



## Letter from Nishsasagawa students to Rogers Middle School

Fall, 2023

Hello. I am [REDACTED]. I am 14 years old student from Nishisasagawa JHS. Nice to meet you. My favorite group is Liella!. They sing very cute. I like their song "Second Sparkle". Please listen to their music.



**Liella!**

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## Rogers Middle School letter to Nishsasagawa students

Fall, 2023

Hi! My name is [REDACTED], and I am in 6th grade at Rogers Middle School. For me, school starts at 8:00. I go to my 6 classes, and then leave school at 2:40. One of my classes is Orchestra, where I play an instrument. The instrument that I play is Viola. After school, I go to tennis practice. What is your favorite food? I love a lot of foods, but one of my favorites is Italian food. One thing that I do in my free time is go shopping. My favorite store is Sephora. Sephora is a store that sells beauty products. Do you have a Sephora or a beauty store in Japan?

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



Sephora store



Viola



Italian food

## Letter to Mitaki JHS students from a Newcomb Academy student, Long Beach

Hi my name is \_\_\_\_\_. I go to Newcomb Academy and I live in Long Beach California. My favorite things to do are baking and I like soccer and volleyball. I am in 6th grade and I wanted to have a pen pal with Japanese students because I am part Japanese. My grandpa and great grandma are Japanese. I would like to get to know you. What is your favorite color? My favorite color is yellow. What is your favorite holiday? I like Christmas. What hobbies do you have? I already told you mine but I like to bake, play soccer, and I like to play volleyball. I hope you write back to me.

From your friend,

\_\_\_\_\_

## Reply from a Mitaki JHS student, Yokkaichi

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_. Call me \_\_\_\_\_. Thanks for your letter. I'm glad to write to you. I'm 14 years old and go to Mitaki junior high school. My favorite color is yellow. My favorite holiday is Oshogatsu (New Year holiday) because I can give Otoshidama (New years gift of money) for relatives. My hobby is playing video games, watching Youtube and playing volleyball! I'm good at volleyball. I would like to ask you a question. Do you watch Youtube? I often watch Youtube! I especially like game commentary. They are very cute and cool so I have them. Have you ever eaten sushi? My favorite sushi is salmon. I'm looking forward to your reply.

My first thought when hearing "Japan"

I usually think about anime and the food there I want to try.

Hello, I'm [REDACTED] [REDACTED]! I'm in 8th grade at Will Rogers Middle School in Long Beach, California

What's a traditional American item?  
Chocolate chip cookies! They are really easy to make as long you have the right ingredients and bake it just right.

Do you have any words for Nishisasagawa Junior High School?

I would like to know more about Japan and I hope that we get along well!



What are your hobbies?

I like to swim! I do it as a sport and I practice everyday so I can improve. We have competitions every month so we can race against other people and drop time.



What is unique about you?

I guess I am easy to talk to, but I can be awkward at first but once we get to know each other, we'll get along fine!

## ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT PROFILE

# Newcomb Academy Student Profile



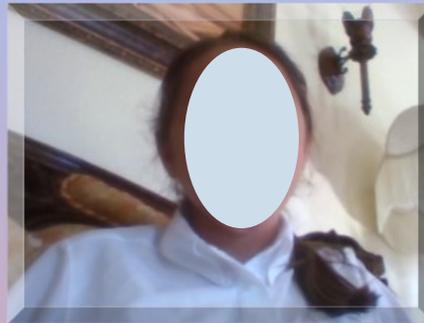
I love to run on the track team with the rest of my afternoons.



I also enjoy reading self-help books such as "Chicken Soup for the girl's soul"

I live in California in the United states of america. The weather here is usually very sunny and rarely has any rain.

I went to the Taylor swift concert in Los Angeles. She is my favorite singer.



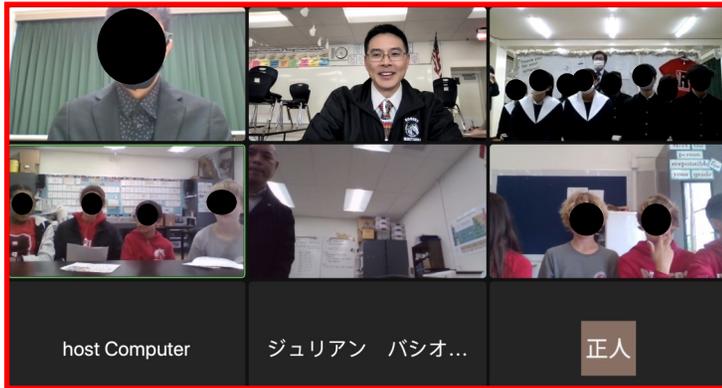
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Hello my name is Scarlett Ruby Munoz. I am a middle school girl who loves to do Theatre arts in the school's drama club.



I ADORE drama club. It is a place where i can express myself and be happy. I love this activity because i got the lead role and i get to sing songs onstage in front of the whole school.

I also love to write odd scenarios of at least three or more people. It is often funny people in my stories or overly dramatic divas. These stories are a good way that I pass time at home.



December, 2022

December, 2021



3:00 pm in Long Beach

8:00 a.m. in Yokkaichi  
(next day)

Annual Zoom Chats  
Nishisasagawa JHS and Will Rogers Middle School

December, 2023



# Newcomb Academy Student Profile

## My Favorites

### Food

Steak/Curry

### Animal

Cat

### Book

Warriors

### Ice Cream Flavor

Mint Chocolate Chip

### Musicians

Michael Jackson/deadmau5

### Hobby

Video Games/Youtube

### Songs

Billie Jean/ Professional Griefers

### Color

Black



## Pets

I have six total. Two cats, named Truffle and Snowball. Truffle is a bombay and my favorite. Snowball, a snowshoe/birman mix, has a birthday on September 10th. She's also our oldest pet! I have two dogs, named Spicy and Pepper. Pepper is a dameranian (pomeranian/dachshund mix) and Spicy is a cocker spaniel mix. I also have two birds, named Taco and Lemon. Lemon is our newest family member, and a senegal. Taco is a green-cheek conure.

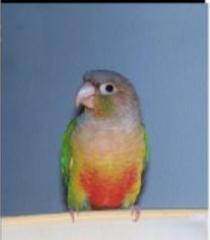


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Hasty  
Exceptional  
INTROVERTED  
Divine  
Inconsistent

Age: 11  
Birthday:  
March 21, 2012



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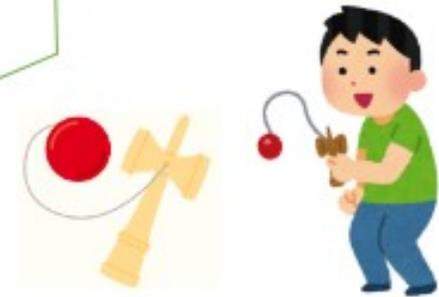
My first thought when hearing "America"  
I think of my home in Oregon. Also, I think about my puppy - her name is Mirai. She's with my father in Oregon right now.

Hello! I'm [REDACTED] hi.  
I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year (9<sup>th</sup> grade) at Nishisasagawa Junior High School in Mie, Japan. Please call me Kazu

What's a traditional Japanese item?  
*Kendama*. It is a Japanese traditional toy. There's the base (which is also the handle) and a ball attached to the base by a string. You have to try and get the ball back onto the base just by swinging it.

Do you have any words for Rogers Middle School?

This project is a valuable experience for both groups! I hope we enjoy it and get to know each other well.



What's unique about you?  
I'm fairly easy-going, but sometimes that gets me into trouble. I also never give up!



What are your hobbies?

I like playing sports, reading, and video games.

- Sport - basketball
- Reading - Japanese manga (basically, Japanese comic books), especially *Haikyuu!*
- Video game - Super Smash Brothers!



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I am a 3<sup>rd</sup> year (9<sup>th</sup> grade) at  
Nishisasagawa Junior High School in  
Mie, Japan.

My first thought when hearing "America"  
I think the American people are friendly. I would  
like to meet Americans.



Do you have any words for Rogers Middle  
School?

I would like to know more about American  
culture!



What's unique about you?

I'm good at dancing. I've been learning dance since I  
was 5 years old. I want to be a Disney dancer in the  
future.

What are your hobbies?

It's cooking! I sometimes cook dinner for my  
family. I often cook curry and rice, hamburg steak,  
and miso soup. Do you know miso soup? It's a  
traditional Japanese soup. I like it very much,



**NISHISASAGAWA JHS STUDENT PROFILE**

# Kanji Project: Long Beach Students

<p>I go to Will Rogers Middle School! Nice to meet you!</p> <p>My favorite Kanji means <u>Football</u></p> <p>I play football alot at my amarican school. I play in a amarican football League every friday called the</p> 	<p>I go to Will Rogers Middle School! Nice to meet you!</p> <p>My favorite Kanji means <u>Beach</u></p> <p>I picked the word beach because I enjoy playing and swimming at the beach! Sophia.N</p> 
 	 

I go to Nishisasagawa Junior High School!  
Nice to meet you!

My favorite Kanji means  
Guitar

I have been playing guitar  
for 4 years and I love  
playing it.



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I go to Nishisasagawa Junior High School!  
Nice to meet you!

My favorite Kanji means  
LOVE

I choose the love sign because  
I love my family so much.



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Kanji Project: Yokkaichi Students

# 6th Grade Class Exchange 2022

Kaiso Elementary, Yokkaichi

Carver Elementary, Long Beach

**Hello** My name is \_\_\_\_\_

I like tennis.  
I can play tennis.  
I like P.E. and science.  
I like SNOOPY.



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school lunch



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We like experiments.

Hello !  
My name is \_\_\_\_\_  
I like drawing picture.  
I can Play the piano.



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## **Letter from Nishsasagawa JHS student to Rogers Middle School**

Hello! I'm [redacted]. You guys probably remember me as the guy with the glasses in the Zoom call. It's been a long time. I hope everyone's been doing well. All of us are currently studying for our high school entrance exams. I'm writing this letter because I managed to pass my entrance exams quickly (yay!). I hope you guys can get to exchange with Nishsasagawa even if five of us graduate! This school has so many people from different countries. Just talking and exchanging ideas/stories/experiences with some of them will deepen your understanding about culture and other countries.

### **Nishsasagawa JHS student's answers to a Rogers Middle School student's questions**

To \_\_\_\_\_

Q: What foods are popular in your country?

A: Tempura, sushi, and ramen. Mostly Japanese food, but other foreign foods are getting more popular recently like Indian curry, Italian food, and American foods (although it's mostly just burgers).

Q: What do you think you would enjoy in California?

A: Going to LA and seeing the famous Hollywood sign, going through the Golden Gate Bridge, and visiting the many national parks to see the beautiful nature there.

# Learning about Yokkaichi



## Yokkaichi City



Yokkaichi is a port city. It is important for the chemical industry in Japan so there are many factories. Many ships also come through.



Konyudo-kun is the city's mascot. He is a yokai (ghost). You can get good luck when you touch his tongue. He can be seen at the festivals.

Various things are made such as decorative vases, teapots and bowls.



The festival is a good chance to enjoy Japanese food and traditional dances.



Yokkaichi is in Mie prefecture. It stands with a population of about 310,000 people. It is by the sea like Long Beach.



The port building is a nice landmark to visit. You can get a beautiful view of city.



In Japan, the students stay in one classroom but the teachers have to move every period.

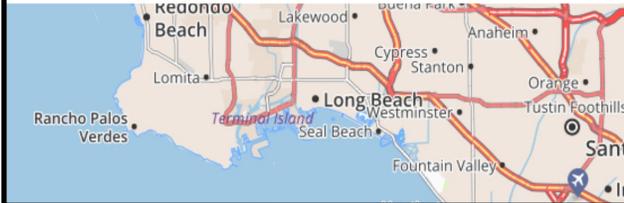


# Learning about Long Beach

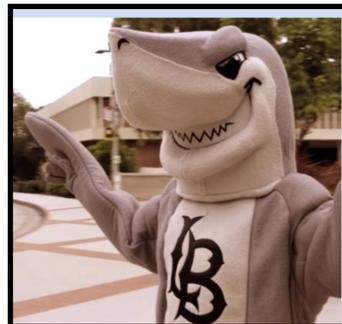


Long Beach, California

Long Beach is similar to Yokkaichi because it also a port city. It is the largest container port in America. It is a major gateway for U.S. and Asian trade.



Because Long Beach is very diverse, there are many types of foods that are available. One of the more popular trends is food trucks. These trucks can drive to a location where they make and sell food.

The city of Long Beach does not have a mascot, but California State University at Long Beach does. Meet Elbee the Shark!



Long Beach is in the state of California. The population of Long Beach is 468,982. It is by the sea like Yokkaichi.

Long Beach is also home to the Long Beach Grand Prix. It is a car race that happens every spring. This race uses the city streets as the race track.



In Long Beach teachers stay in their classrooms, while students move to each of their classes throughout the day.



Students at Rogers have 6 classes. All students have Math, Language Arts, Science, History, Physical Education, and an elective.

Teachers stay in their classrooms, while students move to each of their different classes throughout the day.