



## “Live”

## Shuntaro Tanigawa

Have you ever read a poem by Shuntaro Tanigawa? They were in your Japanese textbooks, weren't they? There are many poems that I like, but today I would like to introduce a poem called "Live".

Before reading this poem, I often thought "I can't do it now" or "I can't do it because I've never done it before". Even as an adult, I continued to think this way. But after reading this poem, I started to think, "I will decide things based on who I want to be, not who I have been. It is thanks to this poem that I am now able to think, "Let's try it," or "Maybe I can do it." It is a poem that has inspired me to change my way of thinking about who I was until now and who I will become.

### Live

To be alive  
To be alive now  
It's a thirsty throat  
It's dazzling sunshine filtering through foliage  
It's remembering a certain melody suddenly  
It's sneezing To be alive  
It's holding hands with you To be alive To be alive

To be alive  
To be alive now  
It's a miniskirt  
It's a planetarium  
It's Johann Strauss  
It's Picasso  
It's the Alps  
It's encountering all the beautiful things  
And  
It's carefully refusing the hidden evil

To be alive  
To be alive now  
It's being able to cry  
It's being able to laugh  
It's being able to be angry  
It's being free



To be alive  
To be alive now  
It's a dog barking in the distance now  
It's the Earth traveling around now  
It's the first cry raised somewhere now  
It's the soldier getting hurt somewhere now  
It's the swings shaking now  
And it's the now that is passing now

To be alive  
To be alive now  
It's birds flying  
It's the sea roaring  
It's snails crawling  
It's people falling in love  
The warmth of your hand  
It's life



-Shuntaro Tanigawa



In this poem, Shuntaro Tanigawa talks about being alive; through the small things, our senses, and moments in daily life. The first part of his poem expresses "thirsty" and "dazzling sunlight filtering through foliage." This may seem very normal daily lives, but these small and insignificant moments are what life truly is.

Last night (November 26th), there was a big earthquake for the first time in a while. I was so nervous that I could not sleep well. In times like this, I want you to think about the moments when you felt this feeling of being "alive"? Remember the small things. You might regain your composure.

When do you feel "alive"? We would be happy if you could tell me, as junior high school students, the moment when you feel "alive". I'll be waiting for it!

School Principal Koshun Hirozawa

# Winning records of various competitions Congratulations!!

- Tax related work (calligraphy) Ishikawa Governor's Award : [redacted] Wajima Tax Liaison Council Chairman's Award Bronze Prize : [redacted]
- Tax related work (essay) Wajima Blue Declaration Association Chairman's Award : [redacted] Wajima Inter-Tax Association Chairman's Award : [redacted] Wajima Tax Liaison Council Chairman's Award Bronze Prize : [redacted]
- Tax related work (poster) Wajima Corporation Association Chairman's Award : [redacted] Wajima Inter-Tax Association Chairman's Award : [redacted] Wajima Tax Liaison Council Chairman's Award Copper prize : [redacted]
- JA Kyosai Traffic Safety Poster Contest Japan Broadcasting Kanazawa Bureau Director-General's Award : [redacted] Silver prize : [redacted] copper prize : [redacted]
- JA Bank Ishikawa "Life art"competition Silver : [redacted] Outstanding award: [redacted]
- Bright Election Awareness Slogan Outstanding award : [redacted]
- Prefectural PTA Three-Line Poem Contest Honorable mention : [redacted]
- Parent-child letter contest Effort prize : [redacted]
- Fire Prevention Calligraphy Contest Town prize : [redacted]
- The 74th Bright Society Essay Contest Specail prize : [redacted]
- Hosu Science Work Judging Committee Selected : [redacted]
- Hosu County Book Report Review Committee Gold : [redacted] Silver : [redacted]
- Hosu County Arts and Crafts Judging Committee Selected : [redacted]

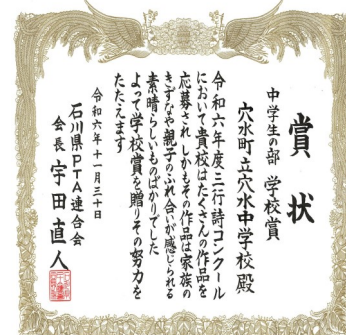


## ~After the Home Study Week~





As reported in last month's school newsletter, we held Home Study Week in mid-November. Each student set his or her own goals and worked on homework and their own studies for the week. Through this effort, the students were able to improve their ability to plan independently and their awareness of home study. Some students were also able to keep their motivation directly into the test period. We hope that this experience will help the students to establish good study habits in the future. We would like to thank all parents for their warm support at home.

## PTA convention Three-Line Poem We won the school prize!

At the recent Ishikawa PTA Convention, our school was awarded the School Prize in the Three-line Poem Contest. This award was given in recognition of the school's concerted efforts as a whole. We are very happy that our school-wide cooperation led to such a wonderful result. We will continue to work together with parents and the school to create a better school.



## December

M	Tu	W	Th	F	Sat	Su
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Tuition withdrawal	3rd grade regional academic survey/parent-student-teacher meeting 2nd grade Evaluation test day	3rd grade regional academic survey/grade parent-student-teacher meeting 2nd grade sports activity class (2nd,3rd hour)	3rd grade parent-student-teacher meeting	2nd 3rd grade First Aid Training/Prize-giving Ceremony		Ensemble Contest
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Student council	3rd grade drug abuse prevention class/School lunch observation		1st grade Rugby class (5th,6th hour)		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Student general meeting					All Ishikawa JHS table tennis tournament	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Closing ceremony/Handing out report cards/3rd grade parent-student-teacher meeting	Handing out report cards,3rd grade parent-student-teacher meeting				
30	31	Jan 1st 2025	2	3	4	5
	<b>&lt;January&gt;</b> 1/6 (M) Tuition withdrawal 8 (W) Starting ceremony Kakizome (calligraphy) 9 (Th) 3rd grade regional academic survey 10 (F) 3rd grade regional academic survey 16 (Th) 3rd grade tax class	  	17 (F) Eiken 21 (Tu) Open school / School volleyball tournament 30 (Th) 1,2 grade achievement test 31 (F) 1,2 grade achievement test 2nd grade Young caregiver and Children's Rights Classroom 3rd grade private school entrance examination	