As our children start the new school year, we wish we could weave a protective cape for them. In fairy tales, the magic cape was often knitted with a generous hood or would sometimes make the wearer invisible.

Designs may differ with each tale, however, the magic cape always saved the child from danger.

If only we can give our children such protection. If only we can create for him or her a magic cape that would ward off all of life’s dangers.

Perhaps we can. Perhaps the invisible shield we can give our children is made up of the values we instill in them and our love, caring, and prayers for their safety.

A new school year is a new beginning. New adventure awaits them as they prepare for school. Excitement for new possibilities and fear of the unknown mingle in their hearts.

Whether your children are starting kindergarten, entering high school, or leaving the nest for college, we invite you to have them specially blessed at our annual Back to School Education Blessing, as they go out to face the world.

Our special Back to School Education Blessing is offered to bring positive blessings to students, teachers and support staff as they begin this new school year - so they are surrounded by love, hope, vision, and protection and the courage to persevere in all they undertake and the gift of joy and wonder in all things.

Sugawara no Michizane was a 9th century scholar and nobleman who was falsely accused of improprieties at court and sent into exile where he died before being exonerated.

Later, his spirit was deified and today is venerated as the god of learning and scholarship at the 11,000 or so Tenmangu shrines dedicated to him throughout Japan.

Dazaifu Tenmangu in Saifu City, Fukuoka is the main shrine of all the Tenmangu shrines in Japan and millions of students flock to the shrine every year to receive blessings and education omamori amulets. We are the only branch shrine of Dazaifu Tenmangu outside of Japan.

This year, our Back to School Education Blessing was held on Sunday, August 3 from 10 am to 2 pm.

A big Mahalo goes out to event chair Axel Obara and the many volunteers who helped to make this special blessing available to the community.
Shrine Calendar

September
7    Tsukinami-sai Monthly Service 月次祭
27 Clean-up & Mochi Pounding 掃除と餅つき
28 Autumn Thanksgiving Festival 秋季感謝大祭

October
1    Reservations accepted for Shichigosan 七五三予約受付開始
12 Tsukinami-sai Monthly Service 月次祭
25–31 Shichigosan 七五三

November
1-30 Shichigosan 七五三
2    Tsukinami-sai Monthly Service 月次祭

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Back-to-School Education Blessing てんじんさん学業成就
O-tsuuki - Moon Viewing お月見

The legend surrounding the "lady living in the moon" dates back to ancient times, to a day when ten suns appeared at once in the sky.

The Emperor ordered a famous archer to shoot down the nine extra suns. Once the task was accomplished, Goddess of Western Heaven rewarded the archer with a pill that would make him immortal.

However, his wife found the pill, took it, and was banished to the moon as a result. Legend says that her beauty is greatest on the day of the Moon festival. There are several other legends surrounding the origin of the Moon Festival.

Overthrow of Mongol Rule

According to a widespread folk tale, the Mid-Autumn Festival commemorates an uprising in China against the Mongol rulers of the Yuan Dynasty (1280–1368) in the 14th century.

As group gatherings were banned, it was impossible to make plans for a rebellion.

Noting that the Mongols did not eat mooncakes, Liu Bowen (劉伯溫) of Zhejiang Province, advisor to the Chinese rebel leader Zhu Yuanzhang, came up with the idea of timing the rebellion to coincide with the Mid-Autumn Festival.

He sought permission to distribute thousands of moon cakes to the Chinese residents in the city to bless the longevity of the Mongol emperor.

Inside each cake, however, was inserted a piece of paper with the message: "Kill the Mongols on the 15th day of the 8th Moon" (八月十五殺鞑子).

On the night of the Moon Festival, the rebels successfully attacked and overthrew the government. What followed was the establishment of the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644). Since, the Mid-Autumn Festival was celebrated with moon cakes on a national level.
The top photo was found on the internet and was taken on July 26, 1936. Pictured are members of the Hawaii Chapter of the Dai Nippon Butoku Kai (Great Japan Martial Virtues Association) which was established in Kyoto in 1895 to solidify, promote and standardize martial arts disciplines and systems throughout Japan.

The shrine can be seen in the left, adorned with the Kotohira curtain. The old shrine is said to have been on the Eastbound lanes of H-1 and the large 2 story building to the right is the Social hall, which was situated on the Westbound lanes of H-1, next to the Queen Liliuokalani Center.

Pictured second from the left in the second row is the famous Sensei Harry Seishiro Okazaki.

There was a Renbujo martial arts dojo across the shrine, on the Diamond Head side of the property and a sumo ring next to the Renbujo dojo.

The photos in the middle and the bottom is of Sensei Tomu Arakawa. Sensei Arakawa established the Hawaii Senbukan Karate Dojo in 1963 and had dojos at the Jikoen temple and Kotohira Jinsha.

The photo is said to have been taken in 1967, a few years after the completion of the 20B Houghtailing exit on H-1. A very young Sensei Alan Lee and Sensei Tomu Arakawa are pictured in the first row. H-1 can be seen on the right.

The bottom photo was taken in the early 1970s. The H-1 side of the property is covered with a rather large mock orange hedge and trees.

The Kotohira shrine still stands alone in this photo. The Dazaifu shrine was added to the Kotohira shrine building pictured here, in the late 1970s, creating the L-shaped shrine building that stands today.
Hiroki Fuchino from Tokyo felt sick on Wednesday, August 20, when he realized what a big mistake he'd made - he'd left his wallet in the shrine, on the table next to the omikuji tray. Credit cards, hotel key, and over $500 in cash. All gone. Unable to find his wallet in the car, Mr. Fuchino rushed back to the shrine an hour later and spoke to Rev. Takizawa who, along with Mr. Fuchino searched high and low, throughout the shrine and the shrine grounds for the wallet.

Rev. Takizawa suggested that Mr. Fuchino submit a police report at the Waikiki station. Rev. Takizawa felt that there was a good chance that the wallet would be turned in if it was left somewhere in the shrine. Mr. Fuchino immediately drove back to Waikiki and submitted a lost property report at the Waikiki station, when the attending officer notified him that his wallet was turned in a few hours ago.

Hosoya-san, also a tourist and visitor to the shrine found Mr. Fuchino’s wallet next to the omikuji tray and handed it over to the Waikiki police station with all the contents untouched. Mahalo to Hosoya-san for being honest and forthright!

Losing a wallet can happen to anyone. When away from home, on business or vacation, one of the worst things that can happen is to have your wallet lost or stolen. Here are some helpful hints on what you can do before a trip to minimize a possible problem.

1. Make two photocopies of everything, including passports and credit cards, and write down crucial phone numbers. One set of copies should be left with a trusted friend or relative; the other you should keep in your carry-on. Once you check in to your hotel, keep the copies and other valuables in the in-room safe (if available). For some extra handiness, make this document electronically available by placing it on an online source such as Google Notebook.

2. Store some backup cash in the hotel room safe. If you’re not a cash carrying person, this tip can give you a bit of peace of mind while you’re stranded without your ATM or debit card.

3. Limit the amount of confidential information you carry in your wallet. Experts recommend that you not carry around bank account numbers, personal identification numbers (PINs), passports, birth certificates, and most importantly, Social Security cards.

4. Don’t keep more than what’s necessary in your wallet. This is the easiest way to avoid headaches. You may have 10 credit cards, gas cards, etc., but how many do you really need to use when you travel? Putting less in your wallet not only means less hassle when it’s lost.

5. Take along a list of the toll-free telephone numbers for your bank and credit card companies - not your card numbers - and keeping the list in a safe place other than your wallet.

6. Don't take out your wallet until you actually need it, and never set down your wallet unless your hand is attached to it.

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