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The JASP wishes all of you a happy holiday season and joyous new year!

December Educational Resources

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The old name for December is *shiwasu*, which means the month when even priests run around. It is the busiest month of the year. People start preparing for the new year by cleaning the house and taking care of all the matters which have to be concluded to start the New Year fresh. You will see the markets which sell New Years decorations and special food everywhere.

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KKC Study Tour to Japan Application Open



[Applications are now being accepted](#) for the 2021 Keizai Koho Center Study Tour to Japan. The Fellowship is for U.S. and Canadian social studies teachers who have never been to Japan. Guidelines for application are on the [NAJAS website](#).

Remembering Sue Neff

Long-time JASP volunteer Sue Neff passed away on Wednesday, December 9. Sue was a founding member of the Origami Club of Pittsburgh and often contributed her folding expertise to Japan in the Schools visits and the High School Japanese Speech Contest. She was also a member of the Pittsburgh-Saitama City Sister City Committee and the Pittsburgh Japanese Print Club. Read more about her life and accomplishments in her [obituary](#). She will be missed!



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