



When Higashimachi Became One Wrapping up the School Performances

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It is now time to welcome December and its chilling cold. Despite the cold, the children spend their recess time playing in the school yard as they please.

Thank you very much to the parents, guardians, and guests who attended the school performance held on November 17th (Fri) and 18th (Sat). The number of attendants (excluding the students) exceeded 1,000, and all were very cooperative with managing the performances. Seating was limited to only those watching the performing grade and that following grade, and the attendants were very cooperative with the system of exchanging seats after the performance was over. Entering and leaving took time because there was only one entrance and one exit, so the schedule was delayed. Yet, the reason we were able to proceed almost as planned is due to the cooperation of the parents and guardians. We are truly grateful.

There were three goals for this school performance, and one of them was to "cooperate and create something together." In the lower grades, there was an incident that occurred on stage; however, the children made sure that those watching did not notice it. Furthermore, in the middle grades' performances, the children did their best to think of how to act and move when they were not speaking their lines, and paid attention to every detail of their dances. In the upper grades, the children made their performance a success by using lighting and sound effects on their own. No matter the grade, each child did their best to cooperate and make something with everyone. This all culminated during the 6th grade's climactic ending. In this scene, the witches and townspeople battled each other while singing their songs. As the witches' song dominated, the townspeople begged the audience to support them by singing along. At that moment, all students from grade 1 to 5 sang with the townspeople with all their hearts and the witches were driven off. That moment was truly a moment when Higashimachi became one and everyone gave their cooperation to create their performance.

In that way the children could fulfill their duties and share the feeling of creating something together.

Little remains of the year before the monumental Heisei 30 (2018) arrives. Please enjoy your time with your family, and have a happy new year.

We apologize for any part of the 2nd grade performance "The Crows that Were Pure White" that may have given viewers or participants the wrong impression about colors.

December

date	day	Events	after school
1	F	PE assembly, Safety lesson	2 - 6
2	Sa	Japanese Culture ☺	X
3	Su		
4	M	Children's Summit, Committee, Human Rights Week begins	4 - 6
5	Tu	Emergency evacuation drill	3 - 6
6	W	4-pr. day	X
7	Th	Student assembly (Human Rights Assembly)	4 - 6
8	F	Human Rights Week ends	2 - 6
9	Sa		
10	Su		
11	M	Club activities, Unisef Donations begin (till 12/16)	4 - 6
12	Tu	Tax Class (G6)	3 - 6
13	W		X
14	Th	Music assembly, Area Cleaning (G1,6)	4 - 6
15	F		2 - 6
16	Sa	Japan Culture, PTA Committee Meeting	X
17	Su		
18	M		4 - 6
19	Tu		3 - 6
20	W		X
21	Th	PE assembly (G1,2,3)	4 - 6
22	F	PE assembly (G4,5,6) School lunch ends	X
23	Sa	Emperor's Birthday	
24	Su		
25	M	Closing Ceremony	X
26	Tu	Winter holiday begins	
27	W		
28	Th		
29	F		
30	Sa		
31	Su		

December's Goal

Educational Guidance Counselor Hiroki Mine



Let's Keep the School Clean

Cleaning has a large effect on your physical and mental well-being. In one gram of dust, there are around one hundred thousand fungal spores, around sixty thousand mold spores, and around one thousand mites. Just living surrounded in dust without cleaning increases your risk of contracting an illness.

What's more, our brains are constantly processing information from what we see. Having a cluttered environment is linked to low brain performance from mental fatigue. When our area is dirty, it causes discomfort in our brains, which leads to stress.

By keeping the area around us clean, we can improve our mental and physical health and maintain a positive attitude.

Let's keep in mind the importance of cleaning and take part in it every day.