Award winners of the Month of Military Child Poster Contest pose together for a group photo in the CFAY Community Readiness Center auditorium Nov. 20. More than 150 students from Yokosuka, Ikego and Negishi DODEA schools participated in the annual contest. Winners received prizes and were awarded gift certificates which were donated by the Friends and Family Group of the Fleet and Family Support Center and the Chief Petty Officers Associations of CFAY, USNH Yokosuka and ATGWP.

Photo by Fumiyo Sato

Konnichiwa

JN Ship Superintendent for *USS Blue Ridge* (LCC 19) Keiichi Machida, provides a phone update on the progress of a work request to the *Blue Ridge* maintenance officer.

Photo by Yuji Kawabe

Where do you work? SRF-JRMC.

How long have you worked on base? Thirty-one years, eight months.

What is your favorite food? Yakitori.

What is your life goal? To live a healthy life and do my best for my family.

Richard E. Byrd Elementary School 2nd-grade students Domonique Favors and Halle Furman eat a turkey lunch dressed in the pilgrim outfits they created and wore during the Thanksgiving performance for their parents Nov. 25. Students dressed as indians, pilgrims and turkeys presented skits, music and poems about the history and meaning of Thanksgiving.

Photo by Nancy Turner

GSM2 Mark Bruley, an East Hartford, Conn., native and member of the Iroquois tribe, reads the history of his tribe during the National American Indian Heritage Month ceremony held at the Officer's Club Nov. 24. The ceremony celebrated American Indian history and the history of American Indian contributions in the military.

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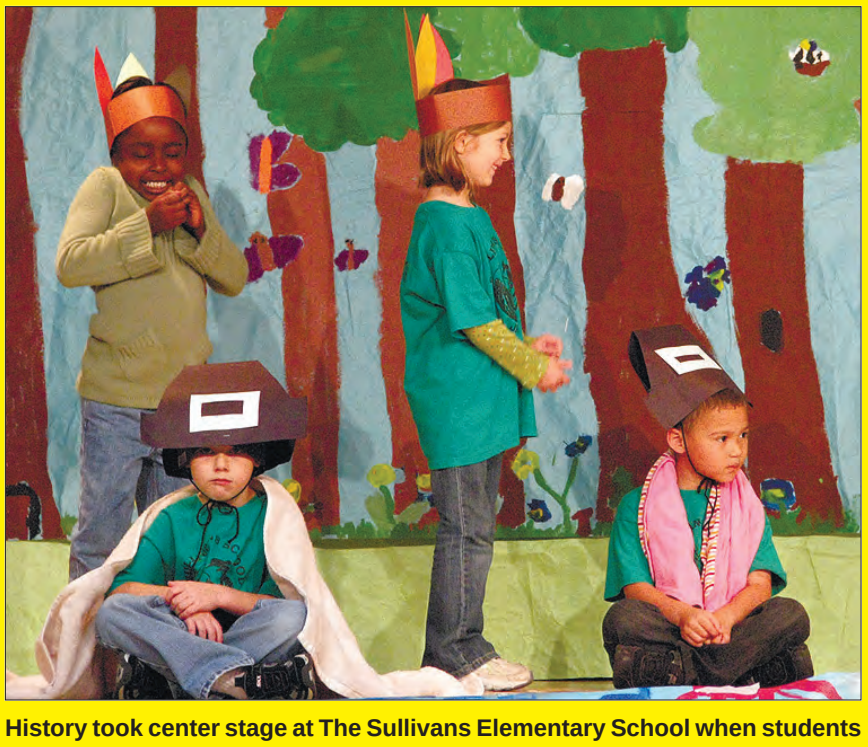
Students perform "*The First Thanksgiving*"



History took center stage at The Sullivans Elementary School when students Gabby Brown, Jared Pierce, Hanna Hargrave and Dvone Howard acted out the story of "*The First Thanksgiving*" before an appreciative audience of fellow school students and Japanese students from Katoh Kindergarten in Shizuoka prefecture Nov. 19. This was the seventh year of the kindergarten cultural exchange between the two schools. The 20 minute musical production included six songs and dances that helped tell the story of the voyage of the Mayflower, the friendship of the Pilgrims with the Wampanoag tribe and the first Thanksgiving ever held in the United States. This day of sharing and giving thanks with new friends from different cultures help teach the students the true meaning of Thanksgiving.

Photo by Randi Dalton