



## The Second Term

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The Paris Olympic Games were held this summer, three years after the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games were held. Even though the games started in the wee hours of the morning, I still rubbed my sleepy eyes and watched the heated matches. In the end, it was moving to see that Japan had won medals in different competitions. The spirit of sport is growing, as I am sure many people also wanted to try those sports. According to the national curriculum, one goal of physical education is to regard the mind and body as one, to maintain and improve mental and physical health throughout one's life, and to develop a rich athletic lifestyle; so, it is my hope that Higashimachi's students will feel the joy and benefit of exercise in P.E. classes and grow up to be healthy, athletic adults.

On July 30, during the summer vacation, Grade 5 went on their Hakone summer trip. Hakone was blessed with good weather, making the trip very comfortable for the children. It was wonderful to see them working together as a group, and I feel that this experience will help them in the future.

It is September now, and while the hot winds have finally subsided in the mornings and evenings, the afternoons continue to be very hot. This year in particular, there were days when the rooftop pool had become so hot that not only the air temperature but the water temperature was too high, and swim lessons had to be cancelled. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Major events in the second term include the Summer Project Exhibition (September 4-5), Grade 6 Inter-city Sports Day (October 3), School Performance (October 31–November 2), and the International Assembly (December 17; moved from the third term).

## September's Goal

**Let's get back to school!**

Date	Day	Events
1	Su	
2	M	Opening Ceremony, 4 periods
3	Tu	School lunch begins, Committees, Tablet lesson, Safety lesson,
4	W	Summer Project Exhibition begins, G6 social studies field trip
5	Th	4 periods, Summer Project Exhibition ends, Parent-teacher conf. (Grades 1-6)
6	F	Summer projects go home
7	Sa	
8	Su	Minato City Tag Rugby Lesson
9	M	Morning assembly, G6 measurements, Clubs
10	Tu	Grade 5 measurements, G6 Inter-city swim meet (5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> periods)
11	W	4 periods, Grade 5 measurements
12	Th	Student assembly, G4 measurements, Swim Meet sub. day (4 periods for G1)
13	F	G4 measurements, G5 pool with clothes, Pool ends, G3 art museum appreciation (2 <sup>nd</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> period)
14	Sa	
15	Su	
16	M	Respect for the Aged Day
17	Tu	G3 measurements
18	W	G3 measurements
19	Th	Student assembly, G1 measurements, G3 social studies field trip
20	F	Open School①, Atomic bomb lecture (G6, 5 <sup>th</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> periods, gym), Information ethics (G3, 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> period, classrooms)
21	Sa	Open school②, Saturday school, Japanese Culture, Mini-concert (G1-G3, 1 <sup>st</sup> -2 <sup>nd</sup> periods)
22	Su	Autumnal Equinox
23	M	Autumnal Equinox observed
24	Tu	G2 measurements, Grade 2 six periods
25	W	G2 measurements, Evac. drill
26	Th	Student assembly, Family Asobi
27	F	4 periods
28	Sa	PTA Higashimachi Festival
29	Su	
30	M	Morning assembly, End of term 1

## Notices

### **Emergency Evacuation Drill**

This month's evacuation drill will practice a suspicious person on the premises.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Sept. 5 (Thurs.) 13:40 G1 – G3  
14:40 G4 – G6

Please refer to the notice from school for details.

### **Open School**

Sept. 20 (Fri.), Sept. 21 (Sat.)

Please refer to the notice from school for details.

### **Human Rights Day**

This month's Human Rights Day is on the 30<sup>th</sup>. The lunch will be Chinese shrimp and egg fried rice with bansansu.

### **Open Schoolyard**

There will be no open schoolyard this month.

## **Grade 5 Hakone Trip**

Grade 5 Class 2 Minako Odori

On July 30 and 31, Grade 5 went on their Hakone summer trip. The weather was beautiful for the two days. The children had been looking forward to their first overnight event since they started preparing for it.

On the first day, the children went by cable car to the top of Jukkoku Pass and were impressed by the view of Hakone's natural beauty. On the way down, they tried out different athletic challenges despite the heat and then cooled off in the shade of the trees, which felt different than the shade in Tokyo. The campfire that evening was a rare and exciting activity where they experienced bonding, cooperation, friendship, and courage. On the second day, they enjoyed crafts using seeds and berries and an outdoor quiz rally at the Mori-no-Fureaikan Hall (Hakone Woodland Museum). They then went to the cornfield maze, where they ran through the tall corn and collected stamps.

In addition to enjoying the outdoors of Hakone, we hope the children can use their experience of working as a group and taking responsibility for their efforts in the future.

## **Smile Room**

Yoshiko Saita

Each child is unique and grows at their own pace, so how they learn is different for each individual. It is important to consider these different learning styles as part of their individuality and developmental diversity and teach them according to their individual needs.

The Smile Room is a place where children can work on learning difficult content with teachers so that they can find their strengths, succeed in class, and have a positive school life. The Smile Room aims to develop the children's unique personalities and abilities and enrich their time at school.

### **Application for Term 3**

Those who wish to attend Smile Room or have an assistant in class can contact their child's teacher, the school nurse, or the vice principal by September 9 (Mon.). (Requests for consultations are welcome.)

## **Summer Project Exhibition**

Head Teacher Junichi Takagi

After the summer break, Higashimachi hosts a summer project exhibition where the children's projects are displayed in the gym, turning the building into a mini-exhibition hall.

Every year, students from all grades complete some very ingenious projects, including crafts, cooking projects, travelogues, and projects based on themes they have chosen.

We can tell the children enjoy seeing all the projects at the exhibition. They get to see projects from their friends and schoolmates and expand their own learning in new ways. We invite parents to also visit the exhibition during the dates below.

Exhibition: Sept. 4 (Wed.)  
to Sept. 5 (Thurs.)

9:00 – 16:00

Location: Gymnasium