

## ❄️ Playing with Winter

This year, record amounts of heavy snow (called "Doka snow") fell upon Nanae-cho. I think that it has been difficult for our community members to remove the snow from their homes and from the district in general. Our staff has had to work together to remove snow from our school. For adults, snow is quite unwelcome. For kids, however, snow is a wonderful plaything that falls from the heavens. On heavy snow days, our students have been playing around in the snow while helping to remove it from our school grounds.

In the third trimester, our younger students enjoyed sledding down the slope on the grounds of Onakayama JHS. This year, the 1st and 2nd graders went to play there. The students enjoyed sledding, making snowmen, and playing together.

Let's play cheerfully outside during the wintertime while helping to clear the snow. I would like everyone to adopt the following philosophy: "Early to bed, early to rise, and breakfast," so that your body stays healthy and doesn't contract the flu.



【Onakayama ES】

## ❄️ Learning to Ski

Early in the New Year, there wasn't much snow on the ground. Because of this, we were initially concerned about whether or not we could hold our skiing lesson at the Nanae Snow Park. However, it snowed! On January 24th and 26th, our 5th and 6th grade students partook in a skiing lesson. We also have skiing lessons for the 3rd and 4th graders scheduled for January 31st and February 2nd. The 5th and 6th graders quickly made a lot of progress with their skiing. Every student set their own goals and tried their hardest to reach them.



【Fujishiro ES】

## ❄️ Making Snow Statues

Unfortunately, the skiing lesson that we had scheduled for the 23rd was cancelled. The gondolas weren't operating due to heavy snowfall and strong winds, so we were unable to go up the mountain. Instead, the students enjoyed making snowmen during the 5th period. The snow was quite wet, so the students could easily make big snowmen. The boys made a snow sculpture of a Minion and the girls made one of a cat.



【Higashiohnuma ES】

## ❄️ Firefighting Club

(Discipline Training and New Year Firefighters' Training)

On December 25th, the Ikusagawa Boys Firefighting Club held their Discipline Training session in our gym. On January 7th, they joined the New Year Nanae Firefighters' Training in the town hall parking area. The students' leader, Ms. Yamaguchi, and the flag bearer, Mr. Shimura, led the group of slightly nervous students. The firefighters gave an acrobatics performance and used their hoses while the students joyously cheered.



【Ikusagawa ES】

# School News of Nanae

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## ❄️ Onuma JHS Won the Grand Prize!

"I Am a Thousand Winds That Blow (千の風になって)" Music Festival in Niigata

Onuma is the birthplace of the famous song "I Am a Thousand Winds That Blow (千の風になって)". This song is a source of pride for the residents of Onuma. The tenth "I Am a Thousand Winds That Blow" Music Festival was held at the Niigata Citizen Arts and Culture Center on January 8th. The festival is a celebration that showcases various vocal and instrumental covers of the song. Sixteen of our 1st and 2nd grade students participated as representatives of Nanae Town. They sang as a chorus and performed a dramatic reading in front of 1,300 spectators. It was their first time participating, and yet they were able to receive the Supreme Prize.

Our school doesn't have a chorus club and the students who participated in this event are all members of other clubs. Therefore, the students don't have exceptional singing abilities. However, beginning in mid-November, they practiced tirelessly after school, on Saturdays and Sundays, and during winter vacation. They excitedly put their hearts and souls into this performance, and it was a valuable experience that the students will remember for the rest of their lives.



【Onuma JHS】

## ❄️ Children's "Hundred Poems" Games

The championship tournament was held on Sunday the 21st. There was an excited, tense atmosphere during the games. Our sixth grade team, "The hundred poemsIII", advanced to the finals league and won the 4th place prize.



«Onuma area tournament result»

- 1st The hundred poemsIII
- 2nd Takuma 100%
- 3rd The☆girls3
- 4th Numakko3

【Onuma ES】

## ❄️ Volunteer Activities:

PS Committee and Volunteer Cleaning for Cultural Center

On December 21st, we volunteered at the Cultural Center. Our volunteer efforts were spurred on by the Peer Support (PS) Committee, which was established this fiscal year and has been recruiting participants from all schools.

We are so grateful to the Cultural Center for holding so many of our school events. Last year, the Cultural Center held our graduation ceremony and our entrance ceremony. Every year, they hold our choral competitions and school festivals.

We are blessed to be able to borrow such a wonderful facility. On the day we volunteered, we mainly helped to clean up Pioneer Hall. Our volunteers gave it their all.



【Nanae JHS】

## ❄️ Winter Study Support Meeting

~Study Support During Winter Holiday~

During the winter holiday, we had a two-day study meeting.

It was supposed to be three days, but it was changed to two due to record amounts of snow.

The students concentrated on their studies and we hope they can make the most of what they learned.



【Onakayama JHS】

## ❄️ Thank You for Your Cooperation for Winter Study Support



From December 25th to 27th, we held a Study Support Meeting. We received help from four teachers who are not on our staff, including Mr. Fumio Sekiguchi and Mr. Shuji Miura. The kids worked very hard on their studies.

【Togeshita ES】

## ❄️ To a New Start

Vice-Principal Ryuji Mitan

The new year has begun. It began as the weather got really cold.

The third trimester is not only the last of the school year; it is also the time when the upper grades prepare for their next adventures. There are only 2 more months until the 6th grade ES students and 3rd grade JHS students graduate. We want these students to feel fulfilled as they prepare for their new life and make new goals.



【Suzurandani Branch S】

## ❄️ Dietary Education Opening Class Study Group

~Connecting Dietary Education Project

On December 18th, we had a dietary education workshop in class 6-3.

The lesson was about the importance of breakfast. The students made menus for well-balanced breakfasts. They learned that breakfast is not only a nutritional way to start the day, but it is also strongly connected to academic ability, physical strength, and health. On that day, over 50 teachers came to the class and praised the students for their good behavior and communication. To all of the parents, we would appreciate it if you could cooperate and support our dietary education.



【Nanae ES】