

GOOD MORNING, AOMORI!



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The summer saw the arrival of 44 new JETs to Aomori prefecture. With eager anticipation they descended the plane at Aomori airport, to meet their new employees and get acquainted with their new home. The Aomori JET community bids you an enthusiastic welcome, and looks forward to enfolding you in it's warm embrace. We JETs in Aomori are a diverse group, and you will find us talented, motivated, and very much willing to help. So, if and whenever the need does arise, do not hesitate to get in contact with your PAs, your big brothers and sisters, your community coordinators, or other sempai JETs (older in experience). Once again, Welcome to Aomori!

Abidemi Bankole
Prefectural Advisor

Last Year at a Glance

Allison Reed (Goshogawara)

There is nothing blue about this [blue forest](#) with everything it has to offer and all of the amazing people throughout this ken. It doesn't matter if you just got here or if you've been here longer than the one-legged Shakochan of Tsugaru City, there is always something going on to please the local JET.

[Aomori](#) is definitely the place to be in early August as it is buzzing with the summer festival season. Many of us started out last year hopping around to the rhythmic beats of the taiko drums and the melodic tunes of the flutes during [Aomori Nebuta](#) screaming "[Rassera rassera](#)". And with the plethora of local festivals, JETs throughout the ken were able to experience this once-a-year phenomenon of communities coming together and enjoying the hot summer nights.

Every year also brings in a new group of JETs and August proved to be a crucial time of adjustment and socializing. To help in these endeavors, the prefectural office sponsored the [Aomori Orientation](#) and AJET took care of the various excursions and night-out-on-the-towns. Everest of Apples (EoA) hosted the annual [Scavenger Hunt](#) which resulted in many teams scurrying throughout the ken trying to accomplish all of the tasks while discovering some real Aomori gems. The final treasure of the Scavenger Hunt was the [welcome party](#) hosted at the Shichinohe Cabins by AJET where we partied the night away with new friends.

As the weather cooled down, we all got a taste of Japanese culture at [Culture Day](#) in Aomori City. There was something for everyone ranging from sumo to Japanese cooking and painting small wooden horses to playing taiko. As autumn progressed, many of us took scenic drives to enjoy the foliage while dipping our bodies in the natural onsens along the way. Autumn wouldn't be complete without the annual [Everest of Apples' Halloween party](#) in Hachinohe. And last year was no exception of creative costumes with many political character spoofs, your classic blood and gore, and even a human scrabble board complete with letter tiles and points!

In late November, we all headed to Aomori City for the [mid-year seminar](#) and [EoA's annual talent show](#) and auction where an infamous former PA was sold for a record 9 man. As Aomori became a [winter wonderland](#), the kotatus came out and snow sport enthusiasts congregated to the fresh powder of Hakkoda and the familiar slopes of Iwaki. Good times were had by many whether it was the [AJET ski weekend](#), the snow festivals in Sapporo, nabe parties galore, or massive snow ball fights in the local parks.



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After a long winter, Aomori started to defrost and with that came the green-clad [St. Paddy's party in Misawa](#), the [EoA futsal tournament](#), and the much welcomed cherry blossoms in Hirosaki park. Many ventured off during the [Golden Week](#) holidays and others started preparing for their big moves back home. However, that didn't stop some from showing off their theatrical and Tsugaru-ben skills in the annual [Tsugaru-ben taikai](#).

And the cherry on top to this jam-packed year was the [EoA Trivia Weekend](#) perfectly located in the beautiful Oriase Gorge. As summer approached, the towns dusted off their taiko drums and wetted their flutes to begin practice for the summer festivals. As we bid farewell to those we have shared the blue forest with and whom have become life-long friends, we prepare to welcome in the new bunch of JETs with whom we hope enjoy the next [extraordinary year](#) with in this magical blue forest.

The Upcoming Year

- [August](#) New JETS arrive, JET Nebuta, Aomori Orientation, Scavenger Hunt Welcome Parties,
- [September](#) ALTS start teaching, Silver Week
- [October](#) JLPT applications close, Culture Day, E of A/AJET Halloween Party
- [November](#) ALT and CIR Mid-Year Seminar, E of A Talent Show, E of A Art Show
- [December](#) JLPT, Winter Vacation
- [February](#) Re-contrating Decision, ALT/CIR Opinion Exchange, AJET Ski Weekend
E of A Casino Night
- [March](#) Graduation Ceremonies, Farewell Parties
- [April](#) New School/Financial Fear, JET city tax obligations,
JET car tax obligations, Chinese/Korean JET arrivals, Futsal Tournament
- [May](#) Leavers start preparing, NEW AJET meets with IAD, Golden Week
- [July](#) JET Leavers Party, Group A JETs arrive

Work Event Schedule

September 12 AJET Welcome Party (Shichinohe Bunkamura Cabins)
E of A Scavenger Hunt

September 21 Holiday (Respect for the Aged Day)

September 22 Holiday (National Holiday)

September 23 Holiday (Autumnal Equinox Day)

A Little Sudoku for you...

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JLPT Japanese Language Proficiency Test

This year the JLPT will be held on [Sunday, December 6](#). There will be 4 levels testing from beginning to advanced Japanese abilities. The test is widely recognized throughout Japan and abroad and can be a good measurement of your own Japanese progress! Last year the test was offered in several cities including Sapporo and Morika. [Kinokuniya bookstore in Hirosaki](#) is the only place to purchase the application form in Aomori Prefecture, so if you are down in that area make sure to pick one up! The application form costs 500 yen and the [application fee is 5500 yen](#). The application period lasts from August 28 to October 2.

Levels 1 and 2 will also be specially offered next June throughout Japan, South Korea, China, and Taiwan.

For more details regarding the test visit:

<http://www.jlpt.jp/e/>

Useful sites for studying Japanese and kanji:

<http://www.readthekANJI.com/>

<http://www.jlpt-kanji.com/>

Other ways to study Japanese?

- ① [Aim to take the Kanji Kentei](#)– a nation-wide exam that many Japanese and gaijin alike take every year! There are several levels to test kanji– from beginner to master!
- ② [Join a Japanese club](#) in your area – most clubs are once a week for a reasonable price! Not a bad way to spend a few of your yen!
- ③ [Make an effort](#) to spend time speaking with Japanese speakers!

Killing time shi-style

Crave Cravak (Aomori)

"The thing about life is you always have to keep something on the to do list."

- Alan Shore

There was once a city by the sea. And one day there came a traveler. As he stood before the station, something lingered in the air: time. And it weighed him down with suffocating boredom. While he had heard about the Apple Capitol, he was innocent of experience and was thus unsure how to plot the murder.

The thing about Aomori is that it's Aomori. You can't expect to find Lonely Planet-esque jewels in a penny-less mirage of quickly re-built buildings after hot dog eating people dropped their bombs. Those gems lie within the thicket of inaka. But what you will find in the shi is a leisurely quality time. If you just happen to be near the station and want to 'bump off' some time, solid bets exist.

For those short on cash, nothing compares to a classic stroll. Walk north towards a large rust bucket of a ship and you'll say hi to a bridge. Get your camera ready to capture the surrounding bay and mountains. Keep trekking east and you'll hit the triangle shaped Aspam: Aomori's most beautiful yet useless building. You won't find much outside of omiyage, but there is plenty of space to take a rest or spy an elevated view of the sea.



Adjacent to the station is Lovina, the small shopping home to three 'gaijin-friendly' havens. Baskin Robins ice cream; Jupiter, a run of the mill foreign food shop, and one heck of a 'French' bakery, which offers several 'party in your mouth' goodies.

Across the street and just a skip south rests Rosy Cheeks, a cozy bar run by the cheerful Miyumi. She's eager to learn English, and it's a great place to share a hot cup of talk. But if you're feeling dirty, continue south under the bridge, then head east to the brand new Machinaka Onsen. It may not offer natural

splendor, but it scores points for being so close to the station.

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For cheap eats just hit up some gyudon at [Yoshinoya](#) across the street, or two blocks east rock the [McDonalds](#). Don't be too quick to raise your brow as its second floor provides some of the best people watching in the city and the wireless access is a welcome bonus. But afterwards nothing waters down that greasy meat like a cheap cocktail at [Bar Flat](#) in Passage just a block west down Shinmachi. Don't let its narrow size fool you; it packs in a healthy dose of regulars and tourists all eager to strike up a chat with dangerous gaijin.

But the prime spot is [Auga](#), the massive consumer complex just one block east of the station on the covered street of Shinmachi. Each floor features something exciting including shops and restaurants but also a large library, an artsy study space, and a free computer lab.

If you're in the mood for mass murder, take a green bus from the station to a shopping complex that features Nittori, Aomori's answer to Ikea; Toys'R'Us;



pachinko, arcade, kaiten sushi, and a movie theatre.

Whatever the case may be just know that there is plenty to keep you occupied as you wait for your train, bus, or rendezvous.



Cheers to you killing time however you do so desire!



A Welcome from AJET...

Bryan Haut (Towada)

Again, welcome to Aomori. For the past few months, and for the whole foreseeable future, folks will be extending welcomes and how-do-ya-dos to all our new Aomori arrivals. We all want to make sure that you are settling in comfortably in your new home. But we want to do more than simply say "welcome," we want to make you feel welcome here. And that is our goal at Aomori-AJET, to make your life a bit more enjoyable, easy, and welcoming in Aomori.



But what is AJET, you ask? AJET is the national support group for all people in the JET community; AJET helps to connect you to your friends, and to information that will help you along during your time here. But what is Aomori-AJET, you press? Well aren't you nosy. Aomori-AJET is the drunk, backwoods cousin of the national organization. Helmed by [Aaron Chambers](#), [Bryan Haut](#), and [Joe Colistro](#), Aomori-AJET wants Skynyrd on the radio, a cold beer in hand, and the good times to last forever. We ensure the right to party is preserved in three ways.



First, we are the prefecture-wide social planners. We will organize parties throughout the year. Coming up on September 12th is the **Welcome Party** in Shichinohe, where everyone will get a chance to meet the new arrivals. This winter we will be organizing another **Ski Weekend** on Moya Hills up in Aomori-shi. And we will definitely toast the banishment of snakes from Ireland at the annual **St. Patrick's party** in Misawa.

Second, we also help run events that people will remember. Aomori-AJET worked to get you all to the wonderful **Nebuta Festival** in August. In the fall we will run the prefecture-wide **Culture Day**, where you can learn about traditions of Aomori and Japan in general: from the dulcet melodies of the shamisen, to the cacophonous din of a sumo match.



And third, much like Barack Obama (but with fewer graduate degrees), we are community organizers. Aomori-AJET works alongside the **community coordinators** to run the Big Brothers and Big Sisters program that helps new arrivals integrate into their towns. Aomori-AJET made sure to have welcome packages to give you a little taste of home. And Aomori-AJET always strives to ensure everyone is well informed of upcoming events by administering the prefectural email list. So again (and again, and again), welcome to Aomori. If you'd like to get involved with Aomori-AJET or if you have any questions, be sure to write to us at AomoriAJET@gmail.com

...and the Community Coordinators

"Welcome to Aomori! And more specifically to those of you in the Nambu region, ummm, an even BIGGER welcome!!

For those of you who don't know what to expect, Nambu is an amazing place that, while lacking some of the bigger cities that the rest of the ken has, still packs a tremendous amount of possibility. From the picturesque Lake Towada to the rockin' beaches in Hachinohe, we've pretty much got it all. We look forward to meeting you all!"

Joe Colistro 3rd year ALT, Sannohe Town/Nambu CC



"Aloha from the Awesome Aomori Area!



Aomori isn't just the political and geographical center of Aomori Prefecture, it's a state of mind. Besides providing places to crash for JETs coming to the region for various JET events throughout the year, we are a group of easy-going, down-to-earth and pleasant folk who get a lot of snow but like to keep it real. We have a fine assortment of karaoke establishments, bars, yakitori shacks, scallops, great powder on Mt. Hakkoda, and other wonders to discover like many other regions in the prefecture, but we are most proud to be home to the only immigration office in the prefecture. Our territory spans from Hiranai in the Natsudomari Peninsula, down and around Aomori city, and all the way up the East coast of the Tsugaru Peninsula through Yomogita, Sotogahama and up on to Imabetsu. You are always welcome in our neck of these "blue forest" woods."

Zack Bass, 3rd Year CIR, Aomori City/Aomori CC

"Welcome to Aomori! Tsugaru is arguably the most beautiful region of Aomori from Iwaki-san (also known as Aomori's Fuji) to apple trees, which grow the world famous Fuji apples, to vast expanses of rice fields. It is also home to the Shirakami Mountains, one of Japan's World Heritage Sites; Hirosaki Castle, the best cherry blossom viewing site in the country; a buried forest; Tachineputa; the bluest lake in the country; rice field art in Inakadate; and of course, Tsugaru-ben, the dialect that is incomprehensible to those outside the region, but a source of pride to all living in Tsugaru. Our doors are always open to those who want to come and check out the greatness that is Tsugaru, and for those who got the golden ticket to this amazing place we can't wait to see how much you'll come to love it here."

**Katie Mulroy, 2nd Year ALT and Allison Reed, 5th year ALT
Goshogawara City/ Tsugaru CC**



"Welcome to Aomori! I hope all the new JETs are settling into their new homes and have had a chance to enjoy the festival season in Japan. My name is Mike Larson and I'm the Community Coordinator up in Shimokita - the land of Osorezan, Oma Maguro and Wild Horses. I want to extended a warm welcome to all of the newcomers, especially those of you who will be joining me up here in the wilderness of Shimokita. And to JETs throughout Aomori, please feel free to come up and enjoy our peninsula any time you like (we've all been gifted with decent-sized apartments up here and there are plenty of empty futons). Your time in Japan is sure to be a memorable experience, so dive in and live it up."

Mike Larson, 2nd year ALT, Mutsu City, Shimokita CC

5th Year JETs

Allison Reed (Goshogawara)

Job Description: ALT for 6 elementary schools and 2 junior high schools, Tsugaru-ben guru in training, entertainment for the locals

First impression of Aomori: I remember riding in my supervisor's car on the way to my house and couldn't get over how green and beautiful everything was. Then I heard everyone talk and thought I forgot all of the Japanese I had studied in college because I couldn't understand a word anyone was saying.

Impression of Aomori now: Home

Greatest person you've met in Aomori: Rachel Ando from Iideba Eigo Juku ... naw, I'm just kidding. There are too many great people I've met from amazing JETs, to people in my community, to the kids at my school, that it would be too hard to choose just one.

One word to describe how you want your last year on JET to be: Enlightening



Eric Clark (Goshogawara)

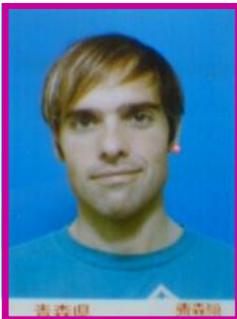
Job Description: ALT

First impression of Aomori: This is one sketchy landing. I thought typhoons did not come to Aomori.

Impression of Aomori now: There are still a million discoveries to be made. Aomori is a great place to teach English, and a great place to be a weekend adventurer. I am thankful for my time here.

Greatest person you've met in Aomori: The legendary Trout Whisperer of the Shiramakimi Mountains.

One word to describe how you want your last year on JET to be: Aomorious



Other fifth year JETs: Andrey Novgorodsky

Traveling

Useful Travel Tips

- [Book tickets in advance](#) to get better deals and the trip you want!
- [Hotel and Air packages](#) from travel agencies can be great bargains.
- [Use your Paid Leave](#) (nenkyu) to your advantage especially around public holidays.
- Don't forget your [re-entry permits!](#)
- Check [visa requirements](#) and country information when traveling.
- Check the [Aomori JET Library](#) for travel books before purchasing your own.
- Sign up for [frequent flier miles](#).

Good Deals

- [Seishun Juhachi Train Tickets](#) – discount JR train tickets can be used during specific periods. It allows 5 days of free unlimited travel to anywhere in Japan on JR lines for only 11,500 yen.
- [Japan Rail Pass](#) - For visiting friends and family (you must have a temporary visitor stamp in your passport), the Japan Rail Pass may be the cheapest way to go. 28,300 yen will give you 7 days of unlimited travel on all JR trains including the shinkansen.

Useful Websites

[No. 1 Travel](#): www.no1-travel.com

[JTB](#): www.jtb.co.jp

[Japan Railways](#): www.japanrail.com

[Train Time Tables](#): www.hyperdia.com

[Travel Insurance](#): www.worldnomads.com

[Bus](#) (night bus): travel.willer.co.jp/en/

[Couch Surfing](#): www.couchsurfing.com



Ask a PA

advice from Zack and Abidemi

Question: "Some of the tatami in my apartment got burnt after my friend forgot to put out a cigarette, and now I owe my landlord a bunch of money. I thought we had insurance?"

Answer: Well, we JETs are very lucky to have an excellent JET Accident Insurance policy, however what many JETs are unaware of is that JET Accident Insurance does not cover your housing or belongings. In the past JETs have had to pay for damages caused by fires and or water leaks for not only their own housing and or belongings, but also that of neighbors' as well.

House and contents insurance ("kasai hoken") is optional, but highly recommended, especially if you have many valuables, are living next to others that might suffer damages or damage your own property, or have furnishings provided by your contracting organization (like a refrigerator, heater, water heater, bed, tables, etc.)

Even a small accident could easily end up costing you several paychecks or more, and while there are some differences in coverage policies, and they can depend on your housing situation, even the most strapped for cash JETs should be able to afford house and contents insurance that provides decent coverage.

Since not too many JETs know about this insurance, chances are you are not enrolled in it, so now might be a great opportunity to talk with your contracting organization about it or looking into a policy yourself. Accidents happen to all of us, so getting proper coverage could save you a lot of headache later down the road. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail us PAs anytime!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JETs!

お誕生日おめでとう!

August

- 12 Christine Cruell
- 13 Angella Lee
- 21 Zachary Heyman
- 26 Lisa Petro
- 28 Erik Kumetz
- 30 Adrian Hogan
- 30 Ikumi Crocoll
- 30 Stephen Pendlebury
- 31 Michael Warren

September

- 08 Alexander Gordon
- 09 Nancy Valasquez
- 10 Patrycja Soltysiak
- 22 Michael Cayas
- 22 Viresh Prahalath
- 24 Adam Mott
- 26 Rachel Rottman
- 27 Allison Reed



By Sonomi Tanaka

CIR Corner - Tsuruta CIR

Karen Eaton (Tsuruta)



Hey everyone, I'm Karen, am from New Zealand, and have just started my second year as a CIR in Tsuruta. I am based at the town office and work alongside a private CIR from Tsuruta's sister city, Hood River, Oregon, USA.

The private CIR and I spend most of our time teaching English at the kindergartens and elementary schools around town. The rest of my time is spent preparing for events, writing articles for the town newsletter, translating letters or documentation regarding sister city matters, and occasionally interpreting when groups visit

from Hood River.

The part I enjoy most about the job would have to be the events. We have four main events throughout the year; Earth Day in April, Tsugaru-ben Taikai in June, Halloween Party in October and a Culture Fair in November. A lot of work and time goes into preparing for these but the feeling on the day of seeing it all come together has been really rewarding.

The first year flew by and I felt like I was on the back foot most of the time, with everything being new and unknown. This year though, I feel like I will be able to spend more time just enjoying myself and finding out more about this beautiful area I'm living in.



Teacher Talk

Daisuke Yamada

(Aomori City Board of Education)

Let's enjoy Aomori dialect!

What do you like about Aomori life? Beautiful nature? Delicious seafood? Sumer festivals such as NEBUTA? How about trying to speak some Aomori dialect? The shortest conversation in Tsugaru-ben, 「どさ？ー湯さ」 means "Where are you going? — I'm going to the public bath." It is interesting, isn't it? Aomori dialects help you understand the way of thinking of Aomori people. If you try to use Tsugaru-ben or Nambu-ben, people may feel more familiar to you. When I stayed in South Carolina, I was confused with the Southern accent. But once I got used to listening to it, I felt closer to people there. I don't know why, but I felt I understood the people more. Language is interesting. We can make relations with anybody using languages. It is a great thing for us to teach 'language', isn't it? I'm very happy that I have a job of teaching a language.



Helen's Sage Words of Advice Helen Masters (Fujisaki)

(In no particular order)

Oha! My name is Helen and I live in Fujisaki. Yoroshiku! I have the unique position of being a fourth year JET but being thrown into the same boat as all the first years. Although this is my fourth year with the program I have just moved to a new town, with a new board of education and new schools. Panic time! I just had everything sorted out and in order and now they've changed it all. So on that note, I've come up with seven handy dandy keep in mind points.

1. **Make friends with the non-teachers in your office.** These are the people who have the most free time, pass on important information and most importantly, hand out the omiyage from peoples trips. Whenever you have questions about what's going on in the office, Japanese study, timetable changes, Tsugaru-ben and anything else, these are the people to ask.
2. **Carry stickers with you.** In elementary school these are invaluable, in junior high school they're useful and in high school if they work with some students but not others. For elementary and junior high, I recommend something with English. For high school I recommend you make it as cute as possible.
3. **Be on time for the morning meetings.** They're boring as hell, you don't understand most of what is being said and most of what is being said is of no consequence to you. However the "I'm coming in late" sneak doesn't work so well in Japan.
4. **Go to Enkais.** Even if you don't drink, even if you don't speak Japanese go! Enkais can be a lot of fun and it's a great way to make connections with your teachers. Many teachers who have never spoken to you during the day will come over and try their hardest to tell you all about their hobby in English.
5. **Invite yourself to club activities.** Even if you don't join in and just go to watch and talk to the students this can be a lot of fun. The more serious clubs (baseball for example) can be a little daunting to join in, but many of the clubs like archery, kendo, volleyball etc will be more than happy to have you participate with them. This is a great way to talk to you students, learn more about traditional Japanese activities (ikebana, kendo etc) and get more involved with the school.
6. **Do your best to follow Japanese etiquette** but if you screw it up giggle about it. The best one is to come back from the bathroom still wearing the bathroom slippers instead of the regular ones.
7. **Try to speak to people.** If you speak a lot of Japanese talk to everyone you can in your school and your office. If you don't speak a lot of Japanese talk your five words and make the most of them! Most teachers who are sitting at their desks are looking busy to kill time and talking with the new ALT is a great way to kill time. They usually won't initiate conversation but when you do get them talking they will have a bunch of questions for you.

As a last note I'm going to remind you of the most important thing. Don't worry! I had a friend who, through no fault of her own, happened to not be wearing underwear on her first day and managed to flash half her office (who then proceeded to tell the rest of the office, Pantusu jyanai!). Yet she still managed to put in a solid three years on JET. And in my first week I managed to inform my office that there were erotic bars in Hirosaki (I was going for iro iro (various) but came out with ero ero instead >_<) Don't sweat the little stuff and don't worry about your mistakes. Later on they will be hilarious.

Its for the children!

Genevieve Murphy (Fukaura)

Everest of Apples began in 2002 when a past ALT, by the name of Richard Paterson, was introduced to Purna Kumar Shrestha, the founder of the [Projwal School](#) in Chaughada Village, Nepal. They worked collaboratively to set up a pen pal exchange program between the Projwal School and Gonohe Elementary School with the combined goals of practicing English and international exchange.

As the year progressed a prefectural charity group was established to help support the Projwal School, hence the beginning of Everest of Apples.

Since then, this group has continued to grow and develop. Through the generous support of the JET community during various fund



raisers over the last 7 years, E of A has sponsored: the construction of a 3 story school building and a toilet block to improve sanitary conditions, classroom furniture, the installation of electricity in the building, upkeep and operations costs, as well as scholarships to increase student attendance, programs for improved professional development for teachers, and assistance in paying teachers' salaries. Fortunately, because of reaching our yearly fundraising goals, we are able to expand our sponsorship to include a [new program in Cambodia](#) as well as continue to support the Projwal School.

Last year, E of A began a new relationship with an NGO in

Cambodia called This Life Cambodia (TLC). Like the Projwal School in Nepal, this NGO focuses on a universal right to education for boys *and* girls. Our first donation was used to repair the holes in the roof of an orphanage near Angkor Wat Temple to improve the lifestyle of the children living there. We will continue to discuss and assess the needs of the children at the Angkor Wat Pagoda and TLC as we prepare to outline this year's fundraising budget.



Its for the children! ...continued

We ask you to PLEASE be involved in E of A this year. Participate in E of A by coming to our regional and ken wide meeting, have fun at the fundraisers hosted throughout the year and donate your yen frivolously. Start saving now for our Golden Week trip to Nepal to volunteer at the Projwal School and learn more about Nepal and its' culture. If you're interested, we can help you organize a pen pal exchange with your school and the students in Nepal or Cambodia. Please look for announcements of upcoming events in the GMA and on the listserve. We are looking forward to another exciting year of fundraising fun and shenanigans as we work together to continue to improve the educational opportunities for children in Nepal and Cambodia! Remember...as always... it's for the children!

For more information please check out the following sites...

<http://www.everestofapples.jetsetjapan.com/> (about E of A)

http://www.thislifecambodia.org/This_Life_Cambodia/Home.html (about TLC)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nARu-MQBnJM&NR=1>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4fWHqDn-Zcs> (JET visit to Projwal School)

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