



After Sports Day

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Last month, we held our Sports Day under sunny skies. As the temperature rose in the afternoon, the closing ceremony was held inside the students' tents to prevent heat stroke.

I believe we witnessed the results of the children's daily practices as they put all of their effort into their performances and competition. This year, we opened up some of the classrooms to offer more viewing spaces. We are glad that the event went off without a hitch, thanks to the cooperation of the PTA members. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government designates June, November, and February as *Fureai* Months (Bullying Prevention Months), and I would like to introduce Higashimachi's anti-bullying measures.

First of all, it is important to recognize a child suffering physical or mental distress by someone's behavior as being bullied. We hold an evening meeting every Thursday to ensure that not only the child's teachers but also all faculty and staff members are aware of the children's situation. Next, once a month, the children answer a questionnaire about their time at school in order for us to grasp each child's situation, including early detection of bullying. Also, once a month, we set up a Human Rights Education Day to help students understand cultural differences through in-class instruction and school lunches from around the world.

Finally, twice a year, we invite outside experts such as lawyers, the PTA president, police, and community members to a meeting of Higashimachi's bullying and truancy prevention committee to discuss bullying from a broad perspective.

All faculty and staff members understand the definition of bullying and have a system in place to prevent even minor bullying from going unnoticed.

June's Goal

Let's pay attention to safety!

Date	Day	Events
1	Sa	
2	Su	
3	M	Morning assembly, Safety lesson, Hakone trip (G6)
4	Tu	Hakone Trip (G6), Dragonfly rescue (G3), Dental exam (G2, G5)
5	W	Hakone Trip (G6), Dragonfly rescue substitute day (G3), Vision check (G2)
6	Th	Vision check (G5), Excursion (G3, G4)
7	F	Traffic safety lesson (G3), Excursion (G1), Scoliosis check (G5), Bouldering Week ends
8	Sa	
9	Su	
10	M	Open School ①, Morning assembly, Clubs ③, Special lesson (3-2), Urine check (if requested),
11	Tu	Open School ②, Safety lesson, Special lesson (3-1, 3-3)
12	W	
13	Th	Sports Test, Summer Hakone Trip orientation (G5)
14	F	Sports Test (substitute day)
15	Sa	
16	Su	
17	M	Morning assembly (and PE Assembly, Swim lessons begin, Social studies fieldtrip (G3)
18	Tu	Grade 2 six periods, Dental exam (G1, G3, G4, G6), Scoliosis check (substitute day)
19	W	Theater appreciation (G6)
20	Th	
21	F	Student Assembly
22	Sa	
23	Su	
24	M	Morning assembly, Excursion (G5), Waterworks Caravan (G4)
25	Tu	Rainy Day Traffic Safety lesson (G1), Family Asobi ②
26	W	
27	Th	
28	F	
29	Sa	Saturday school ②, Evac. drill (pick-up), Evac. site tour (G2, G4, G6)
30	Su	

Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

Notices

Open School

Open school will be held on June 10 (Mon.) and 11 (Tues.). We hope families will come and see their children at school and in class. The schedule for Open School was distributed today.

Emergency Evacuation Drill

June's evacuation drill on Saturday the 29th will be a pick-up evacuation drill. Please refer to the grade newsletter for details.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Friday, June 28. The lunch from that day will be minestrone and hand-made pizza from Italy.

Grade 2

Yoshiyasu Tabei

Grade 2 students are always cheerful.

For the school exploration activity in May, the students thought about how they were going to guide the Grade 1 students and made the necessary preparations. It was their first time to take on the roles of older schoolmates and help Grade 1 as they went around the school.

The Grade 1 students said that the Grade 2 students were very kind and they had a lot of fun as well.

Swim Lessons

Hiroataka Ishino

Swim lessons begin Monday, June 17. We will make sure the students will be able to enjoy their swim lessons safely.

As in previous years, if your child forgets their swim equipment or if any information is missing from their pool card for that day, they will not be able to enter the pool. Please be sure to write the date on the pool card for that day, record their temperature, and sign the pool card. Please also help them remember all of their things for swim lessons. Further details will be provided at a later date.



Looking Back on Sports Day



This was Grade 1's first Sports Day. They had a lot of fun practicing and were very excited. They showed a lot of energy during their dances and games on Sports Day. Please continue to cheer them on.



During practice Grade 2 enjoyed learning the dance moves and danced energetically on Sports Day. They ran as fast as they could for the dash, and both the red and white teams were able to put many balls in the basket for the *tama-ire* event.



Grade 3 gave their all in the 80-meter dash, tug of war, and "Uraja."

For "Uraja," the results of their practice could be seen in the details of their performance, in their fingertips and eye contact. The schoolyard rang as they shouted "sore" and "ha!"



Grade 4 showed the results of their hard work in all events. For "Lucky★Blue," they danced their hearts out to bring joy to everyone watching and tasted the success of creating something together.



Grade 5 danced the "Higashimachi Soran" while showing viewers their strength and paying attention to their lowered hips and hand movements. They also had their first cavalry battle, first 100m dash, and first time helping with Sports Day duties.



The SAMURAI: Cavalry Battle began with speeches from the generals, just like in real battles. We could feel the players' passion for this battle as they earnestly circled round their opponents to strike. In "Tsunagaru," Grade 6 as a group worked out their torsos, and performed with flags. There were a lot to movements, swings and formations to memorize, but they were able to focus on their performance until the very end.