

# foreign language

## faculty spotlight: Ms. Okamura

Naturally a teacher from birth, Ms. Okamura is extremely zealous about doing her job. Starting her career as a teacher in Japan, then moving to Canada and finally to Fremont, she loves the fact that America gives women many opportunities not allowed to them in Japan. Her fascination with the Japanese concepts of harmony and peace has followed her throughout her life, and has found its way into her classroom through her teaching. In addition, Okamura is a passionate lover of all Japanese consumer goods, enjoying all of the new electronic devices and media outlets. She is deeply intrigued by all the new gadget and toys, from the cellular phones to the toilets, which seem to improve every time she returns to her original home. She enjoys watching anime and reading manga, and finds advertisements for them all over Japan, on everything from magazines to billboards and beyond. And as an extension of the love she has for her culture, she has a great passion for teaching the language to others.



Mariko Okamura