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What flowers in Japan remind you of a particular season? For many people, the following list of flowers welcome a new season. Here is a list of some popular favorites:

Fragrant Olive (*kinmikusei* 金木犀) = Autumn



Camellia (*tsubaki* 椿) = Winter



Cherry blossoms (*sakura* 桜) = Spring



Hydrangea (*ajisai* 紫陽花) = Summer



What is your favorite?

Superstitions

Do you believe that thunder can steal your belly button? Is whistling at night unlucky? These are called superstitions, and many cultures around the world believe in these tales of good or bad luck.

*belly button (へそ) whistling (口笛を吹く)

Country	Superstition	Reason	Real Reason
Japan	Don't swim in the ocean during <i>Obon</i>	Ghosts will take you away	Jellyfish are dangerous this time of year
America	Friday the 13 th is unlucky day	This is an unlucky number/day	Christ was killed on this day and 13 People at last supper
UK	Don't open an umbrella indoors	It invites bad luck into the house	You might knock something over or damage the floor
Philippines	Don't sweep the floor at night	It is unlucky	You might lose something important in the dark



The Asian Games began on September 19th, but preparations have been going on for several years. Sporting venues are spread all around the Tokai area. Events will end with the closing ceremony on October 4th. Many students and teachers have been cheering their favorite teams, athletes, and some have even been volunteering at the events. What is your 'go to' sport?



NEWS EVENT!

There will be an open school event on October 31st (no ghosts, please). Anyone interested in experiencing an awesome day, come and join us!

