



Maiden Lane Times

February 2021

Happy Birthday!

- Natalia Czopek - 2/6
- Begench Piriyeu - 2/7
- Mr.Sato, School Owner - 2/7
- David Knoll - 2/7
- Frank Clements - 2/7
- Riyadh Bin Meerah - 2/16
- Tisakorn Mekborisut - 2/17
- Bohdana Hoiuk - 2/23
- Yun Ji Jeong - 2/24
- Tomoko Tai - 2/27
- Haojie Yin - 2/28

Important Dates

- 2/15 - Presidents' Day
- 2/17 - Unit 4 Exam (AM & PM)
- 2/20 - Unit 4 Exam (Weekend)

Did you know ???

- While we send hearts and flowers to our loved ones on Valentine's Day, it is reported that about 9 million people buy gifts for their dogs. That's something to bark about!
- We celebrate achievements by African Americans during Black History Month, a time for recognizing the central role of Black Americans in U.S. history.

Student Spotlight *Takayo Shaura*



I'm Takayo Shaura from Japan. Before I came to NY, I used to teach ballet and was a ballet dancer. I wanted to improve my dance skills more, so I decided to go to NY. The reason is that in NY City, there are the most famous dance studios in the world. First, when I came to NY, I took dance programs for 2 years at a dance school. At that time, I took the mandatory 12 dance classes a week. One class was 1 & ½- 2 hours long. It was very hard for me but I was able to learn some wonderful dance styles and met an awesome dance teacher and dancers. If I had not been here, I think I wouldn't have had these wonderful experiences. Second, after I got my certificate of completion, I was able to join the musical shows, perform dancing, singing and had a great experience. However, I couldn't speak English well with Americans while I was in the shows. In addition, I was depressed that I could not communicate with children who came to see the shows.. Then, I thought I should study English hard. Actually, I had some musical shows for children in the last year that were canceled by the pandemic. In fact, we can't perform anything, and I'm not sure when I can start dancing in the shows again. Since I needed to study English more for communication with Americans and children in the near future, I thought I want to learn English at NYEA. Furthermore, I was surprised when I took an online class at this school for the first time because everybody was able to speak English fluently and it was wonderful. Hopefully, I think my English skills are going to improve here!!!

Student Writing

"Valentine's Day" Idioms



What is something that you have put your heart into?

I have many hobbies: sports, mountains, psychology, extreme, travel, cooking but there is only one thing I put my heart into. It's baking cakes because I make them with my hands for people close to me. They enjoy my cakes and it makes me happy. I hope in the future I can open a bakery. - Kamila, Kazakhstan

Sometimes it's hard to explain what it means to put your heart into something. The main reason to understand - is to find a way to express yourself, to find the purpose or the main goal in your life. The best example from my experience is when I decided to launch my YouTube interview channel. I had to come up with questions, with the place, the right person, the topic. Even though it was frustrating, and I wanted to stop this project, something kept me going. I think it was probably because I have a goal and a dream to motivate the young generation to be informed about the world situation, the political situation in different countries and the importance of keeping our environment healthy. Overall, I think it's essential to do something with passion because otherwise, you might not succeed. You might not have enough endurance to go through all the obstacles. Furthermore, you might not even have the motivation to start the project. Therefore it's better to love something so much that even when at grief, you will still not give up. - Karina, Russia

Music is my passion. Since childhood, I have been in awe of people who can play the guitar. In fact, all of my 5 siblings can play it. They taught me the basics and in 5th grade, I started formal lessons. Since then, I have put my heart into studying and playing the guitar. If I like a particular song, I look for its chords and watch different tutorials and study how they play it. Playing the guitar enables me to express my feelings, it is also a great stress reliever and it is always fun to sing and play with my family and friends. - Zenaida, Philippines/Italy

This last year, I learned to put my heart into the things I love. I learned to pursue any passions or hobbies I have, and to remember why I love them in the first place. Sometimes we get so caught up in life, chores and responsibilities we forget what's important for us. I've been reading a lot about fashion, and watching documentaries. Trying to learn a bit more about the stuff that's important to me. Meditating and trying to live in the present has been a huge way for me to put my heart and all my love into my daily life. -Samantha, Mexico,

What did you or someone else say that expressed truthfulness from the bottom of someone's heart?

It was really good to have you here and I would like to thank all of you from the bottom of my heart. - Siddak, India

Even though they had lots of disagreements, she loved her brothers from the bottom of her heart. - Juliana, Brazil

I apologized from the bottom of my heart to the family for making a mistake. - Noman, Pakistan

My 14 year old dog passed away a few days ago and my family talked to me from the bottom of their hearts about how sad it felt to lose Waffle. - Monica, Mexico

Being in a relationship, it's important to be open with your partner. It's so priceless when you can see when your loved one is taking care of you from the bottom of their heart, without expecting to get anything back. - Bohdana, Ukraine

There was a time I told my mom how much I love her and how much she means to me. Those words came from the bottom of my heart. It was a really emotional moment for her. She told me she loved me too. - Fanta, Mali

I think everyone remembers the first time we said "I love you" from the bottom of our heart to someone important. It's a special moment because we are so brave and fragile at the same time hoping the other person has the same feeling for us. But if he/she doesn't have it we've maybe lost every kind of relationship with that person. So for this reason anyone who says "I love you" for the first time is brave and fragile at the same time. - Elisa, Italy

I was talking to my son, and I had suspected for a long time that he was homosexual. We were reading the news, and we read something about a child that was discriminated against by his family because of his sexual orientation. I told him that I couldn't understand that, because my feelings were very different, and I think mothers love our children no matter what they are. We always support our children in doing the right thing. I told him, "from the bottom of my heart, I will always love you, no matter if you some day tell me you like boys or girls. You will never stop being the love of my life." He went to the bathroom, and some minutes later I went back to him. I knocked on the door. When he opened it, he was crying, he hugged me, and told me "Mom, there is something I must tell you." I told him, "Just tell me and let it out. Feel free to tell me, I will not judge you if you are not hurting anyone." - Diana, Colombia

What examples demonstrate that the person has a heart of gold?

My husband has a heart of gold. He works very hard. He gets up early every morning and goes to work. He needs to take care of me. My husband also gives money to my parents and his parents. - Haojie, China

I think every mother has a heart of gold. My mom is a very special person with a golden heart. The first reason is that she gave birth to me. She was always a hard worker and took care of her family. She is also a very happy and hopeful person even if she has no reason to do so. At this time, she takes care of my children and she tries to give them all the happiness that she gave me a long time ago. - Veronika, Georgia