



Fureai Month (Bully Prevention Month)

“Don't Bully! Don't Let it Happen! Don't Watch it Happen!”

Principal Yoji Hatano

Thank you to our special guests, parents, and members of the community for attending our Sports day on May 27th. Thanks to you, 1,780 people attended, and it was a Sports Day brimming with activity. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for the parents and guardians' cooperation with the PTA in handling certain administrative duties like the class ribbons. Thank you very much.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education has designated June to be “Fureai Month (Bully Prevention Month).” In accordance with the slogan “Don't bully! Don't let it happen! Don't watch it happen,” each school in Minato is conducting activities to focus on the root of bullying. During other months as well, the faculty at Higashimachi implements a review of our instructions and the state of our students to promote early prevention, early detection, early support, and early resolution.

Early prevention: along with leading the students to take care of oneself as well as others through greetings, morals class, and other activities, this year we will also participate in the Human Rights Flower Campaign. The purpose of the Human Rights Flower is for students to experience a respect for life by cooperating and raising a flower, thus fostering a warm heart and mastering kindness and compassion. “Let's grasp the future, accepting hearts,” will be the slogan, and six marigolds will be planted and cared for by the Planting Committee.

Early detection: knowing that bullying can occur at any time, students are asked to regularly complete a survey 10 times a year, and any entries that we are concerned about are followed through with an interview to establish the origin of the behavior.

Early support and early resolution: every Thursday, faculty members hold a meeting to discuss any incidences or behavior they are concerned with and establish a mutually agreed upon course of action.

Also, on the 23rd of last month (Tues), we invited the PTA Vice Chairman, as well as the school attorney, the Azabu Police School Supporter, and the Hoka-GO director, and held a meeting of the Bullying Countermeasure Committee. While listening to opinions about our bullying prevention policy, we were able to discuss what to do in the event of a serious incident.

People, by nature, are individually different. If everyone can recognize those differences and accept them, then bullying will not happen. Recognizing differences is important for yourself, but it is also important for others. I hope that all of the students of Higashimachi Elementary School will grow up to value those around them as well as themselves.

June

date	day	event	after-school
1	Th	Safety lesson, Rainy weather safety (G1), Water caravan (G4)	4 - 6
2	F	Excursion (G6)	2 - 6
3	Sa	School family play, Japanese Culture	X
4	Su		
5	M	Sports tests begin, Committee	4 - 6
6	Tu	Excursion (G1)	3 - 6
7	W	4-pr. day, Healthy Teeth Assembly	X
8	Th	Excursion (G2), Dental check (G3, 5)	4 - 6
9	F	Sports test (pr. 1-4), Scoliosis check (G5)	2 - 6
10	Sa		
11	Su		
12	M	Pool class begins, Club	4 - 6
13	Tu	Sports tests ends, Area cleaning (G3, 4), School route inspection	3 - 6
14	W	G4 Area Safety Map	X
15	Th	P.E. Assembly ☉, Dental check (G1,4)	4 - 6
16	F	Open school, P.E. assembly ☉, Safety lesson, School explanatory meeting	2 - 6
17	Sa	Open school, Japanese Culture, ESC parents conference	X
18	Su		
19	M	Club	4 - 6
20	Tu	Social studies fieldtrip (G4)	3 - 6
21	W	Bicycle safety lesson (G3), Theater appreciation (G6)	X
22	Th	Musical Assembly, Dental Check (G2, 6)	4 - 6
23	F	Social studies fieldtrip (G3), Emergency evacuation drill (group dismissal)	2 - 6
24	Sa		
25	Su		
26	M	Festival preparation	4 - 6
27	Tu	Higashimachi Festival	3 - 6
28	W	4-pr. day, Teacher development (G2 Class 3, pr. 5)	X
29	Th		4 - 6
30	F	4- pr. day, Regular health checks end	2 - 6

June's Goal

Educational Guidance Counselor Hiroki Mine

Let's Pay Attention to Health and Safety

“You have set yourself on a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere.”

In the beginning, it is tedious to pay attention to health and safety; however, if you continue doing it every day, it will become natural. Following traffic signals, walking in the hallway, washing your hands and gargling frequently – it is important to continue doing these things until they become habits. These habits are important for protecting yourself. Let's continue to be aware of our surroundings every day.