



Education via School Events

Principal Hatano

The school yard is alight with the bright green of a new spring. As I write this, ten days have already passed since the new school year began (the deadline for the newsletter to be translated was the 15th, so only 10 days have passed).

In the first week, the new students listened to their teachers with such nervous faces. Yet, by the second week the number of students who were able to express themselves increased, and one by one they created a new classroom atmosphere. From now, my only wish is that, as they recognize the distinctions between grades, they exhibit their individualities to us and have fun at school.

On March 30th (Sat) we will have our Sports Day. This is the first major event of the school year. In the government-issued curriculum provided by the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, it is stated that school events are conducted in order to promote personal development and a sense of belonging via practical experiences with teamwork, systems, and modifications.

Therefore, via Sports Day, I hope the children will experience a sense of achievement and fulfilment outside of a normal classroom situation. Moreover, children will learn what it takes, the practice and preparation, to obtain that sense of achievement. If we just make them vaguely repeat the same routines over and over again, we cannot expect them to realize their own strengths. It is necessary to practice and prepare in accordance with one's own strengths together with realistic goals. With those realistic goals in place, it is more likely that the desired results will come to fruition. Still, there is great value in carrying out preparation and practice with a clear goal in mind, even if the desired result does not come. Even as we move towards Sports Day, we must make sure they carry with them their own personal goals, and lead them through the process of achieving those goals in order for our students to become independent and self-reliant.

Therefore, for the benefit of the children's effective development on Sports Day, we request support and encouragement from home.

May

Date	Date	Event	After school
1	F	Vision Test Gr 1, Heart Exam Preparation	
2	Sa		
3	SU	Constitution Memorial Day	
4	M	Green Day	
5	Tu	Children's Day	
6	W	Observation Day	
7	Th	PE Assembly, Safety Guidance, Fire Engine Sketch (Gr 1, 34Pr), Dental Exam (Gr 25), Ear, Nose, Throat Exam (Gr 135)	4~6
8	F	School Wide Excursion, Family Meeting	2~6
9	Sa		
10	Su		
11	M	Individual Parent-Teacher Meeting (IPTM)①	4~6
12	Tu	(IPTM)②, Evacuation Drill, Make-up Urine Analysis, Councilors committee mtg.	3~6
13	W	4-Pr Day, Gr 3Azabu Branch Office Trip (Pr 2-4)	x
14	Th	(IPTM)③, Music Assembly, Dental Exam (Gr 1,4)	4~6
15	F	(IPTM)④	2~6
16	Sa	Japanese Culture①	x
17	Su		
18	M	Committee②	4~6
19	Tu	Green Peas (1-1), (IPTM)⑤	3~6
20	W	4-Pr Day	x
21	Th	Student Assembly, Sports Day Duty Meeting, Make-Up Heart Exam (ward office), (IPTM)⑥ (2-2 only)	4~6
22	F	School-wide practice, school route inspection (15:15-)	2~6
23	Sa	Roppongi JH Sports Day	
24	Su		
25	M	School-wide Practice (Morning Assembly Pr), Club②	4~6
26	Tu	School-wide Practice, Meeting for Sports Day officials	3~6
27	W	School-wide Practice	x
28	Th	PE Assembly, School-wide Practice	4~6
29	F	School-wide Practice and Preparation	2~6
30	Sa	Sports Day	x
31	Su		



May's School Goal

School Guidance Counsellor, Hiroki Mine

Speak clearly when you say thank you and sorry.

When you say 'thank you' or 'sorry', try to speak clearly, so that others understand your feelings.

How very nice to meet you!

I have moved here from Shibaura Elementary School in Minato Ward. To all 311 bright and honest students, their respective families, all the warm souls who watch over the neighborhood, and to all the hard working staff at the school, it is my hope that together we can build a Higashimachi that everyone will be proud of.

Principal Yoji Hadano

It is my honor to take the position of Vice Principal beginning this year. I would like to express my gratitude for everyone's assistance in watching over all our students at Higashimachi. With the warm hearted members of the PTA and the cooperative and powerful members of the neighborhood I will work through all channels to make Higashimachi better and better. Thank you for your continued support.

Vice Principal Jyunichi Miyajima

As chance would have it, it is my honor to continue on at Higashimachi Elementary. I am so happy to be able to meet such bright and energetic students. As the 5th grade teacher, it is my hope that we can make many pleasant memories with not just the 5th grade students, but the school as a whole. Thank you for your support.

Class 5-1 Homeroom Teacher Hideko Teramoto

I am so happy to meet such bright, carefree students who are overflowing with energy.

This year I intend to devote my energy to bringing out the best in every student. Thank you for your support.

Class 2-1 Homeroom Teacher Akiko Adachi

I have transferred here from an elementary school in Edogawa Ward.

I will work hard to see the bright and energetic students learn well, play hard, and encourage each other to have a fun and exciting school life. Thank you for your support in the coming year.

Class 3-1 Homeroom Teacher Hiroki Mine

I am looking forward to seeing the bright and energetic students of Higashimachi Elementary study and play. I want to make a class that is fun for the students every day. Thank you for your support.

Class 4-2 Homeroom Teacher Keishi Yashiro

Nice to meet you! I am from America and I have lived in Japan for three years. When I am not working, I enjoy playing basketball, performing music with my friends, and studying Japanese. Thank you for your support.

Native Teacher Patrick Moody

Every week, Monday and Thursday, it will be my pleasure to work at Higashimachi Elementary. I am looking forward to meeting and spending time with many students. Thank you for your support in the coming year.

Language Instructor Sanae Matsuda

I have transferred from an elementary school in Katsushika City. In and around Higashimachi Elementary I have heard both students and teachers chatting in English, and it has been the most pleasant surprise. The first graders are all bubbling with enthusiasm, and so it is my intention to spend the coming year focusing that energy. Thank you for your support.

Class 1-2 Assistant Teacher Noriko Imazeki

Last school year, I was working as an assistant teacher in math and international studies. I adore the honest students here at Higashimachi, and I am looking forward to spending this year with them as well. I hope to do my very best as a teacher with *Tsubomi*.

Tsubomi Teacher Erika Kobayashi

Until March this year, I was working as a Native Teacher at Takanawadai Elementary in Minato Ward. Not knowing much about the school I felt uncertain when I started at Higashimachi. In a mere month though, working here already feels natural. I wish to use all my strength to support the school. Thank you for your support.

Class 3-2 English Support Teacher Nate Hynson

I have had the pleasure of working at Higashimachi Elementary for two years now. At the end of last year I retired from my former position.

Beginning this year, it is my pleasure to teach the small group math class. From 2nd to 6th grade, I hope I can show everyone the "joy of math." Thank you for your support.

Math Instructor Noriko Sugihara

Nice to meet you! I am the new school counselor, Hiroko Tanaka. I will be at school on Tuesdays. I am so happy to meet the students of Higashimachi. Please feel free to come and chat any time. Thank you for your support.

School Counselor Hiroko Tanaka

During last year I was at Azabu Elementary, but this year I have come to Higashimachi once again. It is quite the sentimental sensation. To old friends and new faces alike, please do not hesitate to come and talk to me about anything that is on your mind. I will do my best to listen and help in any way that I can. Thank you for your support.

School Counselor Hiroko Ichinose

Nice to meet you. Beginning this year, I will be studying and playing with the students of Higashimachi Elementary. I am looking forward to spending time with all the energetic students. Thank you for your support.

Assistant Teacher Yuri Usami

