

Hi,

Do you celebrate Easter every year? My family usually doesn't, and I guess it is because Easter isn't a common event in Japan. In Canada we had Easter break in April. My host family has two elementary school kids, so I experienced many activities in Easter. One of them is 'egg hunting'. My host parents hid 38 toy eggs somewhere in the house and we tried to find them. Each egg had parts of a puzzle in it, and we were able to get chocolate when we finished the puzzle. We worked together and I really enjoyed it.

In this Easter break, each of us showed the dishes from our own countries. (I have two other housemates. One from Italy and the other from Spain.) I made daigakuimo(candied sweet potato) for them. I hadn't made it before, but my host family liked it. My Italian sister made tiramisu and Spanish sister made a traditional egg dish.

I also had some concerts this month. In the middle of April, I had a choir concert for our community members. Many local people came to see our performance, and my host family also came. To entertain small kids, we danced to the singing. The moves weren't difficult, but we created all of them by ourselves. I think we did very well at the concert. I was so glad because my host brother, who is so small that he cannot stand long, told me it was great after the performance. In the end of April, we had a jazz concert, and I played the piano. I had not played the jazz piano nor played with a band. It was a new experience for me. I would love to play the piano in a band again if I have next time.

These days, I'm starting to enjoy reading books in English. It's a good change for me. I have only two months left before I go back, so I'll try to read as many books as I can in the rest of the days in Canada.

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