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# YOYOGI INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL



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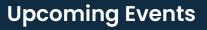
#### **Sports Day**

The students were full of energy and well supported by parents at our annual Sports Day. The Olympic Center proved to be an excellent venue for the day as they participated in individual group activities. Congratulations to all who participated and an extra pat on the back for the Blue Team.



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June 4 Grade 4 Cultural Festival Grade 6/7/8 Market Day June 6.

Yoyogi Friends Teacher Appreciation Event Grade 5 PYP Completion Ceremony June 6

June 7

June 7 **Grade 8 Graduation** 

Last full day on Campus for the school year End of Year Musical in Olympic Center June 12

June 13

Final day of the school year - no formal classes June 13

PD Day with no school for students June 14 Summer School begins June 17

First Day of 2024-2025 School Year Aug. 20





#### Our First YIS Graduate!

This week we will celebrate our first graduate from Grade 8 in our Middle School Program. Boris Elenkov has been with our school for 9 years! He is a great ambassador for our school and the Yoyogi IS name. Next year Boris will attend the British School in Tokyo for Grade 9. We look forward to celebrating his achievement with his family. Next year we aim to graduate a class of 10.



#### Staff Performance

We are very proud of our own Ms. van Kan and her many talents. She has delivered a superior music experience for our children each year at the school and also for the Tokyo theatre community. She was cast in the musical, Beauty and The Beast with the Tokyo International Players. The show was featured at the Sun Mall Theater. A number of staff, students and parents enjoyed each of the shows. She made us all very proud!



Special Thank You to Mr. Stillwagon for organizing Sports Day!

#### Uniforms-Next Year

All students will be expected to arrive at school with a school shirt/ sweater and a dark blue pants/ shorts/ skirt next school year. The top is required to be a school purchase but the dark blue bottom may be a parent purchase wherever they see fit. The school also has good options for sale. Only plain navy blue bottoms with no logos or stripes please.



#### Our Mission

We foster a love of learning by encouraging children to be resilient, creative and collaborative. We guide children to be open-minded and develop integrity to become active members of the global society in the 21st century. We provide a safe, nurturing and caring environment where each child is supported individually and is inspired to exceed their own academic expectations.



### Yoyogi Friends

We would like to thank the parents that participated in Yoyogi Friends discussion and activities for this school year. It has been a wonderful year of rebuilding the parent support role after COVID made it so difficult. Parents are again welcome back in to the school and our ability to create meaningful connections within our community has grown considerably. Thank You!



## Final Reports

Final Reports will be issued to students and parents in Toddle on June 11. Please take the time to review the report and read the comments with your child. Decide what to focus on in the report and how you would like to discuss the report with your child. You may wish to share only a few highlights in your own words and do goal setting with your child. Reports are kept on file and made available for future reference.



Thank you YOYOGI FRIENDS for all of your support this year!

#### Departing Staff

Part of being in an international community is having to say good bye to some teachers that have contributed to the school. We wish them well in their next adventure! Staff and students move on for a variety of reasons but we hope they always better themselves or their situation. Some of these staff may return to us in the future.

This year we will be seeing Ms. van Kan and Ms. Benning repatriating home, Ms. Prabhu and Ms. Takeuchi joining their partners in new locations, Ms. Wolcott, Mr. Howard and Mr Homsi moving on to new career roles, Ms. Suzuki taking post graduate studies, and Ms. Stinemetz enjoying a year with her soon to arrive baby. These are all special people and we will miss them greatly. It is my job as the Head of School to make sure your children continue to be safely and wonderfully cared for next year. I will announce the plan for 2024-25 in my next Newsletter - and it is good.



