

**The  
March  
2025  
Issue**

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## Lovely Days

### Special Days about Love

#### Galentine's Day 2月13日

What is Galentine's Day? **'Gal'** means 'girl,' so it is a **mix** of 'girl' and **'valentine.'** It's a day to **show** love to your friends who are girls! It is on February 13<sup>th</sup>, the day before Valentine's Day. It started from a popular **American** TV show in 2010... so 15 years ago! Popular activities are going to **brunch** (breakfast + lunch), going shopping, or going to a movie. You can see our Galentine's Day Party from 2023 on page 2!

#### Palentine's Day 2月13日

So then... what is Palentine's Day?! It is on the same day as Galentine's. **'Pal'** means 'friend' like in the **phrase** 'pen pal.' So Palentine's is a day to show love to your friends whether they are boys, girls, or **LGBTQ!** You can see our fun Palentine's Day Party from this year on page 2!

#### Valentine's Day 2月14日

**St.** Valentine's Day is on February 14<sup>th</sup>. It is a day about romantic, **platonic**, and **familial** love. It has a long **history**, beginning in **Europe** hundreds of years ago! To learn about it in the **'East'** and **'West'** today, please read page 3.

#### White Day 3月14日

Did you know White Day is on March 14<sup>th</sup> and is only celebrated in **Asia**? You can see some White Day pictures and information on page 4!

#### Black Day 4月14日

Black Day is on April 14<sup>th</sup>. It is funny and **unique!** You can see some Black Day pictures and information on page 4!



## Galentine's Day 2023

### Kimono Party in Kawagoe!

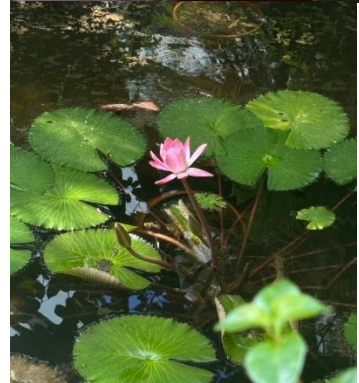
In February 2023, Sheila **planned** a kimono party in Kawagoe. The girls all wore beautiful and **colorful** styles while they went to **temples, shrines**, cafes, and the famous Kawagoe **clock tower**. The whole day had a **fashionable** and **vintage** feeling!



## Palentine's Day 2025

### Garden Party at Shinjuku Gyoen!

In February 2025, Sheila **organized** a **friendship** party in Shinjuku Gyoen National **Garden**. The big friend group all wore pink, red, white, or **beige** clothes for cute pictures. They saw many flowers like **camellias**, plum blossoms, **orchids**, water lilies, and **daffodils**. The park was bright and beautiful but cold!

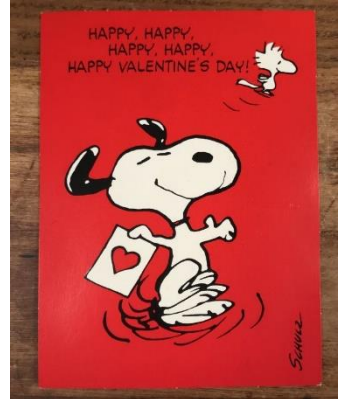




## Valentine's Day

### Valentine's Day in the 'West'

For Valentine's Day in countries like the U.S.A., the U.K., and Australia, men usually give **romantic** gifts to women and **sweet** gifts to their families. Chocolate hearts, flowers, **teddy bears**, candy, jewelry, and dinner dates are popular. Children usually give **valentines** to each other in school. The cards often have cute and funny **pop culture** characters on them.



### Valentine's Day in the 'East'

In Asian countries like China, Japan, and South Korea, women usually give men chocolates on Valentine's Day. **Homemade** and **store-bought** chocolates are popular. However, women also often give chocolate to their family, coworkers, **female** friends, and even favorite **idols** too. At Keika Girls' School, many of our girls have cute chocolate and candy **exchanges!**





## White Day

### White Day in Asia

White Day is **celebrated** in East Asia one month after Valentine's Day. Men give **return** gifts to women who gave them Valentine's **presents**. The rule is to give a gift back that is 3 times more **valuable**. Usually, they give white things like white chocolate, **marshmallows**, stuffed animals, **jewelry**, etc. These gifts show love or **respect**.



## Black Day

### Black Day in South Korea

Black Day is celebrated in **South Korea** one month after White Day and two months after Valentine's Day.

It started as a day for people who received no presents to come together and be sad. **Single** people would eat black foods like *jjajangmyeon* **noodles**, and drink black **coffee**. However, recently, people have made the event more fun. Being single is ok too! <3

