



Japanese Club



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Tianqiong Wang, 11, kneels during a traditional tea ceremony. She wears an authentic Japanese Kimono. This is a club tradition directly involving students in Japanese culture.

For many, Japanese culture seems to be a world away. For the members of Japanese Club however, it was closer than you think.

"Japanese Club is such a great way to explore the culture of Japan outside the classroom," said **Megan Miraglia, 12.**

The club partakes in various cultural traditions including a formal tea ceremony. Members also get to participate in games, origami, and dining out at a Japanese restaurant.

"One of the great parts of being in the club is the time with friends and the community experience. It's fun getting to know different people," said **Alexander Androski, 11.**

Since it's a requirement for joining, all members have at

least completed a year of the language as part of their everyday curriculum. Thus, students get extra practice at communicating in social settings and everyday conversation. A few select members also get to take leadership rolls in running the club.

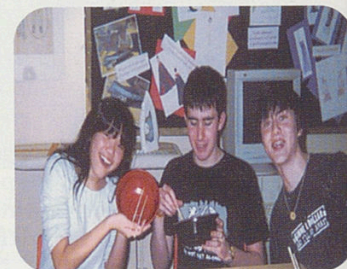
"Being President gives me a chance to practice leadership skills," said **Annabeth Young, 11.**

Needless to say, Japanese Club is an adventure for all who participate.



Shriya Raghaven, 12, enjoys Japanese Udon. The noodle dish is widely enjoyed by club participants. Students also prepared other dishes to sample during the meetings.

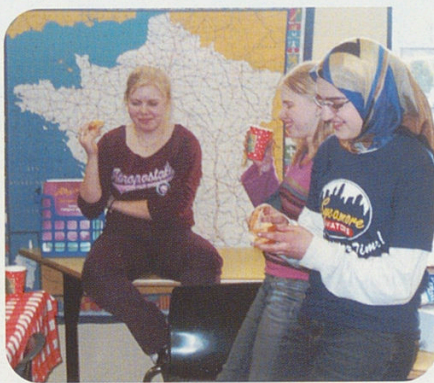
Jennifer Yang, 11, Schyler Hosler, 11, and Matthew Weller, 9, goof off on Udon Day. Along with the food, students enjoyed eating with chopsticks. At times however, it became a little bit tricky.



French Club



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Zahra Sadat-Husseney, 9, Milla Kornhonen, 10, and Jasmiina Korhonen, 10, enjoy their food while getting ready to discuss the latest happenings in France. The club spent most meetings making and eating French food. The groups favorite activity was celebrating Mardi Gras with King Cake.

With the help of **Mrs. Jacquelin Wyatt,** who became the club adviser two years ago, this club has really become immersed in French culture.

The club was open to all levels of French as well as people who are not currently taking French class.

They meet after school and before getting started on the days activities they all sit down to enjoy a snack. They even recently cooked their own meal of croques monsieurs or ham and chesse sandwiches.

When not watching movies or discussing the latest happenings in France, they help the school learn more about French culture.

Every year the club participates in Deck the Halls, a program in the global language hallway celebrating holidays.

"Those halls got decked, it was a lot of fun," said **Eric Prather, 12.**

Everyone's favorite part about France, is its celebration of Mardi Gras, a time they celebrate with beads, cake, coins and just plain old fun.

"It was a lot of fun, we made crepes after school and we talked about French culture while we ate food," said **Jennifer Steinhardt, 12.**

This club has help these students learn what it really is like to be a part of the French culture.



Mrs. Wyatt and Abhijeet Gummadaveli, 11, share their days events with each other. The club got really deep into issues of the French culture, including political issues.



Along with the French Baguette these students also enjoyed chips and dip. The students always start off club meetings with food. They most often ate baguettes with cheese.

