



GOOD VIBES



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Finally our midterm tests are over! How did it go? I can imagine what most of you will say... but keep your heads up! There will be finals in about three weeks, so we can make up for it! Let's study hard and have an awesome summer!

Celebrity of the Month



This month I will be introducing Shawn Mendes. Shawn is a Canadian singer-songwriter. When he was 15, he started posting cover songs on YouTube. His videos went viral and soon he released his first

album, *Handwritten*, in 2015. Some popular songs from the album are "Stitches" and "Something Big." I personally love "Life of the Party," "Never Be Alone," and "Little Too Much," because they cheer me up. His second album, *Illuminate*, was released the following year and soon reached the top of the *Billboard Hot 10*. "There's Nothing Holding Me Back," "Treat You Better," and "Mercy" are some of his songs that have been in the top 10.

Xiang Xiang



Have you ever seen the giant panda Xiang Xiang at Ueno Zoo? She will turn one year old on the 12th of June. Since she is very popular with people of all ages,

an event to celebrate her birthday is going to be held. It is called 'Happy Pandaful Days,' and there will be a photo exhibition, special sweets, and also a stamp rally. At Ueno Zoo, special Xiang Xiang goods will be on sell, so we can expect increased economic activity because of her.



What's trendy in America?

Have you heard of a sushi burrito before? Apparently, it is very popular in America. It is a thick *norimaki* which contains a lot of ingredients such as chicken, lettuce, avocado, sausage, cream cheese, and meat loaf. It's surprising to hear that they sell this in Starbucks as well!



Another thing that is popular in America is *Kombucha*. It is very different from Japanese traditional tea. Kombucha, known as healthy tea, is favored by many people because it contains vitamin B, probiotics, and a high concentration of acid which acts as a shield to cells. It comes in many fruit flavors.



Prom



Do you know what prom is? It is a dance party held around the end of the school year in America. The name is an abbreviation of 'promenade.' Usually juniors (H2) and seniors (H3) can participate, and they enjoy the party as it's the last event of the year.

Boys often ask girls to go with them in very unique ways. This is called a 'prom proposal.' But what if you don't have a partner? Well, you can still go in a big group! So don't worry. :)

At prom, girls wear formal dresses and boys wear suits. Students vote for prom king and queen, and popular kids are elected usually. Prom is an event that isn't held in Japan, so please enjoy it if you ever have a chance!

