



A New Start

Principal Hatano

With the soft warmth of the spring sun, today marks the beginning of the 2015 academic year at Higashimachi Elementary School. This year we start with 10 classes (2 classes each in grades 1 to 4, and one class each for grades 5 and 6) and welcome 65 new, energetic 1st graders, totaling in 311 students. To all students: welcome and congratulations on starting a new academic year.

My name is Yōji Hatano. I transferred here from Shibaura ES here in Minato, in place of your previous principal Atsuko Shinozaki.

I am thinking about how Higashimachi will proceed to the future while still preserving the unique characteristics of its "International Studies" program. Together, with the help of parents, the people of the community, and the faculty and staff, I will do my best for the sake of the children's happiness. どうぞよろしくお願いいいたします。

For the 2015 school year, I hope to use what I call "AAA" (Triple A).

The first A is for *anzen* (safety). Safety must take top priority over everything else. Teachers must conduct their classes and watch over their students with an exceptionally heightened sense of awareness. I hope to teach our students the importance of thinking about safety on their own.

The second A is for *antei* (stability). Each class, even specialty classes, will be managed and conducted with stability. Each student's educational aptitude will be well observed, and with good judgment and appropriate methods their interests will be stimulated and their learning skills will be sharpened.

The third A is for *anshin* (peace of mind). In daily education, the first A (*anzen*) and the second A (*antei*) are conditions that must be accomplished in order to accomplish *anshin*. Our goal is to make a school where students are guaranteed safety and can enjoy their classes with peace of mind, a school that parents can entrust their children to with peace of mind.

However, education is not something that ends with school. With the help and cooperation of parents and our community members, I will unite with the faculty members and focus on this academic year. So, just as before, I appreciate everyone's cooperation for this academic year.

April

Date	Day	Events	After School
1	W		
2	Th		
3	F		
4	Sa		
5	SU	Spring Vacation Ends	
6	M	Opening Ceremony Entrance Ceremony (Gr. 456 Attending)	X
7	TU	Cleaning, Gr. 2-6 School lunch starts, Safety Guidance, Distribution of Health Forms, Annual Health Checks Start	3~6
8	W	Gr.1 Starts School Lunch	X
9	Th	Welcome Ceremony, International Studies Starts	4~6
10	F	Gr. 1 End of Short Schedule	2~6
11	Sa		
12	SU		
13	M	Collect Health Docs, Gr. 36, Height/Weight Check, Committee①, Distribute Urinalysis, Gr. 1 Safety Class (9:30~)	4~6
14	TU	Gr. 25 Height/Weight Check, Collect Urinalysis	3~6
15	W	Gr. 14 Height/Weight Check, Parent-Teacher, 4 period Day	X
16	Th	Music Assembly, Gr. 245 Health Check, Gr. 6 Vision Test	4~6
17	F	Gr. 3 Vision Test	2~6
18	Sa	Gr. 5 Vision Test, Evacuation Drill (with community members)	X
19	SU		
20	M	Gr. 4 Vision Test, Club ①	4~6
21	TU	Gr. 2 Vision Test, Gr. 6 Nationwide Achievement Test, Distribute Pin Worm Test	3~6
22	W	Gr. 1 Vision Test, PTA	X
23	Th	School Family Assembly, Hearing Test (All), Collect Pin Worm Test Result	4~6
24	F	Gr. 5 Hearing Test, Gr. 136 Health Exam	2~6
25	Sa		
26	SU		
27	M	Gr. 2 Hearing Test	4~6
28	TU	Gr. 3 Hearing Test, Gr. 26 Minato Ward Achievement Test, Farewell Assembly	3~6
29	W	Showa Day	
30	Th	Student Assembly, Gr. 456 Minato Ward Achievement Test, Gr. 246 Ear, Nose, and Throat Exam, Gr. 1 Heart Exam	4~6

April's Goal

Educational Counselor, Mr. Mine

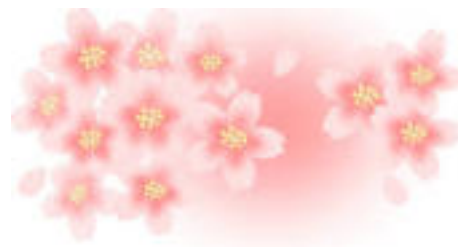


Let's greet each other properly!

Exchange greetings in a big voice and start the new school year comfortably.

Faculty Transfers

【Retired】 Principal Atsuko Shinozaki
 Vice Principal Nobutaka Aoki
 Head Teacher Noriko Sugihara
 EST Tricia Terao



【Transferred In】 Principal Yoji Hatano (Shibaura ES)
 Head Teacher Hiroki Mine (Edogawa Ward Kamata ES)
 Senior Teacher Akiko Adachi (Setagaya Ward Funabashi ES)
 Teacher Keishi Yashiro (Koutou Ward Toyosu ES)

【Promotion】 Vice Principal Junnichi Miyajima

【Moving Overseas】 Senior Teacher Kazuhiro Kawai (Phnom Penh)

【Maternity Leave】 Teachers Asuka Takahashi, Rutsuki Suzuki, Saori Murakami

【Substitute】 Teachers Hideko Teramoto, Naoko Kashima, Erika Kobayashi

【New EST】 Nate Hynson

【Newly Appointed】 Teachers Noriko Sugihara, Noriko Imazeki

【School Counselor】 Hiroko Tanaka (Tuesday) , Hiroko Ichinose

【Native Teacher】 Michael Uzemeck



【Faculty List for 2015-2016 School Year】 (as of April 1st)

Principal	Yoji Hadano	Vice Principal	Junnichi Miyajima
1-1	Shizuka Muramatsu	EST for 1-1	Sheri Maeda
1-2	Naoko Kashima	EST for 1-2	Miyoko Furukawa
2-1	Akiko Adachi	EST for 2-1	Stuart Nielson
2-2	Ayana Kuroe	EST for 2-2	Atsumi Nishimura
3-1 (Head Teacher)	Hiroki Mine	EST for 3-1	Yumiko Arai
3-2	Chitoka Yamaji	EST for 3-2	Nate Hynson
4-1	Noriko Uda	EST for 4-1	Poe Mauldin
4-2	Keishi Yashiro	EST for 4-2	Maki Takatsu
5-1	Hideko Teramoto	EST for 5-1	Hikari Ozaki
6-1	Miyuki Kadono	EST for 6-1	Hikari Ozaki
Music	Keiji Hatanaka	NT	Michael Uzemeck
Arts & Crafts	Miku Kobayashi	Assist. Teacher for 1-1	Eiichi Fukuda
Math (Head of School Affairs)	Akemi Suzuki	Assist. Teacher for 1-2	Noriko Imazeki
School Nurse	Kazuko Yamagishi	Assist. Math Teacher	Noriko Sugihara
Tsubomi Instructor	Mina Tatarai	Speech Therapist (Tsubomi)	Sanae Matsuda
Tsubomi Instructor	Yasutaka Katou	Reading Advisor	Jyunko Suzuki
Tsubomi Instructor	Erika Kobayashi	Reading Advisor	Yuriko Sakai
Office Secretary	Ayako Azuma	School Counselor	Hiroko Sakai
Office Secretary	Yoshitaka Horibe	School Counselor	Hiroko Ichinose
Office Secretary	Shiki Saito	Assistant	Asami Yamaguchi
Office Secretary	Midori Nomura	Assistant	Yuri Usami
School Guard (civilian)	Isao Ima		
Nutritionist	Ayako Koide		