice. I wish I could have more mashed potatoes with gravy. that's all **BYE!!!**

– Kourtney Granados



Being a military child can be a little bit sad because your mom or dad can not see you sometimes and that is sad. One time My dad went out for 4 months in Virginia Beach and my little brother Sean cried every day when we were going to sleep. One time when I was born my dad could not be there because he was on a sh and he couldn't see me and I am still angry at him about that. One more thing there is this thing called duty and if yourHow do you okay this is this dad is on duty he can't come home and so I can't play some games with him :(. My dad got an award and me and my brothers were there and we got a thank you note from my dad's Captain because my dad was going everywhere.another time my dad went on a ship for 148 DAYS. It was a long time that I've been waiting for my dad to come back. I was sad because I could not see and talk to him.

– Ryan Whalen

Hi my name is Ryelle. I used to live in Minnesota. Now I get to live in Japan. I am very grateful I get to move to a lot of other places! I love how my dad teaches on a military base. He teaches the children of our military heroes. He helps them learn. I also like how everybody is really nice on base and off base.

I love the base because there are a lot of restaurants to eat at like Taco Bell and Subway. There is even a big grocery and a clothing store. I also love how I get to meet a lot more friends. The military provides a lot of stuff and help for me and my family!

I am also proud I get to be part of something important! So I get to be someone that really matters! I think living on a base is cool because you get to welcome new military people and new teachers. It just makes me feel very proud of myself and my family! I just believe I am very lucky!

– Ryelle Tuszynski

Moving is something we all do. But as a Military child, I have to move a lot. Moving is not necessarily bad. I mean sure you lose friends but you can make new ones. Plus, you can learn new cultures. You can eat new foods. The last time I moved I was sad. I was like “ They're not gonna know what I'm saying.” I hated it. But when I moved, it was kinda fun. I went to the Navy Lodge and it was fine. I did miss my friends though. We got settled into our new house. A few weeks later I went to school. I was scared. But, after a few weeks it felt like home.

Then I knew Moving was ok.

– Vladimr Smith

I like being a military child because I move a lot around the world. And I like that. There was only one time my dad went somewhere scary, but I wasn't born yet. It all happened when my dad went to Iraq to help hurt people in a war. Anyway, he survived. He said it was a hard job to do. Once, my dad said he would go on a ship, so I cried, but the next day, he didn't go on one!! I was so happy that I cried again!! It was a happy moment, I guess. But, sometimes moving can be scary. But I like to go to new places! I love my dad!

– Noelle Colmenar

I once waited a long time for my dad to come. Me and my sisters made a poster. A welcome home poster. It was me, my sisters and my mom and my dog. It was a tough time for my mom. When my dad came my dog ran to him. My dog likes my dad. Each time my dad comes home from a long day my dog will always go towards him. My dad will play with my dog for 5 minutes.

– Yamato Kerwin

I love being a military child because it's fun and cool.

One time when I was just four years old, I went on the Ship that my dad goes on. It was so cool. I saw a big American flag and a machine gun. I want to use a machine gun, eventually!! I went inside the ship. It had a lot of little rooms with Bunk beds. I wondered, how many crew members are on that ship? My dad took me around to see more of the ship. I wondered, what does my dad do on a Ship .

Four years later , I finally found out what my dad does on the ship. My dad's job is fixing computers and fixing engines . Being a military child is little good and little bad. little good is

– Houga Brandenburg



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Traveling Back and Forth

By Gabriel Uthl

I was born in Washington State. When my dad got a job, we had to move to Japan. I was two years old. A couple weeks later, my little brother was born. Two years later, we had to move again because of dad's work. I found myself in Washington sitting in my house. I had neighbors and they were friendly. When I was six, we moved back to Japan. When I'm nine, I'm going to go back to Washington. I'd like to go to other countries in the future like Australia, Philippines, China, and other parts of Asia.

Military Child

By Lucas Kidd

Thumbs up are good things about being a military child. Thumbs up is traveling to China, Hawaii, and Texas. It is also eating delicious food like shrimp, meat, and pizza. It is also meeting new friends and listening to music like the song, "Believer" and "The Foxy Song".

Thumbs down are bad things about being a military child. Deployments are hard. My mom is out in the ocean for 33 days, but it feels like she's been gone for 200. I am very sad because she usually plays ball with me, but now I am very bored. I hope she comes back soon.

Bad and Good Things

By: Abel Mazurek

I like to travel. I went to California and Mississippi. I like sushi, and All-you-can eat restaurants. I like moving so I can learn new things like language and culture. I like to try new food, and make new friends. I know the English language and some Japanese. I get to see the Buddha statues. I like the cool, strong, and tough V, V-max, GX, EX, tag team, rare, legendary, fire, water, electric, psychic and normal fairy dark Pokémon cards.

The bad thing about being a military child is I don't like moving or leaving my friends. I don't like going to new schools. I would not be happy if there were no Pokémon. I might not know the language. I hope I can see my friends again.

Thumbs Up, Thumbs Down

By Troy Norris

Thumbs up,
Different countries
Across countries
New friends.


Thumbs down,
You move really soon
You are sad
You forget friends.

Being a Military Child

by Sophia Fontenot

When I was six years old, my dad left me for one month and I was super sad, but being a military child is also good. You can explore your dad's ship like I did. You get a tag to clip on your chest so they know you're not a stranger. It was so fun climbing the stairs to the very top of the ship. My mom was scared, but I was just a little scared. My dad was laughing. My sisters and I were playing and my mom took pictures of us.

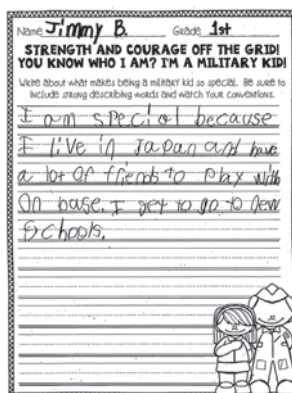
When my dad leaves, I get super sad. Do you know why? I'll tell you. It's because my dad makes me so happy and helps me.



CELEBRATING MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

Yokota West Elementary School

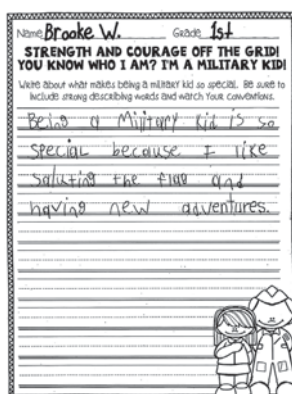
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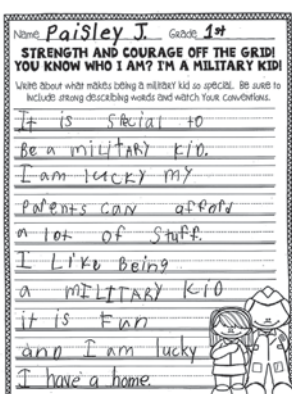
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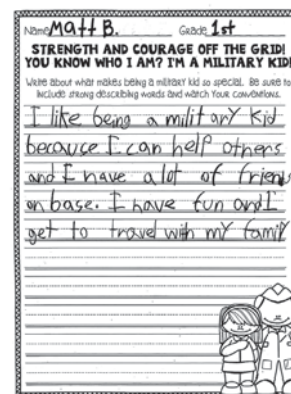
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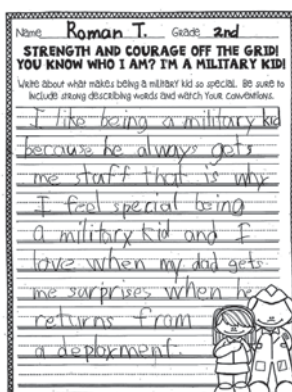
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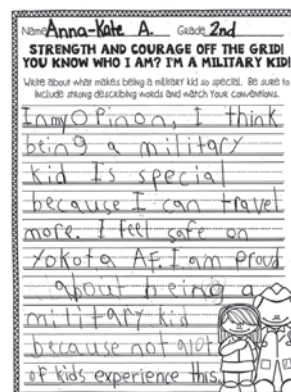
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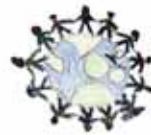
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An Acrostic Haiku by Oliver G3 Ywes

U sing resources
S uper protected bases
A very fun home

— Oliver

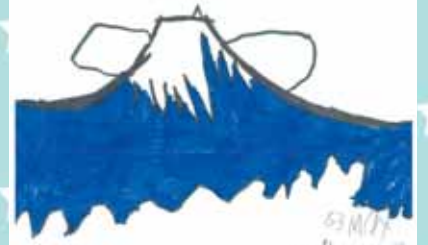
You can do anything.
Our base keeps us safe.
Keep trying new things.
Our community helps others.
Take risks.
A positive attitude leads to good life.



Ms. 3rd grade April 2021

— Aurelia

Going to places
eating many types of food
Japan is the best!



Ms. 3rd grade April 2021

— Max

All around the world

I nteresting
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— Ford Campbell

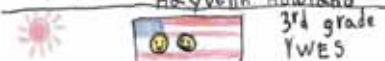
Best place
Amazing people
Super schools
Epic and fun places



Colin 3rd grade Ywes
Flaherty

— Colin

Joy in
Asia
People
Are
Nice



Hayvehn Howland
3rd grade
Ywes

— Hayvehn Howland

My family moves a lot
In Japan I got to try new food
Life in Japan is nice
I like traveling to new places
The trains here are cool
Airforce
Really cool airplanes



Yokota Air Base
Madelyn 3rd grade

— Madelyn

Going Overseas,
Making new
Friends Going to
new Schools Which
I want dare to do But
If I do My teacher
Will say are you
From Japan or the USA!



3rd grade Dylan D. Ywes

— Dylan

Being
Able to
See
Every part of the World
Can experience different Cultures
Having new friends

I'm able to go to new Schools
Like having new teachers
Doing it like a Base Child



— Caitlin

Joining the Japan Air Base

Able to locate lots of new places
Piled with new knowledge of the base and
Approaching new people
Now know different places and people



Maya Jones G3-YWES

— Maya Jones

Moving all the time
It's fun
Learning new things
It's fun being
Trying new things
Always making new
Really safe house
You get to live on a
military base

— Trevor

Move to new places,
Play with different people.
It is so much fun.



Cade Nestor 3rd grade

— Cade Nestor

Acrostic poem and Haiku
Air Force is awesome
Making new friends everywhere
Lots of new culture
Making new friends
In a new school
Living off base
Interesting
Traditions
Able to travel a lot
Really cool in everything
Yearning to see my cousin
Calling my family
Having to deal with my language
I love moving
Learn about different cultures
Do not know where I'm going next



Eleanor Pierson G3-YWES

— Eleanor Pierson

Making lot of friends,
Moving lots of new places,
lots of interesting food



Nico Teves 3rd grade

— Nico Teves

Just
Amazing
places
and
new friends

— Vivien Vath

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Top 10 sakura-themed

Cute stickers, stationery

STORY AND PHOTOS BY SHIGEMI NIKI,
LIVE JAPAN

Daiso always has a selection of fun, high-quality products on sale. For this spring, we've taken a look at some cherry blossom-themed items that are available at Daiso Osaka Umeda Shop!

These products can be found at Daiso Osaka Umeda, a shop located only a five-minute walk from JR Osaka Station. Here we will introduce some of our favorite Daiso items in 2021 that are sure to lift you into a cheerful, springtime spirit! You can also reasonably acquire a selection of masks and other sanitary goods perfect to use as countermeasures against COVID-19.

• 100-yen shop: 110 yen including tax

OVER 70,000 ITEMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE HUGE OSAKA UMEDA STORE!

DAISO Osaka Umeda Shop is located only a five-minute walk away from JR Osaka Station. This station can be easily accessed with both subway lines and private railways going through it.

There are also many commercial buildings in the area so that you can also enjoy dining and shopping.

The shop has two floors, the first basement floor and the second basement floor. On the first floor you can find makeup, travel items, gift-related items, and stationery. On the second floor, there are dishes, kitchen utensils, food, and living room accessories.

There are approximately 76,000 items in this shop! They regularly bring in new items, so you will be able to find something new no matter when you go. Labels and shop signs are only available in Japanese, but product tags have explanations in English and Portuguese.

You can find a register on both the first and second basement floors. It's possible to pay for all items at either one. Many kinds of credit cards as well as UnionPay are accepted. You will be fully content with high-quality products that are only 110 yen including tax. What's more, using these spring-themed items will instantly put you in a cheery mood.

Countermeasures for COVID-19

Disinfection, sterilization, and cleaning of shop and facilities / Ventilation measures in place / Usage of coin trays / Plastic partitions installed / Staff wear masks, gargle, wash hands regularly, and monitor body temperature / Masks required

- All items introduced are 110 yen (including tax).
- What's in stock may differ depending on the shop.

This is the information at the time of the interview.

Due to the effects of the new coronavirus infection (COVID-19), business hours may have been changed, temporary closures may have been made, and services may have been altered.



SPARKLY SPRING STICKERS

Add some glamor just by sticking them on

Sparkly Spring Stickers are stand out, three-dimensional stickers in the shape of cherry blossoms. Inside the acrylic pop-up stickers, you can find pieces of glitter in the shape of circles and hearts. Each time it moves, the appearance changes.

At Daiso's Umeda Shop, the stickers are a popular item due to their varying designs. Choosing from the many kinds available is also one of the enjoyments. It's convenient because you can upgrade a notebook, gift, or letter just by sticking one on.



BAMBOO CHOPSTICKS:

A popular item during sightseeing season

One of the popular items at Daiso is their disposable chopsticks. It sells especially well during the sightseeing and end-of-the-year party seasons. This year, since there won't be much demand during cherry blossom viewing given the current situation, it is said that many customers buy the chopsticks along with paper plates and cups as a way to brighten up their dining tables at home.

There are 30 pairs of bamboo chopsticks in this package. Each pair is individually wrapped and comes with a tooth pick. You'll be put in a cheery mood just by looking at the cute packaging. Due to its warm cherry blossom color, it's sure to be an item that brightens up your dining table.

DOUBLE-SIDED MESSAGE CARDS

Perfect for conveying a message

In Japan, cherry blossom season is otherwise known as the season of meeting and parting. This is because events such as graduations and entrance ceremonies happen around this time. The double-sided message card (30 cards with a photo of spring flowers) is a type of card you want to give along with a small gift.

About the size of your palm, it's the perfect card for writing a brief message. The photograph of the beautiful cherry blossoms is also very soothing. As they come in a large stack of 30, you can conveniently use one when you want to give a card to each of your classmates or coworkers. There's also a small design of cherry blossoms on the back of the card.

(Items are limited to the number in-stock at the shop.)



AIR FRESHENER BEADS

Welcome the atmosphere of spring into your room

Air Freshener Beads (Cherry Blossom, 300g) is a cherry blossom-scented indoor deodorizer. The beads steadfastly absorb any bad odor and, in turn, leave a cherry blossom scent throughout the room.

This deodorizer largely stores 300 grams of beads. It may depend on how often you use it, but it usually lasts for approximately two to three months. The faint, wafting scent of cherry blossom will bring spring into any room.

(Items are limited to the number in-stock at the shop.)

Spring-themed items at Daiso

Cherry & more for 2021!



SHIKISHI CARD

Adorably cherry blossom-shaped design

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There are also many message cards and shikishi, colored card paper often used for autographs and important messages, that have cherry blossom designs. The cherry blossom shikishi card is designed so that you can remove the metal tack and detach the cards. Unlike a message board, the cards can be handed out one by one. This makes it a popular item because you can take your time to write a message.

There are 16 cards total. With four differing designs, they are adorably cherry blossom-shaped. In addition to the firm thickness and shine of the paper, the gold lettering on the cover makes for a refined look. It also comes with a sticker to cover the back of the tack that holds the cards together.



FLOWER SOAP PUMPS

Spring-themed, cherry blossom-colored bottles

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The flower soap pumps are a very exciting item with their springtime flower design and cherry blossom-pink coloring. These bottles come

in all shapes and sizes and can be used to hold your shampoo, conditioner,

or body wash. The designs come in the two colors of either cherry blossom-pink or white.

It's said that people buy the shorter bottles for hand soap. It's a perfect item during this time of Covid when washing your hands is an important habit.



BOTTOM GUSSET ZIPLOC BAG

For simple gift wrapping

5

These popular gift bags have come out with a cherry blossom design. The cherry blossom Ziploc-style bag has a bottom gusset, so it can hold items that have some girth to them. By wrapping some store-bought candy or chocolate in this cute bag, it becomes a tiny gift.

These bags are made securely. You can put unwrapped food inside the bags directly, so it's convenient for giving out homemade baked goods such as cookies or financiers. Another great aspect is that you don't have to go through the hassle of closing the top with tape or string because it closes on its own.



SQUARE COMPACT MIRROR

Have fun with spring makeup

8

It's hard to choose out of the many cute designs with these compact mirrors. Your makeup bag will take on the atmosphere of spring just by adding an item with a spring-themed design.

With one side being a magnifying mirror, this two-fold mirror is an exceptional item. It's well-built and can be used by opening it up. There's also a circular-shaped mirror, but the square-shaped one has a larger surface area. As a result, the square compact mirror is a more popular item because you can see yourself easily.



EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEF

An absolute must-have item for handwashing

9

You can never have enough handkerchiefs with frequent handwashing becoming a habit due to COVID-19. There's a handkerchief section in the cherry blossom-themed items corner. Two of the most popular options are the handkerchiefs embroidered with a dog or cat design along with small cherry blossoms.

This handkerchief has a solid size of 25 centimeters both in length and width. Made out of 100-percent cotton, it also has great absorbency. Due to the simple embroidered design being in one spot, the towel can be used by both men and women. It's said that many people buy these handkerchiefs in bulk.

(Items are limited to the number in-stock at the shop.)

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS: Easily produce the atmosphere of spring

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These no-hassle artificial flowers are a popular item to put on display. On the second basement floor, you can find artificial cherry blossoms like the double-flowered cherry blossom and the Somei-Yoshino cherry blossom.

The blossoms range from ones on artificial branches that can be displayed on their own to garland-style blossoms that can be wrapped around items you want to decorate. The difference in the shape of each flower is due to the merchandiser's strong preferences. With its bright pink coloring, the flowers will instantly bring the atmosphere of spring to your room.

The artificial flower section on the first basement floor is always lively. There are flowers available throughout the seasons. In the summer you'll find flowers suitable for household Buddhist altars, in the fall there are foliage and ginkgo leaves, and in the winter, flowers fitting for Christmas are available.



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A short stroll from Higashi-Zushi Station will bring you to Beans, a beautifully decorated shop serving freshly roasted coffee beans to your exact specification.

Spilling the Beans on one-man roastery near Yokosuka

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A one-minute stroll from Higashi-Zushi Station near Yokosuka Naval Base will land you inside a beautifully decorated shop serving freshly roasted coffee beans to your exact specification.

Beans is a quaint shop in the quiet town of Higashi-Zushi. At first glance I was captivated by little details, like the coffee bean displays outside the shop, but I was pulled in by the alluring aroma of fresh coffee beans.

I was greeted by the owner, a friendly, elderly man who speaks some English. Signage in English allowed me to move easily throughout

Beans and take in everything on offer.

The shop sells a selection of raw coffee beans that are on display in wooden barrels. A variety of choices are available from places like Colombia, Indonesia, Jamaica, Guatemala and Yemen, and Beans will roast your selection to your liking.

Coffee aficionados may take the roasted beans home whole or ground. Bags are sold in quantities of 200 grams, or 7 ounces.

The roasting process takes about 20 minutes with some variation depending on your selection. There are seven levels of roast available, from American to Italian. Each type has a detailed description displayed in English in terms of flavor profile so you can make the best decision for

yourself.

The shop has only one little bench that seats two. Many customers poke their heads in to give an order and return later for pickup.

I decided to stick around and enjoy the relaxing ambiance and aromas inside the store. The owner was kind enough to spark some conversation with me and even brewed me up a fresh cup of coffee on the house as I waited. The light roast I was offered highlighted the quality of the beans.

Coffee bean prices per bag range from 800 yen, about \$7.40, to 1,400 yen, apart from the Jamaican Blue Mountain coffee beans that was going for 4,000 yen.

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The roasting process at Beans takes about 20 minutes. There are seven levels available, from American to Italian.



The owner of Beans prepares a fresh cup of coffee at his quaint roastery.

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MY FAVES Spring Traditions

BY TAKAHIRO TAKIGUCHI,
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During your time in Japan, you might have noticed that we have many traditions to go with every one of the four seasons. Spring brings a bounty of flowers, seasonal foods and traditions for you to experience.

The season is one of the most anticipated seasons as it involves the arrival of warmer temperatures and cherry blossoms. Soon, cherry blossom spots will draw people in for hanami, a spring tradition for picnics under the blush blooms. Hanami is one of the more popular and well-known traditions, but there are many more for you to ring in the arrival of spring.

These are some of my favorite spring traditions. Enjoy the long-awaited season with the joy and fun of the unique traditions.

■ Setsubun – Kick off spring by warding off evils and inviting happiness in

If you were able to venture out in town on Feb. 2 this year, you may have encountered flying beans and fleeing demons. We celebrate Setsubun, which literally means “change of seasons,” on the day to kick off the preparation for the upcoming planting season.

Although it is still very cold in the beginning of February, the fun tradition of mamemaki bean-throwing reminds me that spring is just around the corner every year.

We purify our homes with mamemaki on the day: Someone in the family dressing up as a demon and others throwing handfuls of beans and chasing the demon away while shouting “Demons out and happiness in!”

When we practice the spring tradition at home, I always make it sure to shout the magical phrases as loud as I can while throwing the beans with all my strength, so that our home will be purified and filled with happiness, health and prosperity.

■ Hinamatsuri (Doll Festival) – Annual celebration of daughters

Hinamatsuri, also known as Doll’s Day or Girls’ Day, is a time when Japanese families display “Hina Dolls,” or a set of the emperor and empress in traditional kimono attire. Celebrated on Mar. 3, the holiday is a celebration of Japan’s daughters and prayers for their happiness.

On the day, we decorate the set of the hina dolls and offer special sweets and peach blossoms on the altar. So, the holiday often called “momo-no-sekku,” or festival of peach. You may have noticed giant displays of dolls and celebratory foods on sale at your local department stores, all for Hinamatsuri.

My wife handmade a set when our daughter was born 28 years ago. We have kept celebrating the holiday with the set without missing since then, although our daughter no longer lives at home. Looking at the set of dolls always reminds us of the arrival of spring, and a lot of pleasant memories with our daughter.

■ Higan (memorial) – A visit with our ancestors

There is a saying in Japan that goes, “No heat or cold lasts over the equinox.” The autumnal and spring equinoxes are considered the border, and thus the end, of the respective hot and cold seasons. In Japan’s Buddhist tradition, these times also represent passing from one realm to the next.

Higan (literally, “other shore”) is a seven-day Buddhist memorial service held on the equinoxes (three days before and after). The concept can be likened to Memorial Day in the

U. S. in that it is a special time set aside to remember friends and family who are no longer with us.

On Mar. 20, we visit our family tomb in temples or common cemeteries to offer prayers for deceased family members and friends. Sweet rice-gluten balls, or “botamochi,” are commonly eaten during these periods. (The name botamochi comes from spring flower “botan,” or peony.)

Both the Vernal Equinox (Mar. 20) and Autumnal Equinox (Sept. 22) have been observed as holidays for more than 1,000 years in Japan. Originally, the Higan ceremony called on devout Buddhists to visit temples and offer prayers for the souls of the dead. Records indicate Higan was widely observed as far back as the 9th century A.D. when the equinoxes became religious holidays and the emperor called on Buddhist monks to read scriptures for these rites.

■ Ichigogari – Enjoy the sweet smell and taste of spring

In Japan, strawberry picking is a popular spring activity. When the fruits become ready to pick in early January, many families (like us) flock to strawberry farms. Some even making a trip to famed picking spots in the country’s mountainous regions for a taste of the sweet berries. Strawberry-picking at local farms can be enjoyed until around the consecutive Japanese holidays, referred to as “Golden Week,” in early May in mainland Japan.

My wife and I always visit a strawberry farm in Yokosuka City where our home is located or neighboring regions, such as Chiba Peninsula or Atsugi City nearby NAF Atsugi and Camp Zama to enjoy the taste of spring. While walking around in a greenhouse of a strawberry farm, I probably ate 50 or more strawberries within 30 minutes.

It is fun to pick different types of strawberries and compare their textures and flavors with each other, too. Sachinoka is a smaller, crispier berry with slightly sour taste; Akihime strawberries are larger, with a soft, springy textures and sweeter taste. Benihoppe, which is a crossbreed of the two, is large and bright red with a well-balanced taste.

Be sure to visit a strawberry farm this spring. Here is my advice - choose smaller berries that are red, as they are usually sweeter and tastier than big ones. And white berries don’t mean they weren’t ripe. They are ripe and tasty, just like red one. So, pick both red and white fruits and find a new favorite variety!

■ Hanamatsuri – Celebration of Buddha’s Birthday

Just like Christmas, there is also a birthday of Buddha and that usually celebrated on April 8 in Japan, and it that reminds us of being the midst of spring. You may have seen anyone pouring sweet tea onto a small statue in the garden of a temple in April.

On this day, Buddhist temples place the statue of Baby Buddha in a small shrine so visitors, using a ladle, can pour sweet tea over it.

Although not a national holiday, many Japanese observe Buddha’s birthday, including students. When I was a student many years ago, my elementary school teachers would bring our classes to a nearby temple to take part in the traditional service.

According to the legend, when Buddha was born in Nepal on April 8, 566 B.C., a lot of beautiful lotus flowers blossomed from the earth and surrounded him while celestial birds chirped beautiful songs. Perfumed blossoms rained down from heaven, and two streams of sparkling water poured from the sky to bathe him. Pouring sweet tea onto the statue of Baby Buddha symbolizes the scene.

The celebration of Buddha’s birthday is always an annual reminder for me to remember Buddha’s precious teaching that is “regard yourselves as precious ones and don’t compare with others, thus you can stay much more at ease,” in the warm air of mid spring in April.

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Setsubun

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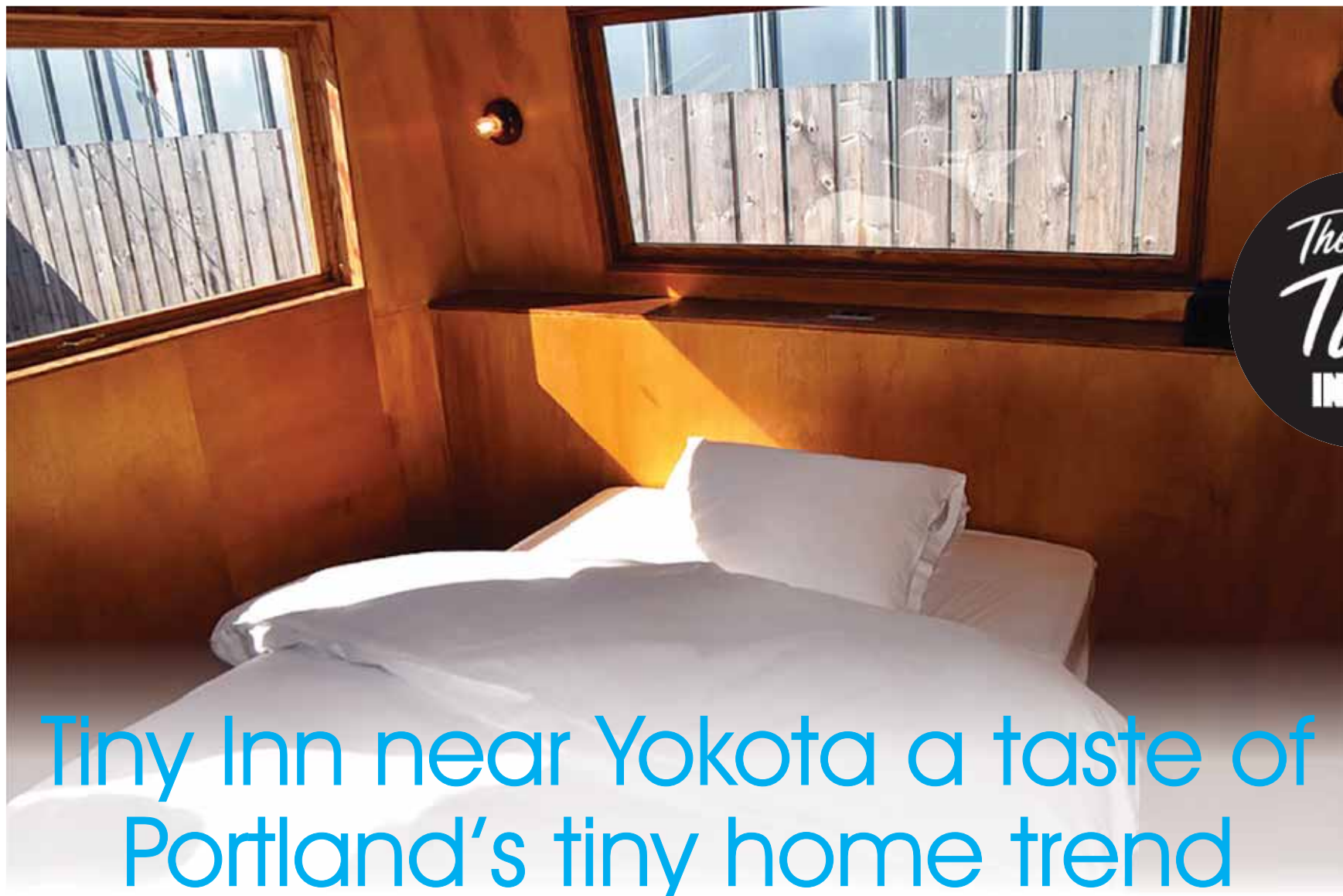
Higan

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◀ The Tiny Inn near Yokota Air Base in western Tokyo truly is tiny, built to accommodate a maximum of two people.

Tiny Inn near Yokota a taste of Portland's tiny home trend

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After a trip to Portland in 2017, a businessman and artist in Japan felt inspired by the food carts and tiny home trends there and decided to bring a touch of the American Pacific Northwest back to bustling Tokyo.

"I want it to be a place where people from the United States or who have visited will experience that culture as much as possible," said Ryuma Sato, creator and owner of the Tiny Inn.

Sato opened The Tiny Inn, a two-room retro-style trailer, in Fussa, last fall in hopes of attracting service members at nearby Yokota Air Base as well as Tokyoites looking to escape from the city while travel was limited due to the coronavirus.

Fussa, a small suburban area in western Tokyo, is quiet in comparison to the Japanese capital's city center. Part of its tourist appeal is the American flavor the air base presence lends the shops and cafes along four-lane Route 16.

The Tiny Inn truly is tiny, built to accommodate a maximum of two people. I am only 5 feet, 2 inches tall and still managed to bump my head on the doorframe walking into the bedroom. Its minimalist design features a wooden deck, a semi-double bed and a bathroom with a toilet and shower.

Weekday stays cost 3,500 yen, or \$33 per night, and weekend and holiday stays cost 15,000 yen, or \$141, per night.

During high season, March through September, weekday stays cost 5,500 yen, or \$51 per night and weekend and holiday stays cost 20,000 yen, or \$188 per night.

Billed on its website as a "mobile hotel," the Tiny Inn doesn't actually move, but Sato said he hopes to eventually also have an Airstream or similar model on property that guests can rent and drive around to explore Japan's natural beauty "in the style of the American road trip."

Sato and his business partners spent four months building the trailer from parts he either found or bought secondhand.

The Tiny Inn is situated on a former storage lot right next to another one of Sato's projects, Delta East, a food cart park that opened in 2019. Sato helped found Delta East as the creative director of the nonprofit organization Flag, which entrepreneurs develop their project

ideas.

Delta East hosts a variety of food carts serving New York-style pizza, Vietnamese bahn mi, coffee, craft beer and more.

Sato said he has long been intrigued by American pop culture, being raised by a "hippie dad" who Sato said had long hair like John Lennon. He said envisions the park being a "hipster haven" for artists, military members and youth in the community to come together, eat and skate in the small, empty pool that serves as Delta East's centerpiece.

"I want to see a bunch of cool, tattooed kids



Ryuma Sato is the creator and owner of the Tiny Inn, a two-room retro-style mobile hotel near Yokota Air Base.

working here bringing local flavor from where they're from," Sato said.

Delta East was originally going to be a spot where people could rent vintage cars of different styles, but Sato figured food trucks would be a simpler business model and attract more people.

Sato said he hopes to continue to revamp both Delta East and the Tiny Inn by adding more food carts and attractions, but does not know when that will be because of the ongoing pandemic.

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The Tiny Inn in Fussa is situated right next to Delta East, a food cart park that opened in 2019.

Directions: From Yokota Air Base's main gate, turn right onto Route 16, then left at the Shorin-dori intersection. You will see Delta East with its food carts, banners and hanging lights on the right just before the railroad crossing. Limited parking is available.

Google Plus code: P8XP+5M Fussa, Tokyo

Times: Open year-round

Costs: \$33 per night weeknights and \$141 per night weekends and holidays.

March-September; \$51 per night weeknights and \$188 per night weekend and holidays.

Food: Food carts just steps away feature pizza, Vietnamese bahn mi, chicken and rice dishes, coffee and craft beer.



Information:
tinyinn.jp



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Animation Inspiration

Explore scenic Japan with Laid-Back Camp!

BY DAVID KRIGBAUM,
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Who needs fantasy escapism when Japan's natural beauty is pretty amazing already? With all the COVID-19 travel restrictions in place, it's a good time to watch TV shows to help distress while you're stuck at home. And, an added bonus is if you can watch something that transports you to fantastic corners of Japan you can see for yourself once we can roam free again.

Laid-Back Camp ("Yuru Camp" in Japan) is an anime about Yamanashi girls who love camping with majestic views or at picturesque hideaways in their home prefecture, Nagano, and Shizuoka. Every episode plays out like a travelogue and tutorial for camping and sightseeing as we follow the adventures of two groups of campers. Both groups enjoy their journeys and outdoor time differently, with many stops for sightseeing, tasting local specialty foods and relaxing in onsens along the way. (This setup basically describes all the road trips I've ever taken with my wife, minus the camping) Practically every location is real and they make it look like a lot of fun to go see.

Rin is a solo camper, she enjoys solitude as she travels and the alone time to read and be introspective. She instinctively distances herself from people and her horrified flinching at being invited to a group activity made her too relatable. She's glomped onto by airheaded newbie camper Nadeshiko who's excited for everything and can make eating cheap ramen look delicious. She bridges the story over to the other group (camp?), their school's Outdoor Activities Club ("OutClub") who enjoy their camping trips as an opportunity to do something fun together. They're all funny, light characters and through the episodes we see them learn from each other and share their experiences to become better campers.

The stories all have a very relaxed pace and vibe, whether a scene is set against a faithful rendering of some of Japan's most beautiful scenery or just in a way to make viewers appreciate

the mundane. Every peaceful moment is visually savored and makes each episode feel like the TV watching equivalent of sitting under a warm fuzzy blanket and drinking cocoa.

There's no artificial drama but they deal with the real struggles of progressing in an expensive weekend hobby. As they do, they also show the audience how it's done as they plan out trips, purchase gear on a budget (they price out everything from gear to camp fees) and make decisions that anyone visiting these places or wanting to camp may come across. Most shows encourage you to stay in front of a TV and watch more, but this one also feels like it's encouraging the audience to get out and try all of this for themselves.

The other beautiful aspect beside the scenery is the food. Whether it's cooking nabe (hot pot) over a little camping stove or trying out local specialties in a shop, which every prefecture and town in Japan proudly has, they make food look as impressive as Fuji itself. Watching them make and explain camp cooking is like a mini-cooking show within a travelogue and adds to that "you should try this" feeling.

Now whenever things open up again I'm looking forward to seeing that 1,000 yen view of Mt. Fuji over Lake Motosu, watching Fuji-san from in the Hottarakashi Springs, and seeing the Takabochi view of Mt. Fuji from Nagano Prefecture (Some places like the hot springs bath had their names changed or omitted on the show, but fans have found all the real places and shared them online). Though, thanks to the show's popularity these destinations are going to be a bit more crowded than they used to be. In the second season they mention a real world first season campground has now expanded and no longer offers free firewood. This is the only time I've seen a TV show feature in-show repercussions for the show's real world success.

The first season aired in 2018 and the second season is currently airing. It can be viewed with English subtitles on US Netflix and Crunchyroll, Netflix Japan also has it but in Japanese only.



THE ART OF JAPANESE PLATING

It looks good enough to eat

BY JESSICA THOMPSON,
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For anyone that has relished the delicately complex beauty of a *kaiseki* (multi-course) meal, has wondered why sushi looks particularly attractive in Japan or has tried to plate any meal ever and make it look half-decent, they may be relieved to hear that the splendor of Japanese plating is no coincidence. Putting food on a plate in restaurants in Japan is a highly codified process, an interplay of several cultural factors and accepted plating principles. Fundamental to it all is the intention of Japanese cuisine to not just appeal to the most immediate sensory denominator for food (taste), but to appeal also to the eye.

Here are several of the key concepts.



Balance

A dish is considered well harmonized in Japanese cuisine when it feels peaceful to look at. Interestingly, symmetry is not a prerequisite for this, but

quite the opposite. A bird's eye view of a Japanese plate will generally show an off-kilter, yet visually pleasing arrangement. Symmetry is regarded to be predictable, where asymmetry is tantalizing and engaging. Japanese culture also prizes asymmetry in numbers—3, 5 and 7 are found commonly in plating. Five, in particular, is regarded as auspicious and is reflected in many facets of Japanese cuisine. The five senses—taste, sight, smell, hearing, touch—are regarded as important to a balanced meal. The five colors—red, blue (interpreted as green), yellow, white, black—are collectively represented in many dishes and meals. The five tastes—sweet, salty, savory, bitter, sour—are key to balancing flavor. Contrast is also important to balance in color and taste, as well in texture. Silky, creamy *chawanmushi* (steamed egg custard) comes topped with popping, briny roe. Bitter *mitsuba* greens are mixed with sweet rice and sour vinegar, served on a black dish, and covered with bright orange and salty-tasting grated *karasumi* (dried mullet roe). Garnishes like pieces of pickled daikon, a herb leaf, citrus zest, *chirimen*

(dried whitebait) and bonito flakes, add contrasting color accents, as well as help balance flavor and texture.

Servingware

Western restaurants and homes have a tendency towards plain plates, and there is a sense of unity in a 'set.' In Japanese culture, it's the opposite—there is enjoyment in the expression of a variety of vessels. Japanese receptacles come in an array of shapes, sizes and colors, are made from pottery, glass and lacquer, and are often emblazoned with decorative patterns. Receptacles are chosen based on the dish to be presented, and often inspire a dish. The result is a technicolor kaleidoscope that somehow manages effortless composure—not unlike the vastly contrasting fabrics of a *junihitoe* (kimono of the ancient Japanese court).

Seasonality

Japan's staunch allegiance to seasonal eating is unwavering. Each season is like a complete scene change on set, from what's featured on menus, cooked at dinner parties, in bento boxes, and at convenience

store ice cream cabinets. Plating proudly showcases seasonal produce, as well as theming the colors of ingredients and servingware for a season—pink and green for spring, reds and gold for autumn. Noodles may come served in large bowls in winter and chilled on top of ice in bamboo baskets for summer. Even chopstick rests provide seasonal cues—a cherry blossom in spring and maple leaf in autumn.

Empty space

In Western restaurants, plates are piled high and to the edges with food, and white space is usually the marking of a fine-dining establishment. In Japanese dining, plates are rarely fully covered—30% is consid-

connection from the eye to the palate by providing a sense of intrigue that makes the diner want to find out more.

Arrangement

The arrangement of food on the plates of Japanese restaurants is largely dictated by the rules of *moritsuke*, or serving arrangement. These are a set of styles that draw on the ideas of balance and contrast, underpinned by *ma* and seasonality. Here are some of the most common. *Hiramori* is the arrangement of food on a flat plane. Similar sizes and colors of food are placed together, in a slanted direction. *Tenmori* is the final touch (using the kanji for 'heaven'), which provides balance in flavor and appearance;

Yama no katachi is a mounded, mountain-like arrangement; For *sugimori*, food is in a conical shape that resembles a cedar (*sugi*) tree; *Kasane-mori* is vertically layered arrangement; *Nagashi-mori* is a mountain arrangement in a sunken vessel; *Yosemori* comprises two or three contrasting



ered the minimum amount of space to leave empty. This concept of empty space in Japanese culture is called *ma*, and echoes through many aspects of Japanese life. Japanese interior design is famously minimalist, and traditional Japanese painting is often predominantly negative space. *Ma* is the void between things, an emptiness that is full of possibilities. In plating, this negative space focuses the diner's attention as distractions are omitted, as well as stimulating a

ingredients gathered centrally; *Chirashimori* is a 'scattered' arrangement, and thought to be the most difficult as it relies on the ability of chef to balance aesthetics of random arrangements; *Sansui-mori* is a landscape arrangement, and may include metaphorical elements such as fanned slices of fish to indicate waves; *Sugata-mori* is a 'figurative' arrangement, which is where a fish or other ingredient is placed in the shape of the original entity.





It's the ripe time for strawberries!

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In Japan, strawberry picking is a popular spring activity. When the fruits become ready to pick in early January, many families flock to strawberry farms, some even making a trip to famed picking spots in mountainous regions, to enjoy the sweet, red fruit in season.

Recently, my wife and I visited a farm in Atsugi City in search of the taste of spring.

Located in the middle of a green field along the Sagami River, Sugiyama Strawberry Farm is a scenic farm against the backdrop of Mount Fuji and other mountain ranges.

Known as one of the most popular strawberry picking sites in the region, 3,000 to 5,000 people visit the farm throughout the season, with no less than 100-120 visitors each weekend, according to the owner Hiroshi Sugiyama.

"Many American service

members and their family members have visited us," he said.

An admission of 1,900 yen (\$17) got us inside the greenhouse.

Sugiyama gave us condensed milk in a plastic cup to dip our strawberries, and showed us how to find and pick the sweet fruit.

Sugiyama gave us the same advice he gives to those who go picking.

"Choose smaller berries that are red, as they are usually sweeter and tastier than big ones," he said. "And white berries don't mean they weren't ripe. They are ripe and tasty, just like red one. So, pick both red and white fruits and compare them with each other."

Although Atsugi has moderate climate and temperature, which is suitable for farming strawberries, Sugiyama grows the strawberries in greenhouse, like

most of other farms throughout the country. The reasoning according to Sugiyama is that the greenhouse protects from wind, rain, birds and insects.

Ten types of 9,000 strawberry seedlings are cultivated in the Sugiyama's greenhouse, and three of them, Akihime, Sachinoka and Benihoppe, are available for picking.

"These three brands of strawberries are suitable for picking, as they rise and bear flowers and fruits very quickly," Sugiyama said.

It was fun to pick different types of strawberries and compare their textures and flavors with each other. Sachinoka was smaller, crispier and sourer than the others, while Akihime was larger and had a soft, springy texture with a sweeter taste. Benihoppe, which is a cross-breed of the two, was large and bright red with a well-balanced taste. Visitors can now try up to 10 different varieties of

strawberries grown on the farm, Sugiyama said.

The strawberries are grown higher than ground level, which made it easier to pick.

"The high planters allow anybody, from small children to seniors in a wheelchair, enjoy picking our juicy, tasty strawberries," Sugiyama said.

There was no need to wash the berries at the farm. They were grown in a clean environment, so we could eat them as is. According to Sugiyama, the strawberries are grown in soil that contains organic fertilizer to make them sweeter and tastier.

While walking around in greenhouse, I probably ate 50 or more strawberries within the 30 minutes. It was really fun and the berries tasted great.

Strawberry picking at the farm can be enjoyed until around the consecutive Japanese holidays, referred to as "Golden Week," in early May. So, don't miss your chance to stop by if you are near Atsugi City.

For those who can't visit Atsugi, there are a number of great strawberry picking spots around the Kanto Plain, such as Yokosuka, Miura, Hiratsuka and Tama. Find one near your installation and enjoy the taste of spring in Japan.

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It's road tax season in Japan!

BY TAKAHIRO TAKIGUCHI,
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Encouragement to a military cancer fighter/survivor

BY D. WISCHMEIER,
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Cancer. It's a marathon. Whether you are the patient or caregiver, the shock is indescribable. On top of this life-altering diagnosis, most military members or immediate family are stationed far from extended family and life-long friends, and some cancer-diagnosis of military members require an immediate evacuation to larger medical centers. There are support elements for U.S. service members such as veterans support organizations (VSOs) or post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) support groups, etc., but little to no resources for military cancer support. Most cancer patients and their families do not know what to do. The worst part is not just the diagnosis, but also



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the treatment, recovery, and (surprisingly to some) the return to normalcy.

To know that we are not

alone, fellow survivor support through hard times is critical. Actress Fran Drescher stated that cancer, "[can] be an opportunity for true purpose. Remember there can be many silver linings in even the bleakest of clouds." Everyone needs support. Everyone needs encouragement. No matter who you are, survival encouragement can come from family, fellow survivors, or from reading other stories.

My advanced Stage III cancer diagnosis hit as a young U.S. Navy Lieutenant stationed in Washington State. My perspective at the time was probably much like any young married man. Life was really good up to that point! My wife was pregnant with our second child (eventually born in the middle of my chemo regimen), and I had an amazing career flying in the Navy! However, upon that fateful diagnosis when returning from a deployment, our lives turned upside down. Questions swirled in my head through each painful moment of survival ranging from "why me?" "Why now?" "Will I survive to see my new baby boy?" But even in those excruciating moments, joyful times were plentiful. My wife, our parents, our community, multiple medical personnel, and my U.S. Navy squadron all provided more support than I can ever repay or fully describe. I would survive that first difficult major cancer fight, only to have two more separate cancers arise subsequently five and then seven years later.

Suffice to say the battle is long and difficult. I would not be here if not for the support of many amazing people. And I am still active duty! I am encouraged to share all of this because as a three-time cancer survivor, I can both empathize and sympathize. At twenty-eight years old with an advanced stage III cancer, I had no shipmates or other young cancer survivors to turn to. However, since then I have become thankful for supporting other cancer survivors and caregivers.

Therefore, in an effort to

support those who do not have survivors to turn to, to help those still in shock, and to help friends or family who want to support, I share my story as just a small note to say that no one is alone in this medical fight! Stories are meant to inspire and to remind everyone that what you see in people every day is not the whole picture. We may not have survivor-tattoos (except scars!), or business cards telling our stories, but trust me, survivors and caregivers are out there! From Presidents down to neighbors and shipmates and family, we're all fighting for survival.

On to tangible support for survivors and caregivers: From my personal experience and from multiple cancer fighters that I've known since my first of three cancer battles, what follows is a list of suggestions to support both the survivor and caregiver. Spread the word, or tuck this list away for when you might need it.

We are never alone.

- Accept care from friends and family. This can be difficult to be vulnerable. But receiving care is just as good as providing it! It is therapeutic from both sides.

To the Caregiver:

- Suggested Support Kits: blankets (trust me, it gets cold when getting infusions), drink powders (we must drink a lot of water!), gum (saline and chemo cocktails leave a taste in our mouths), snacks, an Audible account, movies (not books), ball or knit caps, and small personal gifts.
- The survivor wants normalcy, so talk often. Even if your conversation is one-way. Ask about them but also talk about "normal" topics that you would otherwise discuss anyway.
- Understand the phases of treatment, and try to predict what physical support might be needed.
- Sit in the chemo room. At the start of treatment, the survivor is alert and talkative. However, as weeks go on, simply being in the room is more that you can understand. Being in the room during catnaps are memories that will last.
- Support the family! Providing help to the spouse, and if applicable, parents and children can be received as well as if you're helping the patient.
- Now you are armed with ideas of how to help a survivor or to support a caregiver. Or if you are one of these, use this information, talk to people, and fight on. Again, we are never alone.



To the Survivor:

- Keep fighting! Purpose remains and your story is not done! Never stop fighting!
- Get more than one medical opinion. These are complex issues, and the more medical professionals looking at the condition, the better!
- Do not look "online" for medical opinions. Do not google "cancer." Trust me, nothing good comes from this.
- Be vocal with someone about everything. Keep talking. Talk about anything.
- Seek other survivors.
- Fight for care! At times, I've had to push for scans, or specialists, so do not be passive in your fight. At other times, I had doctors who attempted to warn me to keep up with scans/checkups (as if I would forget!).

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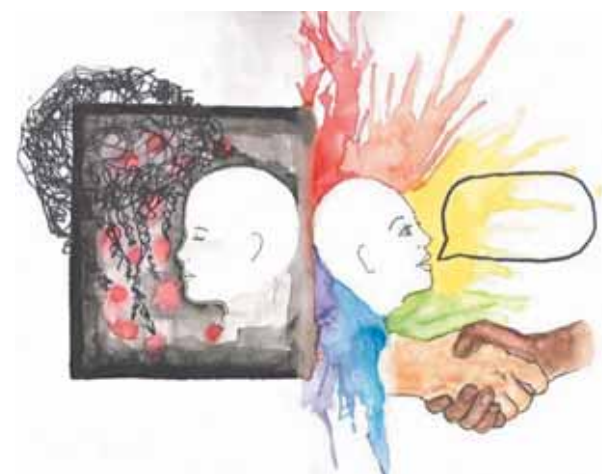
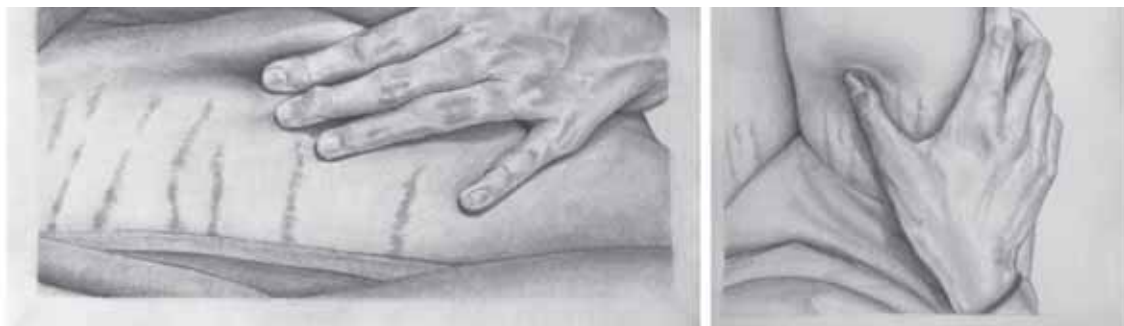


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Sasebo high school senior's drawing takes the gold in national competition

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A senior at E.J. King High School is receiving national recognition for her impressive art skills.

Halle-Marie Santiago, 18, received a gold medal for her graphite drawing in the Scholastic Art and Writing Contest through the Alliance for Young Artists & Writers.

Her drawing “Squish” features a black and white shaded rendering of an arm and a hand. Santiago was first awarded the regional Golden Key, which meant her work moved on to the national level of the competition. According to the awards’ site, regional winners’ work is submitted to a jury of New York City art professionals selecting work for national recognition based on three criteria: originality, technical skill, and emergence of a personal vision or voice. The committee announced Santiago’s gold medal on March 17.

This award means Santiago is eligible to win scholarships through the organization and also have her work displayed in New York City.

Stripes Japan asked Santiago to share a little about her future plans for her art and how it feels to be receiving accolades for her drawing skills.

Grade, age: Senior, 18 yrs.
Time in Japan: 7 years

How long have you been drawing?

I’ve been drawing off and on ever since I could hold a crayon, though I didn’t really start drawing seriously until 8th grade.

What type of art is your favorite?

For my own work, I lightly favor the style of dark art and tend towards realism, as with “Squish.” It’s impossible for me to choose one type because I appreciate all other art styles and subjects that are different from my own. But as long as it’s clear that the artist had fun with themselves, that’s my favorite type of art to see.

Is art something you want to pursue as a career?

There was a time that I aspired to be a cartoonist or even an architect, but I honestly can’t see myself in a serious art career no matter how cool I think it’d be. At this point, I’m pursuing a career in STEM and Education while art is a passion I keep alive on the side.

What was the inspiration behind the art you submitted and were awarded for?

“Squish” is just one piece of a mini four-part flesh study that I did as a part of my AP Studio Art class. Alongside my other works in that particular portfolio, the inspiration for “Squish” came from my investigation into human vulnerability, exploring confidence, insecurity and self-struggle.

How did it feel to find out you won an award for your graphite drawing?

I was ecstatic when I opened the notification and actually jumped a little. It took a while to fully process that my work was recognized at the national level because I never thought it would be.

What are some tips you’d give younger students who want to start drawing, sketching, painting, etc.?

An artist’s most daunting task is finding your own voice, so my number one tip is to create work that’s meaningful and enjoyable to you. Seriously, have fun and draw what inspires you. If you’re just starting, you won’t always see improvement unless you’re consistent; and I know because I’ll go months without creating anything. But trust yourself and trust the process because that’s what art is. The months of work I put in before “Squish”—the ideation and my failed pieces—were just as—if not, more—gratifying than the short 10 or so hours I spent actually creating the finished product.

Has being a military child inspired you and your artwork? How?

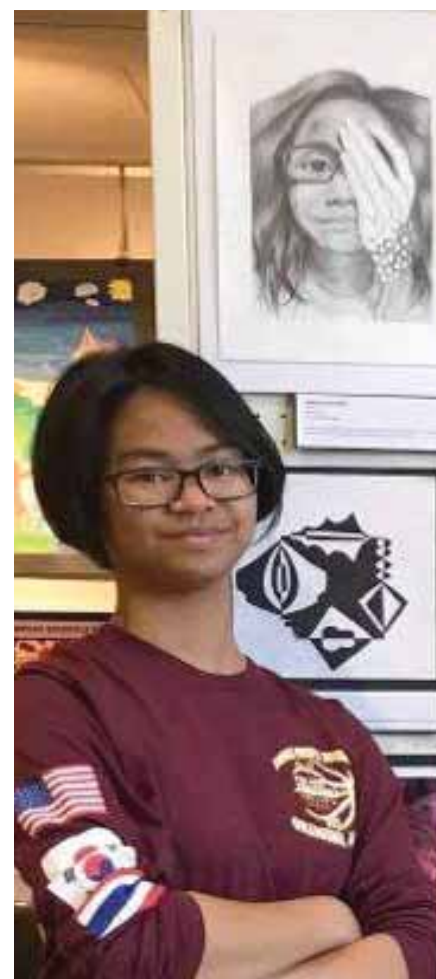
Not really. I’d be lying if I said my experiences as a military brat didn’t contribute at least a little to my tumultuous inner life, but because the subject of my art often requires me to look inward, I don’t think my military background is unique to what I produce.

Q&A with Halle-Marie Santiago

Artist statement

Despite what people may believe, I think I’d lose some enjoyment if I pursue art as a profession, so drawing is truly just a hobby of mine but it’s one that I take seriously.

As an artist I take a lot of my inspiration from the results of my own self-reflection. I am enamored with capturing the raw beauty and ugliness in humanity and a lot of my work tends to reflect that aspect along with a few pieces of myself (literally). My style leans towards realism and surrealism because of the fact that I like to study body composition and details in real life. Graphite and similar dark mediums are my strong suit since I’m most comfortable working in monochrome. I work slowly, methodically, and for the most part in my head. Thus, one of my major goals is to transport the concepts from my mind onto the paper and be able to experiment with materials and technique.



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Stripes Sports Trivia

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Kanji of the week

椿

Tsubaki/chin (camellia)

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The Weekly Crossword

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ACROSS

- Urban pollutant
- "Silly" birds
- Spic-and-_____
- Burglar's take
- Northern helpers
- Window glass
- Forerunner
- Aware
- Moore of Bond fame
- Play host
- Serve a summons on
- Board partner
- Not the former
- Quick bite to eat
- Take for granted
- Cartoon chipmunk
- Old TV knob
- Amorphous sci-fi villain
- Melancholy verse
- Cracker spread
- Slice (off)
- Barber's job
- Weasel's cousin
- Community spirit
- Spot on a horse
- October stone
- Doctor's signboard
- Afraid of being shot?
- Title for von Trapp
- Unknown author, briefly
- Persevere
- Like a desert
- Seaweed-wrapped fare
- Church area
- Washstand item
- Beginning stage
- Wanton look

DOWN

- Astute
- House of a lord
- Expenditures
- School singers
- "_____ whiz!"
- Firstborn
- In a dead heat
- Put in the mail
- Fragrant compound
- Perfect
- Summer suit accessory
- One opposed
- Night light?
- Type of cheese
- Kennedy matriarch
- Do the driving
- Fluid accumulation
- Maid's cloth
- Adorable
- Eager
- Fit to serve
- Vegas coin-eater
- Second-year student
- Kind of node
- Pot cover
- Before birth
- Autocrat
- Cover story?
- First act
- Analyst's concern
- Calf catcher
- Feel blindly
- Despicable one
- Sign above a door
- Four six-packs
- From the start
- Leave speechless
- Blow off steam?
- Hobbyist's buy

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Answers to Last Week's Crossword:

B	A	D	E	A	S	S	E	T	F	E	T	A
A	R	I	S	S	C	A	R	E	A	V	E	R
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M	A	C	A	R	O	N	I	T	H	I	R	T
S	L	U	I	C	E	S	H	A	K	E	U	P
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C	O	G	E	R	E	C	T	C	U	T	I	E
K	N	E	E	J	E	R	K	D	E	B	T	O
A	T	T	A	C	H	P	A	R	T	I	C	L
R	O	U	S	T	A	B	O	U	T	T	H	U
T	U	N	E	N	E	R	V	E	L	E	N	D
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SUDOKU

Difficulty: Easy

1				4	9	8	
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6							
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4		6	7			5	3
	3	2					
	2		1	9			
			3		2	9	
9	5			4			2

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HOW TO SOLVE:

Each row must contain the numbers 1 to 9; each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9; and each set of 3 by 3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 to 9.

Answers to Last Week's Sudoku:

4	8	3	7	6	5	9	2	1
1	5	9	8	2	4	7	3	6
2	7	6	3	1	9	5	4	8
7	3	5	6	4	8	2	1	9
6	9	1	5	7	2	3	8	4
8	2	4	1	9	3	6	5	7
5	1	7	4	3	6	8	9	2
3	6	2	9	8	1	4	7	5
9	4	8	2	5	7	1	6	3



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