Friday, July 31st, 2020 Anamizu Junior high school

From tomorrow, our short summer vacation will start. I want all of you to challenge yourself to do something that you don't usually do. At the same time, we must be extremely careful when we go outside since the number of confirmed cases are increasing every day. I would like all of you to spend a meaningful summer vacation.

First semester was a period where it was very difficult to do something fulfilling. All the events and tournaments, inside and outside school were all postponed or cancelled. Despite this circumstance, all our students worked hard for the final exam and Oku-Noto tournament. I'm very proud of our students.

There will be a sports day and a school festival in the second semester. Under this uncertainty, we have been checking all the events thoroughly. We discussed about how we should manage the sports day, considering the risks of heat stroke and corona virus. It is easy to cancel everything but for our students, this year, IS this year. It is truly an important time for them and this will never change. We do not have the right answer but we are seeking the right choice so that no one will feel sad. We will do anything to reduce the risks and worries to hold these events.

We held an inaugural meeting for the sports day on July 22nd. Each group made a big circle, and the leaders expressed their will to "make it a sports day filled with smiles and unity". Everyone showed their "energy" towards their goal. We felt student's harmony and enthusiasm then. It's been a while since I last felt this way. I would like this sports day to be an event which we can enjoy, and learn the importance of teamwork. Thank you for your support.

Principal Katsuhiro Takada





The past two years have gone by so fast. You all have grown so much as English speakers. I hope that all of you will continue to study English. Living here in Anamizu has been amazing. The people are so kind and the town its self is beautiful. I hope that someday all of you will be able to enjoy an experience similar to mine here in Japan. To travel the world and explore different cultures and meet many different people. I am so grateful to all of you for accepting me and making me feel welcome. You all have made my experience here so wonderful. I hope that you can welcome the next ALT in the same way and treat them as kindly as you did with me. Everyone thank you so much. **Douglas Parker**

<u>About report card grading (few changes)</u>

[About scholastic evaluation]

5 evaluation categories for Japanese, 4 categories for other subjects.

Each categories will be evaluated in 3 levels. "A, B and C". B is almost satisfactory (Until last year we graded with O,blank, and Δ)

About the general evaluation

Summing the criterion referenced evaluation, we will mark grades with 5-point scale.

- 5 : Fully satisfactory and shows high standards
- 4 : Fully satisfactory 3 : Almost satisfactory
- 2 : Needs effort 1 : Needs more effort

[I'm POSSIBLE award participation certificate] Receiving News

In the moral class, we learned the importance of symbiotic society and its 4 important values, such as "courage" (how not to think negatively), "strong will" (how to overcome difficulties), "fairness" (accepting various values) and "inspiration" (ability to move people's hearts) by using an officially approved teaching program. This class was selected for the I'm POSSIBLE award to 177 elementary/ junior high schools and high schools by the Paralympics committee.

Slogan "Show your Anachu spirit" \sim Fight against Corona and pass the baton \sim

"Sports day" Date: 9/5 (Sa) (backup day 6th) Place: JHS school ground *Let's have sports day while preventing infection and heatstroke. "There will be no school lunch. Please bring your own lunch.

*For those who will come, please wear masks, sanitize your hands when you arri will have bottles of sanitizers next to the main tent) and please maintain social distance when cheering.

Our executive members explained and demonstrated the actual events for the sports day. After students got into their groups (red/blue/yello) and did a starting ceremony. Everyone was fired up! Show your Anachu spirits!



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All Noto tournaments and prefectural tournament were cancelled due to the corona virus but there were OkuNoto alternative tournaments which were held on the 18th and 19th of July. [Track and field] We joined the race on 11th at Nanao Jyoyama track stadium.

[Baseball] Anamizu, Toyo and Ogi joined the tournament as a combined team and played hard

[basketball`] We did not get a prize but we really worked hard.

- [Soft tennis] Boys group 2nd place Boys individual 3rd place Girls group 3rd place

3rd

(table tennis) Boys group 1st place Boys individual 1st 2nd

Girls group 2nd place Girls individual 2nd 3rd

[sumo] Individual (for 1st graders) 1st place

[kendo] We held a practice session at the gym and dojyo inviting our graduates and parents. [brass band] We will hold a concert on August 1st from 18:00 \sim inviting the club member's parents