










<MULTICULTURAL NOTES・^{たぶん}多文化コラム>

Let's Learn Japanese Expressions Related to School ③

日本の学校で使う言葉覚えましょう Part ③

This month's multicultural notes introduce some **seasonal ceremonies** and **students' activities in Japanese elementary schools**. Following this, the **main events held at school** will be introduced in the next month's notes.

Japanese How to Read	English Explanation		
始業式 <i>Shigyo-shiki</i>	 Semester Opening Ceremony Held at the start of each semester		
終業式 <i>Syugyo-shiki</i>	 Semester Closing Ceremony Held at the end of the first and second semester		
修了式 <i>Shuryo-shiki</i>	 Grade Completion Ceremony Held at the end of the third semester to mark the end of the school year		
身体測定 <i>Shintai Sokutei</i>	 Physical Measurements Taken to check students' growth (height, weight, abdominal circumference, etc.)		
定期健康診断 <i>Teiki Kenko Shindan</i>	 Periodic Health Checkups Conducted to maintain and promote students' health. The results of the checkups are notified to the students and their parents/guardians, and if there is any suspicion of illness or abnormality, they will be advised to visit to a hospital.		
給食当番 <i>Kyushoku Toban</i>	 School Lunch Duty Students on lunch duty receive the school lunch from the lunchroom, bring it to the classroom, and serve it to their classmates during their term. The term of duty varies by school, but is mainly one week . For hygiene, they wear aprons, hats/triangular hoods and masks . This duty can also provide them with an opportunity to learn about collaboration and teamwork.		
掃除当番 <i>Soji Toban</i>	 Cleaning Duty As all students are considered to be responsible for cleaning the school, each class rotates the area they are in charge of. In addition to the goal of "cleanliness," this also helps to foster their work values, cooperation, sharing of tasks, aesthetics, and consideration for others.		