



The Harvest Season

Principal Yuichi Hashimoto

The summer heat still lingers, but the mornings are cooler at times.

Thank you very much for visiting our summer project exhibition early last month. I also enjoy exhibitions and visited the gymnasium several times whenever I had time. The reason I like this exhibition is because students are free to make whatever they want without restrictions. I remember that even as a child I was at a loss as to what to do even though I was told to be free. I think it is good that there is a wide variety of artwork. Many of the works were created or researched based on the student's own interests, and I could see evidence of their efforts. I was also interested in the contents of discoveries and travelogues. It is the research that takes time and effort that is the most rewarding. Each turn of the page is an emotional experience.

Some of the works will be submitted to Minato City's research and study contest, and I would like to thank all the parents who gave us permission to enter their child's work.

In the middle of the school year, just after Grade 6 has their swim meet and the pool is closed for the year, fall events like the Music Festival and practices for the Anniversary have begun. Although pool-related events are over, it still does not seem like autumn has arrived yet. However, on my way to school last week, I heard the sound of bell crickets in the bushes near the school. The season is definitely changing.

This month, the 110th Anniversary Music Festival will be held on Saturday, October 28. In addition to performances from each grade, the anniversary song will be performed. We hope that the anniversary song will not only be sung this year but at future events as well. Since the event will be held in the gymnasium, the number of visitors will be limited and seating will be rotated. However, we appreciate everyone's cooperation in allowing others to watch their child's performance.

We hope to quickly shift into autumn mode and make it a rewarding season.

Date	Day	Events	After-school
1	Su	Tokyo Citizens Day	—
2	M	Safety lesson, Committees	—
3	Tu	Social studies field trip (G5)	G3, G4
4	W		—
5	Th	P.E. assembly, Evacuation drill	G5, G6
6	F	Life studies field trip (G1), Clubs	—
7	Sa		—
8	Su		—
9	M	Sports Day	—
10	Tu		—
11	W	Music Festival schedule begins, 4 periods	—
12	Th	Social studies field trip (G3)	—
13	F	Report cards distributed	—
14	Sa	Open schoolyard	—
15	Su		—
16	M		—
17	Tu		G3, G4
18	W		—
19	Th	Student assembly	G5, G6
20	F		—
21	Sa		—
22	Su		—
23	M		—
24	Tu		—
25	W	Music Festival rehearsals	—
26	Th	Music Festival (for students)	—
27	F	Music Festival (for students)	—
28	Sa	Music Festival (for parents) Saturday school	—
29	Su		—
30	M	Replacement holiday	—
31	Tu	4 Periods	

Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

October's Goal
"Do your best until the end!"

Notices

Emergency Evacuation Drill

October's evacuation drill will simulate an earthquake and the students will practice how to prepare for aftershocks.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Monday the 23rd. Lunch for that day will be paella tortillas from Spain.

October's Open Schoolyard

Saturday, October 14 13:00-16:00

Committees

Ayaka Mitsuta
Special Activities

Grade 5 and 6 students at Higashimachi are divided into 9 committees. Members of the committee share ideas on how to make school life even more enjoyable. We believe that the way they share the workload and work on their own initiative sets a good example for all the children in the school. We believe that being helpful to the school and its members will help foster their ability to live as members of society.

Applying for Smile Room or Classroom Support for 2024-25 Academic Year

Yoshiko Saita
Special Education

The school is accepting applications for Smile Room, which provide personalized instruction for children experiencing difficulties with learning at school, and classroom assistants who provide individualized support during class. Parents/guardians who wish to apply for this service can consult with the homeroom teacher, school nurse, or vice principal by Tuesday, October 31.

Play and Resonate, As One

Miyabi Mishima
Music Instructor

On Saturday, October 28, the Higashimachi's 110th Anniversary of the school will be celebrated with a music festival. (Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27 are for the students to watch the performances.)

The children at Higashimachi are now working hard on songs and ensembles for the festival. In music lessons, we the teachers value the students learning together and cooperating with each other to perform a song. We believe that cooperating in music lessons means listening to each other. First, they listen to their own singing voice and how their playing sounds. Then they listen to their friends' singing and playing and try to match their sound with the sounds of the whole class. Finally, they express themselves as a class or grade and feel their own presence among the sound reverberating around them. Each individual is equally important.

Through music, the students will do their best to cooperate, learn, and improve together for the upcoming Music Festival.

Educational Counseling

School Counselors

The counselor's office is open on Thursdays (with Counselor Ikeda) and Fridays (with Counselor Uemura). We would like to make our office a place where children can feel free to come and talk with us.

The counselor's office is a place where we listen to children's concerns, think together about what to do, and work together toward solutions. Even if we do not talk, we can spend time drawing pictures or folding origami to make students feel as comfortable as possible. It may take some courage for children to come to the counselor's office, but we would be very happy if they feel free to use the room.

We also provide consultations to parents. Feel free to visit us if you are concerned about your child's behavior, are having trouble motivating them, or if you are wondering if you should even talk to us about certain things. Please make a reservation in advance via your child's teacher, School Nurse Shimosato, or the vice principal.