

From the Principal's Window

Miki Hyogo-Prefectural Senior High School

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The rainy season of this year had little rain for the first half, but it rained very heavily at several spots such as Kyushu's northern area as a result. I would like to express my concern for the people in Kyushu who are still suffering from the terrible damage, and I sincerely hope the revival of the area as soon as possible.

This time, I would like to express my hearty thanks to the two assistant language teachers (ALT), who contributed a lot to the global education of Miki Senior High School because they will leave our school soon. Miki SHS has the Global Department of Academic Career, and we declare "Global Education" as one of the main school goals. Therefore, thanks to the support by Hyogo Prefectural Board of Education, two full time ALTs are working here. One ALT is Mr. Russell Woodley, and the other ALT is Ms. Krystal Blacklock.

Russell Sensei (Sensei is a word meaning "teacher" in Japanese) is a very friendly and courteous teacher, and he likes the students very much. He did all he could for the students, such as playing ball games with the students himself at ball games' school event, shooting a short film of every club activity and so on. In classes, he prepared various tools to attract the students' interest, and he always tried to paraphrase the difficult phrases for the students. I hear that he will move to Kanagawa Prefecture inside Japan, and will start his next job.



Krystal Sensei is an always smiling and gentle teacher. She also joined various activities for the students. For example, she broadcast with the students in the school radio broadcast, and contributed to the community with ESS(English Speaking Club) and tea ceremony club students. The other day, she was asked to be the honorary head of Miki Police Station for a day, and contributed to their traffic safety campaign. I hear that she will go back to her home country, Canada, and enter a graduate school to specialize in her major.



I am sure that the students of Miki SHS are very lucky to have met such wonderful teachers. We will surely make the make full use of what we learned from them. I wish both of them every happiness in the future.