

Welcome to the new staff and students at Shiroyama JHS! April was an exciting time as the new school year began. Cold weather delayed the cherry blossoms, but the first day of school had plenty of beautiful cherry blossoms for everyone to see. The month was busy for students and teachers with new classes and new schedules.

Many of the first year students were able to say, “nice to see you again” to the alt as she visited their elementary schools in October and November of last year. Yet, they still had fun with her self-introduction. They learned about her home state of Michigan in the USA, about her town’s festival, famous food and her favorite superhero. Many of the first year students were interested in her hobby of writing stories.

The third year students were busy with preparations for their class trip during the month. They made a beautiful picture out of origami cranes to take with them and read many books about Okinawa. The students were very excited to see the ocean in Okinawa and spend time together as a class.

This was also a time for the Shiroyama ALT to turn in new yearly goals as an ALT. She hopes to continue to improve her teaching methods and make English fun for students. She has also joined the new term for Japanese classes at the Koka community center. The new school year brings with it all kinds of new opportunities.

