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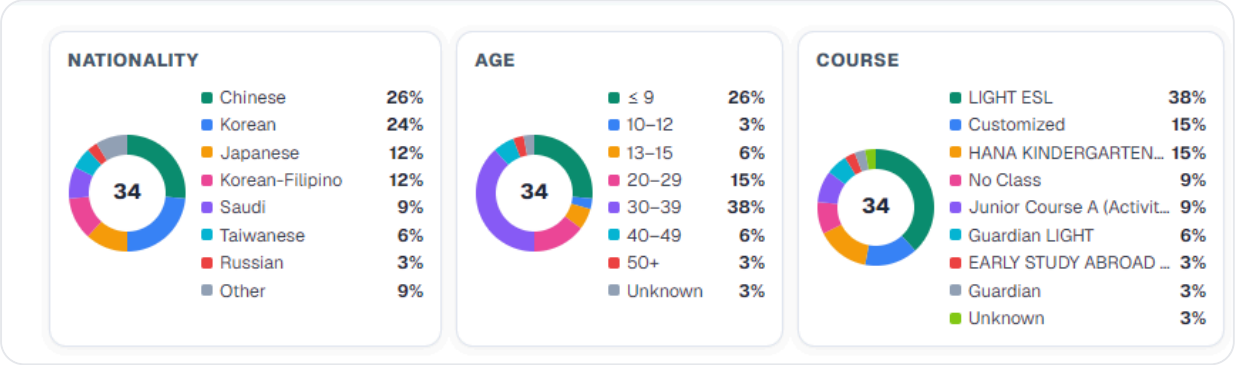
HANA Academy Weekly News — Fourth Week of October 2026 (Oct 26–Nov 1)



> The nationality, age and course mix of our 34 students, a Japanese family's review of their month with us, the 15 weekday meals with photos, a Coco-themed Halloween Fiesta with a vote on the teachers' classroom doors, and our place of the week, Lakewood Golf Academy. Issue 2 of the news we send every Sunday.

Hello from HANA Academy in Clark. Weekly News issue 2 covers the week from October 26 to November 1, and the star of the week was without a doubt Friday's Halloween Fiesta.

This week's numbers



Nationality, age and course mix of 34 current students (October 26 – November 1, 2026, from the academy management system)







Review of the week — a Japanese family's month

A Google Maps review from a Japanese family of three, a couple and their child, who studied with us for a month. As the only Japanese family here at the time, their child made friends in English instead of Japanese. The review also covers the photos and videos the kindergarten teachers sent every day, group lessons with students from Korea, China, Saudi Arabia and Russia, and weekend trips to a dinosaur theme park, a safari park and the mall.

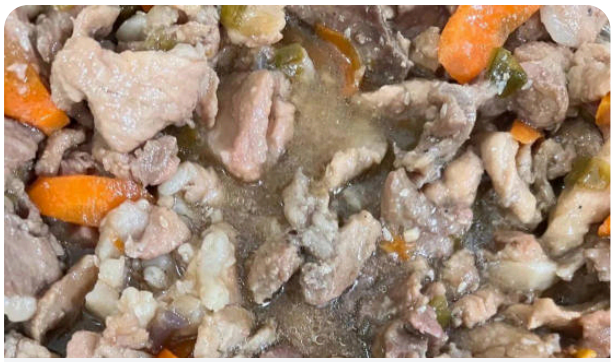
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This week's menu

The academy cafeteria serves three mostly Korean meals a day on weekdays and brunch on weekends. Here are the main dishes of the 15 meals from Monday to Friday this week.

DAY	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER
Mon (Oct 26)	Fried rice, hotdog and fried egg	Pork bulgogi	Fried fish fillet
Tue (Oct 27)	Pancakes and scrambled eggs	Chicken barbecue	Odeng bokkeum (stir-fried fish cake)
Wed (Oct 28)	Fried ham and egg	Fried chicken with buffalo sauce	Bibimbap
Thu (Oct 29)	French toast, scrambled eggs and chicken nuggets	Chicken steak	Janchi-guksu (banquet noodles)
Fri (Oct 30)	Longganisa (Filipino sausage) and onion egg stir-fry	Chicken stew	Rice balls and tteokbokki

Breakfast comes with soup, vegetables and kimchi; lunch with vegetables, kimchi, fruit and soup; dinner with side dishes and soup.



Mon lunch · Pork bulgogi



Thu lunch · Chicken steak



Fri lunch · Chicken stew



Soy-braised chicken

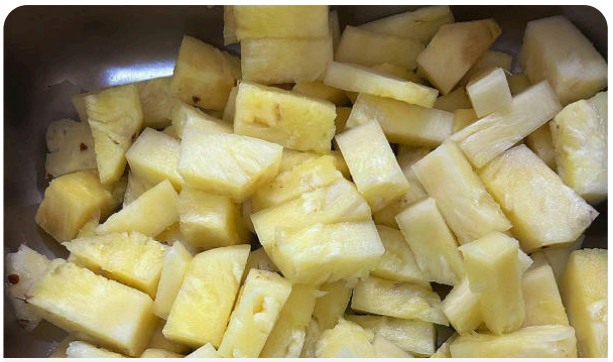


Pork and string bean stir-fry

Main dishes photographed in the cafeteria this week



Papaya



Pineapple



Bananas



Lettuce for wraps

Fruit and vegetables served with lunch

Halloween Fiesta — a day with Coco

On Friday morning, October 30, the HANA Academy lobby turned into a Mexican Day of the Dead festival. This year's theme was the Disney·Pixar film "Coco". Under sugar-skull garlands and an orange and black balloon arch, children arrived one by one dressed as Elsa, skeletons, pumpkins and Buzz Lightyear.



Gathering under the balloon arch

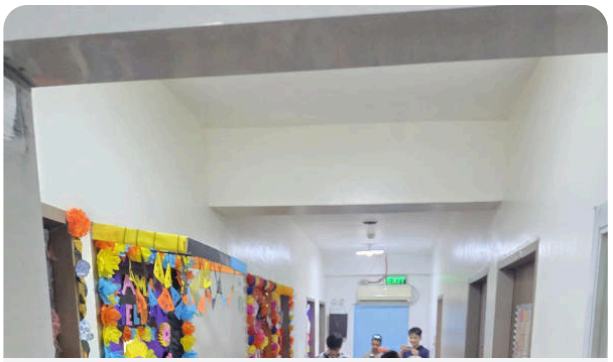


The Fiesta schedule, 9 am to noon

At 9 am the first event was trick-or-treat. Children carried their baskets from one classroom door to the next to collect candy from the teachers, while parents were busy filming on their phones.



Trick-or-treat



Going from classroom to classroom



In front of the Coco classroom doors

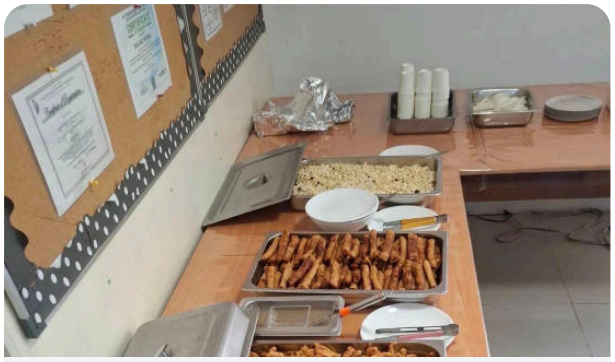
After the opening remarks came the games. Balancing a paper cup on a stick held in the mouth made children and adults alike look very serious, and in the music game parents scooped up their children until the lobby was full of laughter. Snack time brought Filipino-style spaghetti, lumpia, fried bites and macaroni salad, and a costume fashion show and awards closed the morning.



The paper cup balancing game



A game with the parents



Snack time







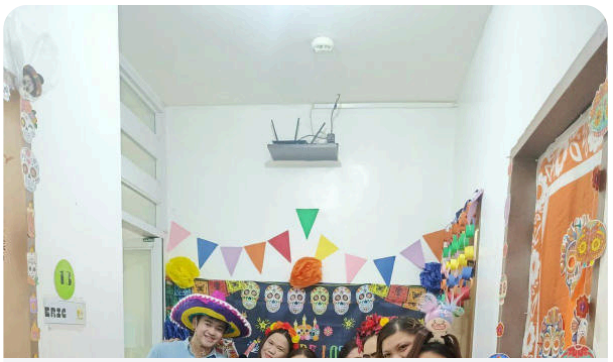
The teachers' classroom decorating contest

This Halloween the teachers turned classroom decorating into a contest. They framed their doors with paper marigolds and brought scenes from Coco to each one, from Mama Imelda and a guitar-playing skeleton lady to the Rivera family photo album. The three classrooms picked by the academy managers' vote were Teacher Loida's Room 6, Teacher Ann's Room 16 and Teacher Pat's Room 15.

The teachers dressed up as characters from Coco too, with sombreros, flower crowns and even a framed photo of Mama Coco, to welcome the children.



Teachers dressed up for Coco



Our teachers on Halloween





Place of the week — Lakewood Golf Academy

Lakewood CC is a golf club with an 18-hole tournament course, and HANA Academy runs a US college golf scholarship program there together with Lakewood Golf Academy. From the program's own lodging it is a three-minute walk to the course and free driving range and to a sports center with a gym, sauna and bowling alley, and SM mall is a five-minute drive away. Students from the first year of middle school to the second year of high school can apply, even as beginners in English or golf.

Read the Lakewood Golf Academy story ↗

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