



Hello everyone,

We are the students from The Thousand Crane Club. During the summer, we continued our endeavors for peace by participating in multiple local events. Through those events, we were able to realize how grateful we are to have connections with the local community and the importance of working together to achieve a common goal. Here are some highlights from our activities:

July 19th - Creating Bottle Decorations for the Water Offering Event



We gathered to decorate 120 bottles for the water offering ceremony on August 6th. At first, it was challenging for us to come up with creative designs that represent peace and Hiroshima. As we improved, we started using materials other than paper such as yarn, ribbons, and cloths. In the end, we were able to make 52 decorations in 3 hours and the rest were completed as summer holiday homework.

July 27th - Visiting Mayor Kazumi Matsui

We visited Mayor Kazumi Matsui of Hiroshima City at the city hall to hand over the newly published "Hiroshima no Kokoro 4 (Spirit of Hiroshima 4)". This book was created by the students from schools and organizations around Hiroshima and we were part of this project as well. At the event, Sato-san and Mayor Matsui expressed the significance of us, the younger generations, to understand the past, take actions by ourselves, and pass them on to future generations.



August 4th - 'Orizuru no Kiseki' Preview Event



'Orizuru no Kiseki' is a documentary tracing the life of Sadako Sasaki, a victim of the atomic bombing who folded a thousand paper cranes hoping that she would recover from leukemia. As the number of a-bomb survivors is decreasing every year, Mr. Masahiro Sasaki (Sadako's brother) and Yuji Sasaki (Sadako's nephew) decided to film this documentary to communicate Hiroshima's story to the next generation. We got a sneak peek into this heartfelt documentary and we are very excited to watch it in the theaters next year.

We also had the opportunity to listen to a live talk session with Mr. Clifton Truman Daniel, the grandson of Harry Truman who was the president of the United States when the a-bomb was dropped in Hiroshima. He shared that the suffering of war is always experienced by both sides and his grandfather told him that he dropped the a-bomb to save Japanese and American lives. Seeing the friendly exchanges between The Sasaki Family and Mr. Daniel, we once again thought that the act of forgiveness is the key to peace.

August 6th - Water Offering Ceremony

The 献水 (Kensui) ceremony was organized by Ms. Morimoto who thought that offering water instead of flowers (known as 献花) would be more appropriate for the souls of deceased victims who died of seeking water after the atomic bombing. We filled 120 bottles with water from the Mitaki Temple and placed the bottle decorations that we made on July 19th. We offered water with our prayers in various locations near the Peace Memorial Park. On our water offering journey, we encountered many monuments and statues around the city that we would have never noticed before. Please enjoy this [video](#) explaining more about the event.





We would like to thank our teachers, parents, and other members of the school community for your continued support for The Thousand Crane Club. We are looking forward to new exciting experiences and having a larger impact in our community this school year!