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**FEA Member Spotlight: Joshua Kaufman**



Joshua Kaufman is a Math Support Specialist at The Sullivans School in Yokosuka, Japan, where he has spent nearly two decades helping students engage with math in meaningful and accessible ways. His teaching centers on building true understanding, encouraging students to think critically rather than rely on memorization.

As part of the Pacific Area Subject Matter Experts, Joshua contributes to a “Professional Development For Us By Us” model that emphasizes teacher-led learning and gives educators a stronger voice in their professional growth.

He specializes in Math Talks, an approach that builds conceptual understanding, strengthens mental math skills, and encourages all students to participate. His work has made a broad impact, including the creation of a math support website used by over 11,000 educators across DoDEA schools and leading professional development for fellow teachers.

Joshua’s dedication to student engagement and educator collaboration reflects the power of teacher-driven innovation in education.

**Summer School Positions Now Open**

The [DVHS Online Summer School Program](#) provides high school students with the opportunity to earn one semester of course credit, either for original credit or to replace a failing grade. The program will run from June 17 through July 23, 2026, and is open to DoDEA students currently enrolled in grades 9-12, with priority given to rising seniors who need credits for graduation.

Registration for Summer School 2026 will be open from April 6 through June 15 for high school students, and April 6 through May 5 for Math 8A. All requests for online summer school courses must be submitted by the student’s local school counselor through the Aspen/DSIS workflow process. Counselors will also confirm enrollment and communicate status updates to students and families.

**Please note: Educators should have received an email from DoDEA regarding summer school teaching positions. The application deadline is only a few days after the end of Spring Break for overseas educators. If you are interested in teaching summer school, please check your email as soon as possible to ensure you can apply before the deadline.**

For additional questions or support, please contact DVHS at [DVHS.SummerSchool@dodea.edu](mailto:DVHS.SummerSchool@dodea.edu).

**FEA-Retired RA Delegate Elected**

We are pleased to share that Ingrid Ahlberg has been elected as the FEA-Retired Representative Assembly (RA) Delegate. In this role, she will represent FEA-Retired members at the NEA RA, helping to bring forward the perspectives and priorities of our retired community. Congratulations to Ingrid on her election and willingness to serve!

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