CFAY Hosts U.S.-Japan Sports Day
Elementary School Cultural Exchange

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**FEB 27-28 WED&THU**

**Hiring our Heroes Jobs Summit**
5 to 7 p.m. (Feb. 27) | Sharky's, Club-A
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Feb. 28) | Fleet Rec Gym

Yokosuka Fleet and Family and Hiring our Heroes are partnering for a career summit in Yokosuka, Feb. 27 & 28. Service members, veterans and their spouses are welcome to attend and gain tools to navigate civilian hiring processes. The summit features workshops, employer discussions, networking with hiring managers and more. For more information and to register, call Fleet and Family at 243-3372, or visit: https://www.hiringourheroes.org/.

**FEB 28 THURSDAY**

**Volunteer Opportunity: English Challenge**
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Community Readiness Center

Kanagawa Prefecture firefighters are seeking to improve their English language proficiency in a challenge day simulating emergency scenarios. Yokosuka's Fleet and Family Support Center and Fire Dept. are teaming up to recruit volunteers to assist our host nation first responders. Volunteers will be picked-up at the CRC building on the morning of the event. For more information, contact Shoy Caldwell by phone, 243-9633, or by email, Shoy.Caldwell@fe.navy.mil.

**MAR 2 SATURDAY**

**Ikego BRRR Fest**
11 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Ikego Sports Fields: #4, #4-B, and Baseball Field #5

Come out to Ikego Sports Field! For a winter wonderland of fun and activities in our man-made snow. Enjoy the music of "Sounds of Penguin," while enjoying a cup of hot chili or stew. For more info, call 243 4431.

**MAR 2 SATURDAY**

**Bumper Boats**
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Purdy Pool

Have fun splashing and cruising around in the pool in bumper boats! The weight limit to use a bumper boat is 99 lbs. No swim licenses needed. For more information, contact Purdy Gym, 243-5398.

**MAR 4 MONDAY**

**Ikego Townhall and Housing Forum**
6 p.m. | Ikego Elementary School

On March 4 at 6 p.m., Ikego residents are invited to share their concerns with U.S. Fleet Activities Yokosuka leadership during a townhall at Ikego Elementary School. All topics are welcome, but Military Family Housing will be specifically discussed. The Yokosuka Housing Director will be on hand to answer concerns.
**BEYOND THE GATE**

**Main Base Townhall and Housing Forum**
**MAR 5 TUESDAY**

On March 5 at 6:30 p.m., main base residents are invited to share their concerns with U.S. Fleet Activities Yokosuka leadership during a townhall at the Community Readiness Center in the AOB/ICR classroom. All topics are welcome, but Military Family Housing will be specifically discussed. The Yokosuka Housing Director will be on hand to answer concerns.

**Ikego Satellite Veterinary Clinic**
**MAR 7 THURSDAY**

The Yokosuka Veterinary Clinic is hosting a satellite clinic for Ikego residents. They will be providing basic wellness exam services that include: vaccinations, preventive medicine and quarantines. For quarantines, please notify the vet clinic in advance and provide all documents needed. Walk-ins only. First come, first served. Sign up for walk-ins will end at 12:45 p.m. Pre-register all pets with the Yokosuka Veterinary Clinic prior to your visit. **NO SICK CALLS**

**Lifeguard Training**
**MAR 8-10 FRI-SUN**

MWR Aquatics is holding American Red Cross lifeguard training. A pre-course swim test is required. The course is open to ages 15 and older. To register and schedule your pre-course test, contact MWR Aquatics, 243-5620 or 241-2945. Course registration is open until Feb. 28.

**Until March 10 (Sun)**

**Taara Plum Blossom Festival**

Any time | Taara Plum Grove, 25-minute walk from JR Taura station

The Taara area wafts with the smell of blooming plum blossoms from mid-February to early March. You can even see traditional Japanese kites flying before the festival on Feb. 10 from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m! Enjoy the hilltop scenery and view over Tokyo Bay.

**Feb. 23 (Sat)**

**Zushi Kamegaoka Shrine Antique Sale**

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Kamegaoka Hachimangu Shrine, across from Keikyu Shin-Zushi station's west exit.

Discover unique antiques and other Japanese curiosities at the Kamegaoka Shrine Antique Sale and Flea Market.

**March 3 (Sun)**

**Yokosuka Doll Floating Ritual**

3:30 p.m. | Awashima Jinja (shrine), 10-minute walk from Ashina or Maedabashi bus stops

Perched high above the fishing port in Yokosuka, Awashima Jinja performs a sending-off ceremony for cherished dolls during Hina Matsuri, a tradition dating back more than 800 years.
**NEWS AND NOTICES**

**DODEA MANDATORY RE-REGISTRATION FOR 2019-20 SCHOOL YEAR**

All students must re-register every year. All students will be re-registered at the Sullivans School B Lobby, next to the main office, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., March 18-22. Kindergarten registration is March 25-29 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sullivans School A Lobby, right inside the entrance to building A. Sure Start applications are available in the Sullivans School main office and may be turned in beginning March 25. For more info, call 243-7336.

**AEON AND WOMBRE PEDESTRIAN GATES**
The pedestrian traffic at Womble and Aeon Gates will now remain open for exiting the base 24 hours a day. This is for EXIT ONLY after normal operating hours. Pedestrian entrance times for these gates will remain the same.

**ROAD TAX SEASON**

Road Tax Season is coming. Gather documents (2018 road tax receipt, vehicle title, JCI, base inspection, liability insurance, valid license, etc.) and make sure everything is up to date. VRO will host two one-stop-shop sessions at the Fleet Theater on 18-20 March and again on 3-5 April.

**FREE TAX ASSISTANCE**
The VITA Center is now open to provide the computers, software and assistance you need to file taxes. The VITA Center, located in CRC Rm. 220, is open for walk-ins Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more info, email CFAYtaxcenter@gmail.com

**CONSTRUCTION AND CLOSURES**

- **Replace Steam Line at Benny Decker Theater (Building 1464):** One lane on Clement Blvd. and Kauﬀman St. will be completely closed (at intersection with Clement) until Mar. 20.
- **Building A61, SRF-JRMC Warehouse:** Road on the Southeast side of A61 will be partially closed (one lane) due to crane operations until Feb. 28.
- **Third Avenue Steam Pipe Replacement:** Road closure on Third Ave. between Fourth Ave. and Gridley Lane until April 29. Parking lot access will be provided to Nanaban and Hachibian residents during the duration of the project.
- **TPU Building Renovation:** Until August, parking will be unavailable.
- **Building 1475 Renovation:** Parking lot unavailable until August.
- **Building 1969:** Until July, parking spaces and access around the building will be unavailable due to renovation.
- **Forrestal St. Around Berth 8/9:** Partial road closure until 28 Feb 2019 to re-route compressed air pipe.
- **Demolition and Reconstruction of C21:** Various impacts to command hill parking until Dec 2019.

**GATE ACCESS: DBIDS 5.0 UPGRADE**

On Saturday, Feb. 23, Yokosuka will switch to an upgraded Defense Biometrics Identification System (DBIDS) card-scanning tool used to identify DoD card holders, DBIDS 5.0.

The first time an existing DoD ID is scanned following the upgrade, there will be a short delay while the card holder’s profile is verified in DEERS, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System. This may result in delays at CFAY entry points while the upgraded tool verifies IDs.

The upgrade to DBIDS 5.0 is critical to improving security. After cards are scanned for the first time by the new system, subsequent scans will be much faster, less than 3 seconds.

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