



Thank You for Your Support over the Year

Principal Yuichi Hashimoto

The days are still cold, but the plum blossoms next to the main gate are quietly blooming, and the gradual arrival of spring can be felt by the changes in the trees in the schoolyard. March is here, and we hope that the children will spend the remaining days up to their Graduation and Closing Ceremonies wrapping up the current academic year and preparing for the next one.

This year is Higashimachi's 111th Anniversary, and we are making efforts to carry on the legacy of the 110th Anniversary to the anniversaries to come. The commemorative song "Sora-e" is sung at events, and the school's mascot Sunlight makes the occasional appearance. Activities like the Anniversary Assembly that celebrated the 110th anniversary still continue. It is our hope that the love for the school and the community will remain in the hearts of the children for many years to come.

Now, we would like to inform families of some changes regarding school events for the upcoming academic year.

The Entrance Ceremony on April 7 will begin at 1:30 p.m., which will change the morning schedule and Opening Ceremony for current students. In addition, Minato City's Pre-Classes for Grade 1 will be implemented.

As for spring events, Sports Day will be held on May 24 (Sat.), and the Grade 6 Hakone Trip will be held from June 11 (Wed.) to June 13 (Fri.). The Grade 5 Hakone Trip will be held in the summer from August 19 (Tue.) to August 20 (Wed.).

Autumn's events cycle through the School Performance, the Art Exhibition, and the Music Festival. This year, the Art Exhibition will be from November 14 (Fri.) to November 15 (Sat.). The Closing Ceremony in the second term will be held on December 23 (Tues.), and the winter vacation will begin on December 24 (Wed.).

Further details will be shared at the parent-teacher conferences for each grade.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in the coming academic year.

Date	Day	Events
1	Sa	
2	Su	
3	M	Morning Assembly, Safety lesson, Committees①
4	Tu	Music Assembly
5	W	4 periods, Arigato no Kai
6	Th	Student Assembly (Sports Committee)
7	F	Parent-Teacher Conference (G1-G3) (G4-G6)
8	Sa	
9	Su	Minato City tag rugby lesson
10	M	Morning Assembly
11	Tu	
12	W	5 periods
13	Th	Grade 2 Art Appreciation
14	F	
15	Sa	
16	Su	
17	M	Morning Assembly
18	Tu	Six periods for Grade 2
19	W	5 periods
20	Th	Vernal Equinox
21	F	Graduation rehearsal, School lunch ends
22	Sa	
23	Su	
24	M	Graduation Ceremony
25	Tu	Closing Ceremony
26	W	Spring break begins
27	Th	
28	F	
29	Sa	
30	Su	
31	M	

Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

March's Goal

Let's wrap up the year!



Notices

Emergency Evacuation Drill

The March evacuation drill will not be announced. Students will practice listening to the announcement and remaining calm during the drill.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Friday, March 7, 2025
Grades 1 to 3 – 1:40
Grades 4 to 6 – 2:40

Locations:
Grades 1 to 5 in classrooms
Grade 6 in gym (Please bring indoor shoes.)

Graduation Ceremony

The Graduation Ceremony will be held Monday, March 24. Grades 1 to 4 will not have school that day.

Closing Ceremony

On Tuesday, March 25 the Closing Ceremony will be held and the students will bring the academic year to a close.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Tuesday, the 18th. The lunch for that day will be handmade pizza from Italy.

Grade 1

Yuri Ishinabe

The children who stepped through the gate at the Entrance Ceremony holding their parents' hands in anticipation have grown up considerably after taking part in Sports Day, School Performance, and all types of learning.

At a recent exchange event with a nursery school, the Grade 1 students were very kind to their visitors and proud to tell them all about Higashimachi Elementary. They said that when they go to Grade 2, they want to be nice to the Grade 1 students, help them when they are in trouble, and play with them. They have become more aware of their role as upperclassmen.

There is only one month left in Grade 1, and each child will continue to do their best so that they can start the new academic year with confidence.



Changes in the 2025-26 Academic Year

Vice Principal Takehiro Kitahara

The 2025-26 academic year is approaching. Grade 6 will graduate and become junior high school students, while Grades 1 to 5 will advance to the next grade. Spring is the season for meeting others and saying farewell, and we hope to treasure this special time.

The school is expecting to implement several changes in the 2025-26 academic year. Here are a few notable changes.

○Entrance Ceremony in the Afternoon

To ensure students and their new teachers have a chance to get acquainted, the Entrance Ceremony will be held in the afternoon.

○Pre-Classes

New Grade 1 students will spend April in temporary pre-classes before their permanent class for the year is decided in May.

○Subject Teachers

Similar to Grade 6, Grade 5 will have subject-specific teachers.

Also, as measures to avoid heat stroke, the schedule and name for Sports Day as well as the schedule for summer pool lessons are under review.

Details will be provided in the upcoming parent-teacher conferences.

From the Educational Counsellors

Junichi Takagi

Head Educational Counsellor

March is here, and there are less than 20 days of school left. Teachers in every grade are helping their students have a positive outlook for the new academic year by reflecting on how they have grown and what they can improve from the past year.

Spring break is an opportunity for families to spend time talking and preparing for the new school year.

Please help your child prepare for the new academic year by confirming how to evacuate in the event of a disaster, refilling school supplies and writing names on everything, organizing their desk box, and preparing other things they will need for school.

Thank you to all parents for your cooperation in various areas throughout the year.

