



A New Step Principal Tetsuro Kawahara

Congratulations to new enrollees and to students advancing to the next grade.

I am Tetsuro Kawahara, succeeding Principal Yuichi Hashimoto as the principal of Higashimachi Elementary School. It is an honor and a great responsibility to lead a school with such rich history and tradition, and I look forward to working with you.

Today, we begin the 2025-26 academic year by welcoming 71 new first graders, bringing our total to 434 students across 16 classes. With our students' enthusiasm and the support of parents and the community, we take a new step forward to meet new challenges. At this year's start, I would like to share the four educational goals that foster a fulfilling learning experience for all.

Higashimachi's Educational Goals

- Children who are cheerful
- Children who think things out
- Children who don't give up
- Children who are considerate

To achieve these educational goals, it is essential that children can enjoy their school life in a safe and secure environment.

This year, our school continues to strive toward being a "Triple A" school, emphasizing *Anzen* (safety), *Antei* (stability), and *Anshin* (peace of mind).

Safety: during arrival and dismissal, in school lunches, in disaster preparedness

Stability: for classrooms, grades, and subjects

Security: a sense of trust and security for students, parents, and the local community.

We strive to make school a place where children look forward to coming every day and parents feel confident in Higashimachi. However, education cannot be achieved by the school alone. Parents, the community, and the school must work together to support children's growth. We aim to create an environment where students connect with others, gain diverse experiences, and appreciate one another's strengths.

To that end, appreciate the continued understanding and support of parents, guardians, and community members this school year.

April's Goal

"Let's follow the school rules!"

Date	Day	Events
1	Tu	
2	W	
3	Th	
4	F	Last day of spring vacation, G2 and G6 attend school
5	Sa	
6	Su	
7	M	Opening Ceremony, Entrance Ceremony, G1 Pre-Class begins, G1 Health docs. out
8	Tu	Safety lesson, 4 periods, Health checks begin
9	W	4 periods, G6 Measurements
10	Th	4 periods, School lunch begins (G2-G6), Measurements (G2, G5)
11	F	4 periods, G1 Health docs. in, Traffic Safety lesson
12	Sa	
13	Su	
14	M	Morning assembly, Meet and Greet, G1 Welcoming Ceremony, Outside play and trial lunch (G1), Urine tests out (all grades), Committees ^①
15	Tu	Urine tests in (all grades), Trial lunch (G1)
16	W	4 periods, G1 Full lunch, G3 Measurements
17	Th	G6 National aptitude test, G1 Measurements, G6 Hakone trip inspection
18	F	G6 Hakone trip inspection
19	Sa	
20	Su	
21	M	Morning assembly, Evac. drill ^① , Clubs ^①
22	Tu	Parent-teacher conf. (G1, G2, G3 4 periods; G4, G5, G6 5 periods), Urine make-up test
23	W	4 periods, National Aptitude Test online session
24	Th	G5 Hakone trip inspection, ENT exam (G2, G3), G2 Fire Truck Drawing (1 st -2 nd per.)
25	F	G5 Hakone trip inspection, Physical exam (G3, G5)
26	Sa	
27	Su	
28	M	Morning Assembly, Physical exam (G2, G4), Committees ^② , G2 Fire Truck Drawing (1 st -2 nd per.)
29	Tu	Showa Day
30	W	4 periods, G1 Pre-Class ends, Sports Festival schedule begins

*Dismissal times differ by grade.

*Newsletters and lunch menus will be posted on the school's website from May. Please contact your child's teacher for paper copies.

Changes in Faculty

Retirement

Teacher Kazuo Sugimoto

Transfers Out

Principal Yuichi Hashimoto (Azabu ES, Minato)

Vice

Principal Takehiro Kitahara (Konan ES, Minato)

Teacher Hiroshi Yagi (Kamioka JH, Nagano)

Teacher Miyabi Mishima (Taishido ES, Setagaya)

Teacher Nozomi Yamamoto (Shimomeguro ES,
Meguro)

Teacher Hirotaka Ishino (Akatsuka ES, Itabashi)

Teacher Mai Sato (Akabanedai-nishi ES, Kita)

Support

Specialist Noriko Yamaguchi (Konan ES, Minato)

Transfers In

Principal Tetsuro Kawahara (Shiba ES, Minato)

Vice

Principal Kouichi Wakebe (Mita ES, Minato)

Teacher Yoshiko Nakajima (Jonan ES, Shinagawa)

Teacher Hiroko Fujimoto (Keyaki ES, Nishi Tokyo)

Teacher Sayuri Kashiwado (Oji No. 5 ES, Kita)

Teacher Keisuke Hata (newly assigned)

Teacher Hideyuki Ando (newly assigned)

Teacher Yumiko Shinya (substitute)

Teacher Nao Iguchi (substitute)

Parental Leave

Teacher Minako Odori (from May 14)

Teacher Erika Sasaki

If Absent or Tardy

If your child will be late or absent, please inform your child's teacher through Gakupuri.

School Lunch

School lunch for Grades 2 to 6 begins on the 10th (Thurs.). Please have your child bring their lunch mat and mask. Masks during lunch are for hygienic purposes related to food preparation, not to prevent infection. Please ensure your child has a mask in their bags.

Grade 1 will have no lunch on the 10th (Thurs.) and the 11th (Fri.), then milk on the 14th (Mon.), milk and bread on the 15th (Tues.), and then full lunch starting on the 16th (Wed.).

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Grades 1 to 6 will have their conferences on April 22 (Tues.). Please refer to the notices from the school for further details.

April Open Schoolyard

Saturday, April 26 12:00 – 15:00

2025-26 Faculty and Staff

Principal Tetsuro Kawahara

Vice Principal Kouichi Wakebe

Grade 1 Grade Leader Yuki Onishi

Grade 1 Sayuri Kashiwado

Grade 2 Class 1 Grade Leader Tomoko Muto

Grade 2 Class 2 Nao Iguchi

Grade 3 Class 1 Yuri Ishinabe

Grade 3 Class 2 Grade Leader Hiroko Fujimoto

Grade 3 Class 3 Hideyuki Ando

Grade 4 Class 1 Grade Leader Junichi Takagi

Grade 4 Class 2 Keisuke Hata

Grade 4 Class 3 Yumiko Shinya

Grade 5 Class 1 Ikumi Murata

Grade 5 Class 2 Grade Leader Yoshiyasu Tabei

Grade 5 Class 3 Tomoya Kobayashi

Grade 6 Class 1 Shinichi Kudo

Grade 6 Class 2 Norihiko Saito

Grade 6 Class 3 Grade Leader Ayaka Mitsuta

Music (G3-G6)

Specialized Subjects Leader Yoshiko Nakajima

Art (G3-G6) Yurie Suzuki

Math (G3-G6) Naomi Naito

School Nurse Kumiko Shoji

Smile Room Head Instructor Yoshiko Saita

Smile Room Akiko Hiraide

Smile Room Specialist Kimiko Miura

EST Naoko Murahashi EST Yumiko Minowa

EST 1 Joseph Boyd Batoctoy

EST 2 Class 2 Sheri Maeda

EST 3 Class 1 Poe Mauldin

EST 4 Class 1 Clint Yajima

EST 5 Class 1 Christine Fujiwara

EST 6 Class 2 Reiko Saito

NT Allen Grancho

NT Johncel Maway Clamaña

NT Megumi Shigeta

Nutritionist Ayako Koide

Administration Shun Takayama

Assistants Noriko Sugihara Minako Nakajima

Norie Okiyama

Assistant Teachers Saori Murakami

Ryoko Iguchi

School Counsellors Wakana Kamimura

Hana Ikeda

School Social Worker Kazumi Yoshimoto

Custodians Masashi Miyabe Eriko Kato

Kozue Ota

Yukie Higuchi

School Support Staff (Admin.)

Michiko Tsukamoto

Science Assistant Junichi Shinozaki

Education Assistant Misaki Kawana