



THE NEWS BEAD

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November 2009



WELCOME TO THE NEWS BEAD!

Wow! The holidays are upon us! We've been zipping through the school year so far, and have really enjoyed watching all the students sharpen their skills. We're looking forward to next year already, as it's time to get registrations in for the Spring term. We're also excited about 2010 as it will be the 10th Anniversary year for JAMS... time flies when you're having fun! Please review this issue of The News Bead as it has important information about holiday closures and Spring registration! I hope you enjoy the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday and this issue of The Bead!

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Miwako

Sensei Miwako

JAMS Holiday Closures

JAMS will be closed from November 26-27 for the Thanksgiving holiday, and December 21 - January 1 for the year end. Classes will resume Monday, January 4th. Also, the final day of the Fall term is January 29th. Enjoy the holidays!

Spring Term Registration Underway

We're gearing up for our Spring term and looking forward to continuing our work with your children! Spring term registration forms and Spring schedules are now available online at www.jamsportland.com/abacus-math-class-registration.html, and at the back of this newsletter.

The early registration period runs until January 8! If you register before then, you'll receive a \$25 discount! Open registration for new students begins on January 8th, as well.

Not sure what level to register your current student for? Sensei will be sending class level assignments to parents over the Thanksgiving break.

14th Annual Mochitsuki Festival

Mark your calendars to join JAMS in celebrating the Japanese

American New Year Festival on January 31 at the 14th Annual Mochitsuki Festival. Miwako Sensei invites all of her students and their families to join and participate in this fun festival, which will provide a great opportunity for the students to get up on stage and showcase their amazing abacus and anzan skills!

When: Sunday - January 31, 2010, Noon to 4 pm

Where: Scottish Rite Center
1512 SW Morrison Street, Portland

Mochitsuki will welcome the Year of the Tiger with the 14th annual Japanese New Year celebration in a new location in downtown Portland. Located at SW 15th and Morrison along the MAX line, the Scottish Rite Center features a beautiful theater and ball room in a historic building. There will be a show of storytelling by favorite Robert Kikuchi-Yngogo, taiko and dance, along with lively mochi pounding to welcome the new year with a traditional gathering of the community. Dozens of community organizations will provide hands-on activities and displays, and community performers will enliven the cultural fair. There will be an opportunity to try pounding mochi with a wooden mallet and to sample the sticky rice cakes made in contemporary mochi machines. Gathering with friends and family to make and eat mochi is an auspicious start to the year. Plan to join us!

Classroom Greeting

When children arrive in class I would like for them to greet myself and others with "konnichiwa" which means "hello" in Japanese. When they leave the class room they should use "sayonara" which means "good-bye" in Japanese. Also, I would like for children to refer to me as "Sensei." Please help remind your children to use these greetings by using them yourselves.

Communication with Sensei

If you would like to discuss your child's performance or have any questions please email me at jamsportland@gmail.com to schedule an appointment from 1:30 - 3:30 on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday.

I hope that you can all appreciate and respect my need for these classroom procedures. I sincerely want to do everything possible to make this a positive and effective learning experience for your child. I look forward to working with you during the year and seeing your child's math skills grow!

Completed Homework Logs

Homework Logs are an important tool for students to help with time management and to make sure that they are keeping pace with assignments and progress. Students who have completed their Homework Log will have the opportunity to select a trinket from the prize box during the last week of Fall Term.

Please send an email to Miwako Sensei for any special homework requests during the Holiday break.

Payment Installment Dates

If you are paying tuition in installments, please make note of the following dates:

- November 30 : Installment #4 due

Payments received after the 5th of each month will be assessed a \$25 late fee.

Make Up Classes

Any and all make up classes need to be approved and completed before the last day of the term, 1/29/2010.

Weather Closures

Please remember that JAMS follows the Beaverton School District for all school closures due to weather. There are no make-up courses for classes cancelled due to weather closures.

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SPRING 2010 REGISTRATION FORM

JAMS / 15188 NW Central Drive, Suite 219 / Portland, Oregon 97229
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Student Name : _____

Age : ____ Date of Birth : ____/____/____

School (2009/2010) : _____

1st Parent/Guardian (1st Emergency Contact)

Name : _____

Cell Phone : _____ Home Phone : _____

Work Phone : _____

e-mail : _____

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2nd Parent/Guardian (2nd Emergency Contact)

Name : _____

Cell Phone : _____ Home Phone : _____

Work Phone : _____

e-mail : _____

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Address : _____

City : _____ State : ____ Zip : _____

Alternate Emergency Contact

Name : _____

Cell Phone : _____ Home Phone : _____

Work Phone : _____

e-mail : _____

Care of Students

JAMS is not responsible for providing care for students before or after class sessions. Students are not to be left at the school for more than five (5) minutes before or after classes. Students should bring a snack and drink if they need it.

Initial : _____

Injuries

Parents or legal guardians of students waive the right to any legal action for any injuries sustained on school property resulting from normal classroom activity or any other activity conducted by the student before, during or after class time.

Initial : _____

Classroom Behavior

JAMS reserves the right to dismiss any student at any time for behavior that it regards as inappropriate or dangerous to other students, teachers, staff, equipment or facilities. There are no refunds for dismissals from JAMS.

Initial : _____

Photo Release

JAMS is hereby granted permission to take photographs of students to use in its marketing materials including, web site, brochures, posters, flyers, ads and other promotional materials necessary for the operation of the school. Permission is also hereby granted for JAMS to copyright such photos in its name.

Initial : _____

I (Parent / Guardian signature) _____ agree to the above policies. Refunds, credits or make-ups cannot be given for camp days missed by the student.

Date : ____/____/____

JAMS Spring Classes - Feb. 2010 / June 2010

There's still time to register for classes if you haven't done so, but space is filling up quickly, so get your registration and payment in before classes start on February 1 and reserve your child's space!

Please choose your schedule based on your child's current level. If your child is advancing, JAMS will notify you of changes in class levels.

Students must attend two sessions per week. You may select the days and times that work best for your schedule. The time slots you select at registration time will be your set class times for the entire semester.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday	Time	Once a week
	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Wednesday		Wednesday
3:30-4:30	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	Beginner	3:00-4:00	OES
4:30-5:30	Intermediate	Beginner	Intermediate	Beginner		
5:30-6:30	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	Intermediate	4:45-7:00	Advanced

FALL TUITION & FEES

	One Month	Feb. '10/Jun. '10 5 months	4 Installments	OR	Pre-Pay in Full
Beginner	\$172.00	\$860.00	\$215.00	OR	\$835.00
Intermediate	\$152.00	\$760.00	\$190.00	OR	\$735.00
Advanced	\$132.00	\$660.00	\$165.00	OR	\$635.00

2010 Spring Class Fees	Registration	Materials	Fun Meet/Camp*	OR	Total Fees
Beginner (new student)	\$39.00	\$245.00	\$75.00	OR	\$359.00
Beginner (current student)	N/A	\$125.00	\$75.00	OR	\$200.00
Intermediate/Advanced	N/A	\$75.00	\$75.00	OR	\$150.00

* Fun Meet/Camp is mandatory for all students. Fee applies to new students, and those who have not previously paid the Fun/Meet Camp fee.

Example - Beginner (new student) pre-paying full tuition with early registration and sibling discounts and paying via Paypal:

Tuition	Fees	Total
\$835	\$359	\$1,194.00
Less early registration	(\$25.00)	
Less Sibling	(\$25.00)	
Paypal interest (5%)	\$57.20	
		\$1,201.20

- Register before 1/8 and receive a \$25 discount.
- OES class will be registering through Oregon Episcopal School.
- There is a \$25 sibling discount on each additional child if you pay tuition when you pre-pay in full.
- **After 1/8, JAMS will begin open enrollment for New Students,** filling remaining slots on a first come first serve basis. (class sizes are limited). All fees are non-refundable.

You may mail your registration form and deposit check to:

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OR

If you would like to pay through PayPal, I will send invoice upon your request. (Add 5% interest to total amount.)

Cancellations/Refunds

Cancellations must be submitted in writing (mail) and will be processed as follows:

- Each class registration is held to a \$25 cancellation fee.
- If you cancel 10 days or less prior to the start of camp or class, no amount will be refunded.
- If you cancel between 11-30 days prior to the start of class, half of the total fee will be refunded.
- Students are allowed three absences and make up classes.
- Registrations and fees are nontransferable between applicants.
- Late Payments: Payments received on the 5th or later are subject to a \$25 late fee.



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(Place a checkmark next to selections)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner (Current Student)	<input type="checkbox"/> Beginner 4:30-5:30
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Tuition & Fees

Tuition	\$ _____
Class Fees	+ \$ _____
Less Sibling Discount	- \$ _____
Less Early Registration Discount	- \$ _____
Paypal interest add 5%	+ \$ _____
Total Tuition & Fees	\$ _____

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