



The Commemorative Assemblies and Ceremonies are Coming Soon

Principal Yuichi Hashimoto

The mornings and evenings have completely cooled down, but it seems the temperatures will still be higher than in previous years. Will they eventually drop down to a normal level or will global warming continue to progress?

Thank you to all the parents and guardians for attending the 110th Anniversary Music Festival the other day. We observed the children from the start of practices, through rehearsals, then on the children's viewing day, and finally on the parents' viewing day. At the beginning, the children sometimes had trouble coordinating with each other, but as the festival went on, they improved themselves. On the last day of the festival, the children gave wonderful performances and sang beautifully, bringing to life the festival's slogan, "Sing and Resonate, as One." We would like this successful experience to continue to the 110th Anniversary Assembly and Commemorative Ceremony.

For the Commemorative Assembly, on Friday, November 10, all the children will use the gymnasium of Roppongi Junior High School to celebrate the 110th Anniversary. The Commemorative Ceremony will be held on November 18 (Sat.) in Higashimachi's gymnasium with local residents and city officials. Grades 5 and 6, as student representatives, will perform "Yorokobi no Hyogen."

Our school holds a family reading program at the beginning of November every year. This year, the reading program will be held from Monday, November 6 to Friday, November 10. We hope that parents and children will take this opportunity to read together and experience the joy of reading. It does not necessarily mean reading to each other, but families can set aside time to read together. Our school has created a reading guide called "The Higashimachi 30" for the lower, middle, and upper grades. This guide introduces recommended books, and awards are given at the morning assembly to children who finish reading all 30 books.

Date	Day	Events	After-school
1	W	4 periods	G3/4
2	Th	P.E. Assembly	—
3	F	Culture Day	—
4	Sa		—
5	Su		—
6	M	Committees, Safety lesson, Family Reading begins	—
7	Tu	Music Assembly	G5/6
8	W	4 periods	—
9	Th	Comm. Assembly rehearsal	—
10	F	110th Anniversary Commemorative Assembly, Family Reading ends	—
11	Sa		—
12	Su		—
13	M		—
14	Tu	School Anniversary	—
15	W	4 periods	—
16	Th		—
17	F		—
18	Sa	110th Anniversary Assembly and Commemorative Ceremony	—
19	Su		—
20	M		—
21	Tu	Social studies field trip (G6)	G3/4
22	W	Fire station field trip (G3) 5 periods	—
23	Th		—
24	F	4 periods	—
25	Sa	Open Schoolyard	—
26	Su		—
27	M	Clubs, Evacuation drill	—
28	Tu	Family Asobi	G5/6
29	W		—
30	Th	Student Assembly, Health Check for 2024 Grade 1, 4 periods	—

November's Goal
"Let's train our minds and bodies!"

Emergency Evacuation Drill

This month's evacuation drill will practice a J-Alert (Early Warning System) during class.

110th Anniversary Commemorative Assembly

Date: Friday, November 10

Location: Roppongi Junior High School

Students will celebrate the anniversary by showing the fruits of their learning. The students will arrive at school and then travel together to Roppongi JH by bus.

110th Anniversary Celebratory Assembly and Commemorative Ceremony

Date: Saturday, November 18

- Celebratory Assembly: 8:25 – 8:40

All grades will participate. Grades 1 to 4 will arrive at school between 8:10 and 8:20. Grades 5 and 6 will arrive between 8:00 and 8:10. Grades 1 to 4 will be dismissed by 8:50.

- Commemorative Ceremony: 10:00 – 11:35

Only Grades 5 and 6 will attend. They will be dismissed by 11:25.

Human Rights Day (School Lunch)

This month's Human Rights Day is on Thursday the 29th. The lunch will be maple toast and salmon cream stew from Canada

November's Open Schoolyard

Saturday, November 25, 13:00 – 16:00

The History of Higashimachi Elementary

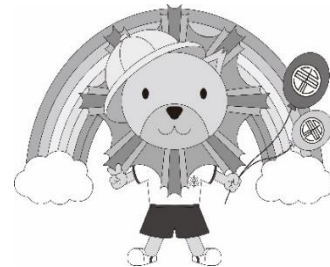
Vice Principal Takehiro Kitahara

The school's anniversary is November 14, and this academic year marks the 110th Anniversary of Higashimachi Elementary opening its doors. The school opened in 1913 as Higashimachi Primary School, and since then it has overcome more than a few dire situations, including being burned to the ground during World War II and the threat of closure due to a decrease in the number of students. Indeed, Higashimachi Elementary is a school with tradition and history.

Being its 110th anniversary, there are many historic remnants at our school. The faculty however, are contributing something new to be left for future generations. One such thing is the 110th anniversary monument made from the bamboo growing in the biotope.

The school's custodians constructed this monument using bamboo that was scheduled to be cut down and discarded.

It is a little difficult to spot, but you can find it tucked behind the iron bars in the schoolyard. Be sure to look for it the next time you visit.



Higashimachi's mascot, Sunlight

The Music Festival

Miyabi Mishima
Music Instructor

Now that the Music Festival is over, how are Higashimachi children feeling? In the two weeks since the practice sessions began in the gym, we noticed a great change in the children. When they first gathered in the gym, they tried their best, but the sound was not quite right. To prepare for the performances, I conducted classes in the hope that the children will be able to concentrate and express themselves from the moment the piano begins (rather, from the moment the conductor begins) until the last note of the piece. We pinpointed areas to improve, listened to each other, focused on specific parts, matched with other parts, listened for the rhythm, matched the tone (singing voices) with the musical theme – so on and so on until they got each song right. Sound disappears quickly, so the students learned what it means to concentrate and put their hearts and souls into a performance. What families saw on the day of the performance is the result of those efforts.

It will give us great joy to learn that the children were able to experience the joy of creating music through cooperation, the excitement of a performance, the rewards of determination, and the spirit of supporting each other – things they could never have experienced alone. We will do our best to make sure the students utilize what we learned at the Music Festival during their time at school.

Spread Your Wings to the Future, Higashimachi!

Saika Shimosato
Anniversary Committee Chair

Higashimachi will celebrate its 110th Anniversary in November. Preparations for celebrating the school's 110th year started last year, including the creation of our new mascot, Sunlight, and a slogan commemorating the event: "Each of us shine, together with 110 years of history, Spread Your Wings for the Future" (unofficial translation). The slogan was crafted from the hopes and wishes the students have to make Higashimachi a fun, peaceful school where everyone respects individuality, helps each other learn, and shines throughout the community. The children even show these hopes through while participating in Family Asobi and events such as Sports Day, the Music Festival, and the Higashimachi Festival.

In preparation for the Commemorative Assembly and Ceremony, the students are learning more about their school, its history, and its connection with the community. The history of the school as well as images of the community will be collected in a commemorative book to be distributed during the celebratory assembly, and we hope families will look at it and talk about it together. The students will celebrate what they have learned at the Commemorative Assembly, and Grades 5 and 6 will participate in the Commemorative Ceremony. We want to give community members and people connected to Higashimachi the chance to see the students spread their wings to the future.