



## Human Rights

*Principal Yuichi Hashimoto*

Thank you to everyone who came to watch the School Performances. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, this was the first time in five years that we could have the performances. Only a few of our faculty members had participated in something like this, so oftentimes we felt like we were groping around in the dark. Most of the children do not regularly perform, so at first, they did not know how it should be done; but through practice, rehearsals, and the children's viewing day, their acting abilities suddenly improved. I believe they gave their best performance on the parents' viewing day. Their progress as student performers was truly impressive.

Human Rights Week at Higashimachi will be from Wednesday, December 4 to Tuesday, December 10. During this period, children will learn about the significance of human rights in an age-appropriate way. We hope to develop an awareness and respect for human rights throughout that week in morals classes and through activities like creating slogans.

One human rights issue involves the rights of victims of online abuse. At Higashimachi, we have our own SNS Higashimachi Rules.

1. When you're with friends and family, put away your phones and enjoy talking with them.
2. Decide on a time and place to use the internet.
3. Don't post any personal information online about your friends or family (e.g., names, addresses, school names, pictures, videos, etc.).
4. Don't believe everything you read or see on the internet.
5. Talk with your family about safely using the internet (filtering, passwords, spending money, apps, etc.)

We suggest referring to these rules when you talk with your family about privacy invasion, inappropriate posts on social media, and other human rights violations.

## December's Goal

**Let's appreciate our friends!**

Date	Day	Events
1	Su	
2	M	Morning Assembly, Jump Rope Month begins, Human Rights Slogan announcement, Committees ⑧
3	Tu	Evacuation drill
4	W	4 periods, Human Rights Week begins, G5 five periods
5	Th	5 periods, *IPTM ①
6	F	5 periods, IPTM ②
7	Sa	
8	Su	Minato tag rugby lesson
9	M	5 periods, IPTM ③, My School Competition
10	Tu	5 periods, IPTM ④, Human Rights Week ends
11	W	
12	Th	4 periods (teacher development: Grade 5 Class 3)
13	F	Music Assembly, School Management Meeting 16:00
14	Sa	
15	Su	
16	M	Morning Assembly, International Assembly rehearsal
17	Tu	International Assembly
18	W	4 periods
19	Th	G5 Music Appreciation class
20	F	Jump Rope Month ends
21	Sa	
22	Su	
23	M	School Assembly
24	Tu	School lunch ends, Grade 2 six periods
25	W	Closing Ceremony
26	Th	Winter break begins
27	F	
28	Sa	
29	Su	
30	M	
31	Tu	New Year's Eve

**\*IPTM:** requested individual parent-teacher meetings  
 Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

Due to construction from Sunday, December 1 to Friday, February 28, the schoolyard will not be available.

## Notices

### Emergency Evacuation Drill

December's evacuation drill will practice responding to a warning of an earthquake.



### Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Tuesday, the 3rd. Lunch for that day will be handmade piroshki and borscht from Russia.



### **International Assembly**

*Ikumi Murata*

The International Assembly will be held in December this year. The School Performances had each grade performing in Japanese, but the International Assembly will have each class performing in English. Students will use what they have learned in international studies class to deliver lines and sing songs in English. The International Assembly is intended for student viewing, so there will be no designated seating for visitors; however, families are allowed to watch the performance. We hope everyone can come and enjoy the performances.

Date: December 17 (Fri.)

Classes will perform at different times. Please refer to the grade newsletters for details.

Location: Higashimachi ES gym



Visitors will change to indoor shoes in the annex before entering the gym. **You will be walking outside, so please bring indoor shoes.**

### **The School Anniversary Assembly**

*Ayaka Mitsuta*

*Special Events*

The Steering Committee and Assembly Committee planned, prepared, and hosted Higashimachi's Anniversary Assembly to celebrate the school's 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday, November 22.

This year, the Steering Committee modified their daily greeting campaign into a special anniversary version called *Aisastu 111*. The students introduced the 111<sup>th</sup> student who gave a loud greeting of each morning during the week prior to the Anniversary Assembly. The winners were presented with a certificate and the other students were encouraged to continue greeting each other in the morning.

The program for the assembly was full of a variety of activities that included an introduction of the school's history and the school's mascot, Sunlight, as well as a quiz showcasing several unique locations around the school grounds. The students sang the school's anniversary song "Sora-e" as well as the school's alma mater, and then wrapped up the event with a festive *kusudama*. From the angelic voices singing "Sora-e" to the applause for the *Aisastu 111* winners and cheers when the *kusudama* cracked open – the students were able to come together and celebrate the school's 111<sup>th</sup> anniversary as one.

### **An Introduction to Jump Rope Month**

*Yuki Onishi*

*P.E. Events Committee*

The days are becoming more like winter, and we can see the children playing outside despite the cold weather.

At Higashimachi, December is Jump Rope Month, and students will do their best individually and as a class.

Children will use the Jump Rope card to help reach their goals for individual jumping during recess or classes.

After watching the Grade 6 students demonstrate jumping skills at the Jump Rope assembly, individual classes will work together for group jump rope during classes.

Please have a short jump rope prepared by the end of November for your child's individual jumping. Also, please make sure the length is adjusted and their name is written on the handles.

We hope Jump Rope Month will allow the children to have fun, strengthen their bodies, and bring in the New Year with plenty of energy.