

JANUARY 2023

JAMS NEWS



IMPORTANT DATES

Jan. 2

New Student Orientation at 5 p.m.
and Bridge Level Orientation at
5:30 p.m.

Jan. 3

Winter Term Begins

Feb. 12

Abacus Masters '23 at MJCC



ABACUS MASTERS '23

FEB. 12 | 1 - 5 P.M.

Mittelman Jewish Community Center
6651 SW Capitol Highway, Portland, OR 97219

Fee: \$50

**Participation is mandatory for students
attending in-person classes**

One parent from each family must volunteer

We will have a meeting before
the competition to go over volunteer duties.

Math Is Fun

Bring this completed puzzle to class by Jan. 14 and
get a sweet treat from your teacher. Fair warning!
This puzzle is harder than last month's. Good luck!

		5	3				8	
							2	
1				9		5		4
		9		6			7	
7		2	5		1	9		8
	8			2		4		
6		3		8				7
	9							
	1				5	6		

Puzzle by websudoku.com



BE A JAMS SPONSOR

Parents can help make competitions during this term
even more special for the students through
sponsorship.

Even our youngest students can find success when
competing. See for yourself in this [video](#).

As a sponsor, your company's logo will be on the
contest flyer and each sponsor will be recognized at
the competitions.

Please email info@jamsportland.com to be put on
the sponsor list.

PARENT AMBASSADORS

Are you one of JAMS' best cheerleaders?

Become a parent ambassador and get tuition discounts
by helping your school grow. Talk to Mika Sensei about
becoming one today! (Spots are limited.)

MASK REQUIREMENT

We no longer require students to wear a mask in class. Masking is optional. However, we still require students to apply hand sanitizer before entering a classroom.

KEEP SICK CHILD HOME

Please keep your children at home when they are sick.

We will remove any students who show symptoms of sickness immediately (no make-up classes will be offered).

Each student can have up to three make-up classes per term. To be marked as "excused absent," inform us through the portal at least three hours before class.

If it's urgent and right before class starts, we still ask you to inform us through the portal, leave a message with the answering service or email us at info@jamsportland.com with a reason why your child will miss a class.

Bringing a sick child to class will put other students and teachers at risk. Let's be courteous and care for one another.



CONGRATULATIONS, SENSEI!

Miwako Sensei was featured on GoSolo, a website that shares the stories of successful entrepreneurs so that others can learn more about starting their own businesses.

You can read the article about JAMS [here](#).



WAIVER

We require that parents of Beginner students stay upstairs in the building at the end of class as we only let children leave once we see a parent/guardian.

We do not allow children to leave the building alone as we do not find it safe.

If you do not wish to come into the building to pick up your child, you are asked to complete a waiver relieving JAMS and the building leaser of any liability should your child not make it safely to your car.

You can download the waiver form [here](#).

The waiver form is also available at the front desk. Please sign and return it to JAMS.

If you submitted the waiver last term, there is no need to submit it again.

Loyal Parent Program

Your referrals tell us we're doing something right. For every successful referral who enrolls at JAMS, we will say thank you with a gift:

Talk to a teacher about how to get started.

1 student referral = \$50 Visa gift card

2nd student referral = \$75 off in the next term invoice

3rd student referral = \$100 off in the next term invoice

4th student referral = \$125 off in the next term invoice

5th student referral = \$150 off in the next term invoice

6th student referral = \$175 off in the next term invoice

7th student referral = \$200 off in the next term invoice

JAMS Family Spotlight

MEET EUNICE AND HER FAMILY



**We'd like to learn
about your family, too.**

**To be featured in an
upcoming issue of JAMS
NEWS, please email us:**

marketing@jamsportland.com

Dyslexia runs in Eunice's family, and she worried that it might hamper her children's understanding of math. So she decided to try JAMS.

"I thought the physical beads would help them calculate better," she says. "The beads have helped immensely."

Her two oldest boys started with online classes at JAMS during Covid. Jude, her second grader, is now solving math problems on a fifth-grade level.

And Eunice, a stay-at-home mother, sees other benefits.

"I don't hear a lot of great things from them about their regular school, but they love JAMS. They like the confidence they are gaining. They like the problem-solving skills they are learning."

The skills are being put to use in all that the children do – and they do a lot: piano, basketball, swimming, art, orchestra and language classes.

"Abacus teaches them to face other challenges," Eunice says. "They don't quit. They try again."

Jude and his older brother Jack, a fifth grader, attend a Spanish immersion school where 50 percent of the instruction is in Spanish.

"It has been helpful in teaching them the language," Eunice says. But "they prefer JAMS to their regular classes."

The family lives in Corvallis and has continued online at JAMS because of the distance to the classroom.

"JAMS teachers help the students to focus," she says. "They also increase their confidence by challenging but not coddling them. They hold their hands through the challenge. There is lots of tough love."

Eunice and her husband, a consultant for a tech firm in California, also have a 6-month-old son.

"He's a future JAMS student."



ABACUS IS FOR ADULTS, TOO

Parents! You can unlock your brain's potential when you take one of Sensei's MasterClasses. In addition to being better able to help your child with Abacus studies, you will:

- Think more quickly
- Exercise your brain
- Stop cognitive decline

The classes also serve as a refresher for students who previously studied the Abacus.

Give your brain the stimulation it needs. You will think more clearly **and** enjoy improved memory.

Find the details [here](#).

Student Accomplishments

The children at JAMS are overachievers. They do great things, and we want to share the news on their behalf.

Please send us information about your children so we can celebrate their achievements and shout out to the world how awesome they are.

Has your child won an award, received a special certificate or participated in a spelling bee or other school event that's worth celebrating? How about volunteer work or a service project that helps others?

WE WANT TO KNOW ALL ABOUT IT!

Email us the details at marketing@jamsportland.com



TIPS FOR PARENTS

UNICEF offers these five nutrition tips for raising healthy children:

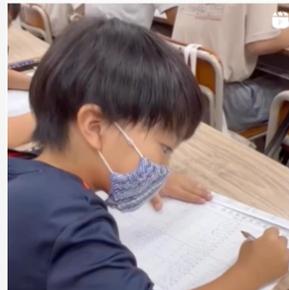
- Eat together
- Tell your child about what makes a healthy eating plate
- Choose quality products
- Cook and choose food together
- Create a pleasant and friendly atmosphere at the table

Read the full blog [here](#) on how parents can build a solid foundation of proper life-long eating habits for their children.



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IN THE NEWS

Learning abacus helps a child excel in STEM-related career fields. According to the Euro Scientist, STEM education is more important than ever.

Here are **5 Trends In Stem Education You Need To Know:**

<https://www.euroscientist.com/5-trends-in-stem-education-you-need-to-know/>