



School Newsletter

Our Connection With Nature

Principal Tetsuro Kawahara

The long summer vacation has come to an end. I wonder how the children spent their break. I hope they had the chance to try new experiences and challenges that they normally would not encounter during regular school life. I am looking forward to hearing their stories.

The 5th graders went on their Hakone summer trip. Blessed with good weather, they had valuable experiences in nature that they normally would not have, spending two days together with their friends. This was their first overnight school trip. I could really see the children grow as they cooperated with one another and lived together as a group. I hope they take this experience and continue to shine as upper-grade students at Higashimachi ES.

This summer was exceptionally hot once again. Not only in Japan, but across the world, there have been many reports of abnormal heat and extreme weather. It truly feels like global warming is progressing, and I cannot help but worry about the future of our planet. Environmental issues are now something we can no longer ignore in our daily lives. Environmental education exists to nurture the knowledge, attitudes, and actions necessary to create a sustainable society. I believe some students may have researched environmental topics or raised animals or plants for their summer projects. Taking an interest in the environment and the nature around them might just be the first step into environmental education.

One of Minato City's key educational initiatives is "Enhancing Environmental Education." At Higashimachi ES, we are fortunate to have a wonderful biotope. By engaging in activities where children can connect with nature up close or learn about environmental issues, we will continue to promote environmental education.

The calendar says it is autumn. The days are getting shorter, and the sound of cicadas is fading. In the schoolyard, we are beginning to hear the chirping of autumn insects like crickets. However, the forecast is still calling for intense lingering summer heat. We will continue to take precautions against heatstroke and ensure that the children can spend their school days safely and energetically.

Thank you for your continued support in the second term.

Date	Day	Events
1	M	Opening Ceremony, B schedule 4 periods, Safety lesson, Tablet lesson
2	Tu	School lunch begins, Summer projects brought to school, Committees
3	W	B schedule 5 periods, Summer Project Exhibition begins
4	Th	B schedule 4 periods (G 1-3), 5 periods (G 4-6), Summer Project Exhibition ends, Parent-Teacher Conference (Grades 1-6)
5	F	Summer projects go home
6	Sa	
7	Su	
8	M	Morning Assembly, Clubs
9	Tu	G6 measurements, G4 social studies field trip
10	W	B schedule 4 periods, G5 measurements
11	Th	Evacuation drill, Family Asobi
12	F	G4 measurements, G6 social studies field trip
13	Sa	
14	Su	Minato City Tag Rugby Lesson
15	M	Respect for the Aged Day
16	Tu	G3 measurements
17	W	B schedule 5 periods, G2 measurements
18	Th	Student assembly
19	F	B schedule 4 periods, G1 measurements, Roppongi Academy
20	Sa	
21	Su	
22	M	Morning Assembly
23	Tu	Autumnal Equinox
24	W	B schedule 5 periods
25	Th	
26	F	6 periods for G2 and G3, Higashimachi Festival
27	Sa	
28	Su	
29	M	Morning Assembly
30	Tu	Last day of term 1

September's Goal

Let's have a calm school life.

※ Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

※ Please see the Higashimachi website for the school newsletter, grade newsletter, and lunch menu. Paper versions are available

Notices

Emergency Evacuation Drill

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences

September 4 (Thu.) 13:40 G1 – G3
14:40 G4 – G6

Please refer to the notice from school for details.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is on the 29th (Mon.). The lunch will be Chinese shrimp and egg fried rice with bansansu.

Open Schoolyard

There is no open schoolyard in September.

Grade 5 Hakone Trip

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On August 19th and 20th, Grade 5 went to the Hakone Summer Camp. The weather was good for both days.

On the first day, when the children took the cable car up to the summit of Jukkoku Pass, they were moved by the panoramic view of Hakone's natural beauty. On the way down they tried various athletic activities despite the heat and enjoyed the cool breeze in the shade, feeling a refreshing difference from Tokyo's heat. At night the campfire was an exciting experience since children do not usually do nighttime activities. They had fun gathering around the flames that represented bonds, helping each other, friendship, and courage.

On the second day, they rode the pirate ship, enjoying the surrounding scenery, and cooling off with the breeze over the lake, before going to the Mori no Fureaikan Hall (Hakone Woodland Museum) in the afternoon. They enjoyed making crafts using seeds, nuts, and other natural materials.

In addition to enjoying Hakone's nature, the children learned many important things about group behavior, such as being punctual, checking the schedule or listening to instructions and following them, and taking responsibility for their own work. They will apply what they learned to their daily lives going forward.

Smile Room, Special Needs Assistants

Special Needs Educator

Each child has their own personality and pace of development. Therefore, the most effective way to learn will differ for each individual. At Smile Room, we view these differences in learning styles as expressions of individuality and diversity, and we provide instruction tailored to each child's needs. We help children reflect on themselves, talk about what they don't understand or are struggling with, and think things through together with teachers. Through this process, they accumulate many successful experiences, develop their diverse personalities and abilities, and lead fulfilling school lives.

In addition, Special Needs Assistants, under the guidance of the homeroom teacher, provide necessary support in the classroom to help with both learning and daily life activities.

Application for Term 3

Parents who would like to their child to go to Smile Room or have a Special Needs Assistant should talk to their homeroom teacher, vice-principal, or school nurse.

Summer Project Exhibition

Head Teacher

At our school, we hold a "Summer Vacation Project Exhibition" every year after the summer break. The exhibition is held in the gymnasium, which takes on the atmosphere of a mini art gallery during this period.

Every year, students from all grades complete creative and well-thought-out projects. A wide variety of works are displayed, including crafts, reports on cooking experiences, travel journals, and research projects on self-chosen themes.

When the children visit the exhibition, you can clearly see how much they enjoy it. By seeing the works of their friends, as well as those of older and younger students, they discover new ways of expression and expand their learning. During this period, parents and guardians are also welcome to visit. Please feel free to stop by and take a look.

◆Date and time : September 3 (Wed.)-
4 (Thu.)

9:00-16:00

◆Place : gymnasium