
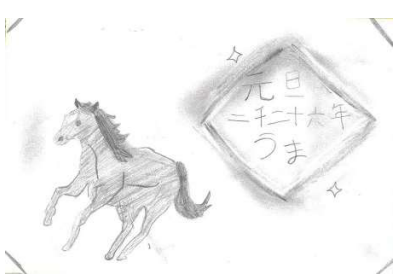





January 2026

## The Thirteenth Annual New England Nengajo Contest



The Consulate-General of Japan in Boston is excited to announce the winners of the Thirteenth Annual New England Nengajo Contest! This year's submissions featured the horse as the zodiac animal of 2026.

### Middle School Division (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>)

		
First Place: <b>Kiira Jimenez</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Boston Latin Academy	Second Place: <b>Rosalie Guyer</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Hall-Dale Middle School	Third Place: <b>Maddy Filitis</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Hall-Dale Middle School
		
Fourth Place: <b>Faithlyn Blomquist</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Hall-Dale Middle School	Fifth Place: <b>Willa Kirk Gordon</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Hall-Dale Middle School	

### High School Division (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>)

		
First Place: <b>Marisol Tang</b> 12 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Philips Academy Andover	Second Place: <b>Diego Vigil Zaldana</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade, CityLab High School	Third Place: <b>Alyssa Gu</b> 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Philips Academy Andover

	
<p>Fourth Place: <b>Philip Jeong</b></p>	<p>Fifth Place: <b>Izzy Park</b></p>
<p>11<sup>th</sup> Grade, Phillips Academy Andover</p>	<p>12<sup>th</sup> Grade, Phillips Academy Andover</p>

**Judges** (listed in alphabetical order) :

Aveson, Steve (Honorary Consul of Japan in Bristol, RI)  
 Brothers, Mariko (Japan Airlines)  
 Finnegan, Kate (Kaji Aso Studio)  
 Hall, Matthew (New England JET Alumni Association)  
 Pereira, Glenn (Urasenke Boston)  
 Saitoh, Toshi (Japan America Society of Vermont)

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