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『躍動』 第7回 「四ツ葉杯 (カップ)」

9月30日(金)、爽やかな秋空のもと、第7回「四ツ葉杯(カップ)」が開催されました。生徒会本部役員を中心に、実行委員の生徒が企画・運営を行い、各クラス・各団が一丸となってスポーツに親しみ、友好を深めました。また、6年生にとっては最後の大きな生徒会行事であり、各団の団長さんのエールを受け、精一杯プレーする姿が印象的でした。



祝 優勝 高円宮杯「中学英語弁論大会」

10月5日(木)、群馬県青少年会館において、英語のスピーチ力を競う「高円宮杯第69回全日本中学校英語弁論大会」の群馬県大会が開催されました。伊勢崎市代表となった本校の森山花琳さん(3年)が一般の部に出場し、見事優勝を果たしました。森山さんは、故郷を愛することの大切さについて、生まれ育った桐生の繊維産業の歴史や豊かな自然を誇りに思うとした上で、東京五輪・パラリンピックに向けて「私たち一人一人が日本の大使。もっと故郷や日本について学びましょう」と呼びかけました。

森山さんは、11月22日・23日に赤坂区民ホールで行われる全国予選大会に出場し、勝ち抜くと、11月24日に東京よみうりホールで行われる決勝大会に進みます。

今まで培ってきた英語活用能力を存分に発揮し、頑張ってもらいたいと思います。 ※ 裏面に原稿を掲載してあります

中学英語弁論 森山さん優勝



健闘! 中学校駅伝競走大会

10月7日(土)、伊勢崎市民のもり公園において、第13回伊勢崎市佐波郡中学校総合体育大会駅伝競走大会(男子26 女子24チーム参加)が開催されました。走った選手はもちろん、応援の選手・先生方が一体となって取り組んだ駅伝大会でした。保護者の皆様、たくさんの応援ありがとうございました。



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男子Aチーム	7位	五十嵐匡祐(3)	丸山 隼矢(3)	小野 匠(2)	篠田 丈(3)	富田 琉仁(2)	中村峻太郎(3)
男子Bチーム	16位	吉原 辰樹(2)	菊池 悠真(2)	春川 泰我(1)	高橋 尚希(2)	長谷川耕晟(1)	濱田 真司(3)
女子Aチーム	9位	久保田優花(2)	青木和花子(3)	齋藤 胡桃(1)	小林 優奈(2)	新井 萌佳(3)	
女子Bチーム	18位	青柳 愛彩(2)	金子 日和(3)	小田島佑和(3)	櫻井 里紗(2)	日下このは(2)	

What's the pride of your country? My hometown Kiryu is famous for its long history with the textile industry. People used to say that "Kyoto was the west gate and Kiryu was the east gate of the Japanese textile industry." The great general Tokugawa loved it since the battle of Sekigahara. Kiryu is surrounded by nature and has beautiful rivers running through it. Many companies operate at the frontiers of technology. For example, one company makes a water purifier which was adopted for the United Nations, and another company makes swimwear for Olympians. I learned these things in the special education program, which was made for human resources development in the future of Kiryu, and it made me proud of my hometown more than before. If you participate in this activity, you can learn and experience real things. For example, weaving, fishing in the river, learning about local food production, consumption and so on.

Unfortunately, some of my friends don't know well about our hometown and are not interested in it. They don't feel attached to their hometown anymore and they tend to long for urban life because living in big cities is more convenient. It may lead to a population decrease in Kiryu. When my friend studied abroad, she couldn't introduce Japan's good points. We need to know more about our hometown and we should be proud of our traditions, our history, our culture and our technology, and welcome all people who feel the same.

The past two years, I have been going to school in Isesaki, which is not my hometown. Now I love Isesaki too, because I spent a lot of time there and learned about many things such as Isesaki Meisen, the city's geography and its history. If you see a place which you have been to on TV or the internet, how do you feel? Many people probably have a sense of familiarity. Knowing about the place might make us emotionally attached.

Communication with rural Japan can be slow and inconvenient. However, if we use ideas and skills in today's Internet society, we can move a lot of things from the city to the countryside, across the country and even the whole world. Living in the countryside will have fewer *inconveniences* than before. We have less traffic jams and can put children into nursery schools more easily too.

If people learn about its good points or specialties, children can gain confidence and pride in their area. If they love their hometown, people who left for higher education in cities can choose to go back their hometown or to support it. Our hometowns have their own charms and things that we can only do in them as well. For instance traditional buildings and festivals can only be seen there. We should know more, so we can protect their charming points and even develop them. Let's increase our knowledge about our hometowns. But how can we do this? My ideas are increasing opportunities to learn about hometowns in school education and participating in local activities like those which I joined.

In 2020, the world will be watching both the TOKYO Olympics and Japan. We can show our country's special and most interesting points with confidence to people all over the world. After 10 years, my generation will become pillars of society and the future. What will become of Japan in 10 years? I think our pride in Japan's culture will greatly increase, so sharing that culture with the world will be our jobs. Namely, we will be ambassadors of our country. Let's have pride in Japan, and love our own country, and hometown areas. Our country will liven up when we learn more about it and can share it with the *world with confidence*. Lastly, I'll ask you again. What's the pride of your country?