

I got to go to the Ninja Festival. How can I claim to live in Koka without going once? It was quite fun despite most of the activities being for little kids. It still had good food and made some stories for my students who saw me there.

It may have taken me a good chunk of the month but I eventually got the Thanksgiving board done. I was so excited to put have a spot open for students to make hand turkeys.

After a while of no one putting turkeys up but me, I pulled in a few teachers to help me fill the board. I even got two students, which made me super happy. Next year, I hope to have more time to plan so that I can make it a little more elaborate.

Before we could continue onto Thanksgiving themes in class, we had a score to settle with Halloween. Thanks, to an open slot



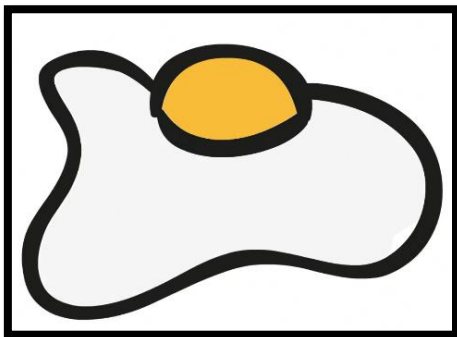
in my schedule, I had the opportunity to participate in a lesson for class 11 with Minakuchi's other ALT. It was a lot of fun to watch the students work through the questions and react to with a Holiday they knew but knew nothing about. I even got to team up with a student for Jeopardy, we tried so hard but in the end we couldn't win it. My teammate seemed to have no problem talking to me and trying to answer the questions so it surprised me



when the ALT and head JTE said that he's normally really shy. I felt pretty special that he decided to talk on the day that I got to join the class.

The very next week, I had the opportunity to teach my own special education class. Since they graduated from Halloween to Thanksgiving, we got to make hand turkeys. I know it's a little childish but it's a fun cultural thing that most Americans got to experience so I thought why not pass it on. It turns out they had a lot of fun making them and took a lot of care coloring them even after the class ended. Then they got to see what a real turkey looked like and all the things that Thanksgiving involves.. which is mainly food which didn't help our hunger pains.

Unfortunately Thanksgiving this year fell on test day so I didn't get to shout it to the heavens at my students but I got to tell a few teachers and ALTs who were shocked. Then, on the first chance I had to tell a bunch of students "Happy Thanksgiving" at the International Cooking Event, I forgot. We, some teachers and students, gathered to make egg based dishes from all over the world. It was awesome. In my borrowed hot



pink apron and matching headband, I tried to help my team make their dish. The turn out was quite impressive and I got to try most of the egg dishes there.

