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Educators' Day -- an annual event conducted within the educational complexes throughout the Japan District. This year they will be held for:

- Sasebo schools at **Darby Elementary School on Friday, October 9**
- Misawa schools at **Cummings Elementary School on Monday, October 26**
- Iwakuni schools at **M. C. Perry Elementary and High on Friday, October 30**
- Kanto Plain schools at **Joan K. Mendel Elementary School on Friday, November 5**

After a brief address and welcome from the Japan District Superintendent, Mr. Clayton Fujie, teachers, counselors, administrators, and all professional educators will begin their day of "school." The training day will be filled with opportunities for professional development; educators will have the chance to learn new techniques, to share ideas, and to work with new technologies. This day will focus on collaboration and collegiality as educators have a chance to share, to learn, and to grow together.

Guests from the DoDEA Pacific Director's Office, the Japan District Superintendent's Office, schools throughout Japan, and the local communities will be among the presenters. Presentations will cover a wide variety of topics ranging from research-based instructional strategies that are essential to promote high student achievement to effective assessment of student performance and from recent technology initiatives to time-honored local cultural interests. Many of the sessions will be hands on and interactive. Local community representatives and parents are also highly encouraged to attend and participate in this process. This event is an excellent opportunity for the military commands to work in partnership with DoDEA-Pacific schools in Japan. The contact for Educators' Day in Japan is Lorri M. Blanchard at the Japan District Superintendent's Office (225-3940).

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