YOKOSUKA, Japan – Students from Fleet Activities Yokosuka schools participated in an egg-drop challenge as part of National Engineers Week. The challenge was hosted by Naval Facilities Engineering Command Far East giving students an opportunity to speak with and learn from engineers and have some fun during the process.
UPCOMING EVENTS

FEB 24 SATURDAY Soulful Jazz Night
6 - 11 p.m. | Club Alliance, 3rd Floor Ballroom
Sit back and enjoy the sounds of a Live Jazz Band while savoring a delicious soul food buffet. For more information call: 243-3000/241-3785.

FEB 24 SATURDAY Wibit Inflatable Obstacle Course
12 - 4 p.m. | Seahawk Natatorium
Make it across without falling off! Participants must have a wristband (passed the swim test). Participants must be able to enter all obstacles independently. For more information, please call 241-2945 | 046-896-2945.

FEB 28 WEDNESDAY Main Base Townhall
6 p.m. | Community Readiness Center AOB/ICR room
Whether about transportation, childcare options or community activities, Main Base residents’ concerns are being heard. Meet Fleet Activities Yokosuka leadership and discuss your concerns in the AOB/ICR classroom at 6 p.m.

MAR 1 THURSDAY NMCRS Active Duty Fund Drive Kick-Off
Starting Thursday, March 1, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society kicks-off their annual Active Duty Fund Drive. The Active Duty Fund Drive is a unique opportunity each year for Sailors to directly impact members of the Navy community. In 2017, NMCRS provided $660,955 in financial support to Sailors and Marines in Yokosuka and nearby areas, including emergency response for the USS Fitzgerald and USS John S. McCain. Sailors can contact their command representative to make a donation and families can visit NMCRS.org. For more information call: 243-7905

MAR 2 FRIDAY Halestorm Concert
6 p.m. | Purdy Gym
Armed Forces Entertainment presents Halestorm, 2013 Grammy Award winner in the “Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance” category. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Free admission and open to all ages. For more information, please call 243-5215/046-816-5215.

MAR 14 WEDNESDAY Ikego Townhall
6 p.m. | Ikego Elementary School
Whether about transportation, childcare options or community activities, Ikego residents’ concerns are being heard. Meet Fleet Activities Yokosuka leadership and discuss your concerns at Ikego Elementary School at 6 p.m.
BEYOND THE GATE

Taura Plum Blossom Festival

Taura Ume no Sato | 25-minute walk from JR Taura Station
The Taura landscape blooms with plum blossoms until early March. Take the time to view the flowering scenery and celebrate events.

Mar 3 (Sat)
Japanese Culture Experience

Miurakaigan Sakura Festival 2018

1:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Sogo Fukushi Kaikan Hall 6F, 2-1 Honcho, Yokosuka
Get in touch with Japanese culture through traditional activities like a tea ceremony, flower arranging, playing musical instruments and more!
Kimonos will be available in a limited quantity first-come basis. ¥500 for flower arrangement and kimonos

Until Mar 4 (Sun)
Miurakaigan Sakura Festival 2018

1 p.m. to 5 p.m. | Miurakaigan Station (Miura city), Keikyu Kurihama Line
Come see the Miurakaigan's Kawazu sakura trees. Enjoy sakura festival food such as cherry Dorayaki (pancake-like confectionery), cherry rice cookies and radish shochu. The Kawazu cherry tree in front of the Miurakaigan station is also illuminated.

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Hina Matsuri (Girls Day) Event

1 p.m. | Awashima Shrine, 1-18-29 Ashina, Yokosuka
Celebrate Hina Matsuri at a shrine renowned for its collections of dolls (ningyou). The opening ceremony starts at 1 p.m. and the Nagashi Hina ceremony, where old Hina dolls are sent into the sea on funerary boats, is at 3:30 p.m.

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The Kominka Museum inhabits a preserved traditional Japanese home and is especially suited to displaying art objects in a human-centered exhibition space that highlights the intimate relationship of celebratory objects in the context of a family home.
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I.C.E. COMMENT

Comment: I received a notice to take down my Decorative Patio Lights in accordance with the rules as laid out by the Housing Handbook. The handbook states that Holiday Decorations are permitted 30 days prior and 15 days after the holiday event and Decorative Lights are permitted to be on from dusk until 10 p.m. I interpret these instructions as two different issues, Holiday Decorations and Decorative Lights that are permitted year-round. If this is not the case, then the handbook needs to be revised, because this is unclear and open to interpretation.

Response: Thank you for submitting an ICE comment on the housing rules and regulations regarding this issue. Decorative Lights are included in the section addressing holiday decorations. Thus the intent is to convey that holiday periods are the only times where any decorative exterior lights are permitted. On future revisions, we will clarify this point. Permitting decorative exterior lights during the holidays is a reasonable, time-limited exception to what would otherwise be a blanket restriction of such displays. For most of the year, we want to maintain a consistently-toned norm for the collective exteriors of our military housing neighborhoods, and provide residents a common basis for mutually-respectful expectations. Limiting the days and times for decorative exterior lights allows residents to express their festive spirit during the holidays while also promoting energy conservation.

As such, the policy seeks to strike a balance between ensuring a consistent exterior look for the collective good, and not suppressing the popularly practiced norms of holiday festivity in our community. We hope you’re satisfied with the information provided, and we request your understanding as we move forward to promote the most balanced and reasonable approach to exterior appearance and energy conservation on base.