



Fureai Month

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Thank you to the many parents and guardians who visited the school during the open school. The children have become accustomed to their new classes and are enjoying school life while making new friends. We hope you were able to see how hard your children are working and how much they have grown. Grade 6 students went on a three-day, two-night school trip to *Hakone Nikoniko Kogen Gakuen* beginning on May 13. Representing Higashimachi, they cooperated with each other and worked hard throughout the activities, showing significant growth over those three days. We hope they will continue to play active roles as leaders of Higashimachi.

June is *Fureai Month* (Anti-Bullying Month). This initiative is designated by the Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education and is carried out in June, November, and February. Schools promote efforts aimed at early detection, early response, and prevention of issues such as bullying, suicide, violent behavior, and truancy. Every month, a monthly lifestyle questionnaire is conducted to identify any concerns or anxieties the children may have, ensuring immediate action is taken when needed. Additionally, in moral education classes, we use materials that address topics like bullying and building relationships with friends. We have activities where children exchange opinions and think about bullying, how to get along with their classmates and what it means to act with others in mind.

During the morning assembly in early June, I will speak about bullying prevention and respecting diversity. The students are reminded of the three I's that we should never do, "*ijime*" (bullying), "*ijiwaru*" (being mean), and "*iyagarase*" (harassment) because they hurt others and cause unpleasant feelings. The children were also told this at the start of the school year, along with encouragement to think carefully about how they themselves can avoid engaging in such behavior. Many children likely understand this intellectually. However, true understanding is shown in whether they can consistently act correctly. We will continue to communicate these messages to the children repeatedly.

Preventing bullying and ensuring early detection and response cannot be accomplished without the cooperation of each family. We sincerely appreciate your continued support so that the children of Higashimachi can enjoy their school lives cheerfully, energetically, safely, and with peace of mind.

June's Goal

Let's pay attention to safety!

- ※ 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 upon request.

Date	Day	Events
1	M	Morning Assembly, Safety lesson, P.E. Survey begins, Traffic Safety lesson (G3), Committee ^③ , Student-teaching starts
2	Tu	Hearing Test (G1), Family <i>Asobi</i> ^①
3	W	B schedule 4 periods, Hearing Test (G2)
4	Th	Committee Introduction Assembly, Hearing Test (G5), (PTA Firefly Event - Gym)
5	F	Hearing Test (G3), Bouldering Week ends, Hakone Parent Orientation (G5)
6	Sa	
7	Su	
8	M	Morning Assembly, Swim lessons start, Club ^③
9	Tu	Dental exam (G2, G3, G5)
10	W	B schedule 4 periods, Theater appreciation (G6)
11	Th	P.E. Tests
12	F	Reserve day for P.E. Tests
13	Sa	
14	Su	Minato City Tag Rugby Class
15	M	Morning Assembly, Rainy Day Traffic Safety lesson (G1)
16	Tu	Dental check (G1, G4, G6), G3 social studies field trip
17	W	B schedule 5 periods
18	Th	Student Assembly ^①
19	F	B schedule 4 periods
20	Sa	
21	Su	
22	M	Morning Assembly, 4 periods
23	Tu	Monday schedule ^② , Evac. drill ^③
24	W	B schedule 5 periods
25	Th	Family <i>Asobi</i> ^②
26	F	6 periods for G3 ^② , P.E. Survey ends, Minato Science Museum (G4), Student-teaching ends
27	Sa	
28	Su	
29	M	Morning Assembly, Committee ^④
30	Tu	<i>Nissei</i> Theater (G4), Health Checks ends

Notices

Emergency Evacuation Drill

June's evacuation drill will be based on the scenario of a magnitude 6 earthquake. Students will confirm the evacuation routes from their classrooms to the schoolyard.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Friday, June 26. The lunch for that day will be Singaporean Chicken Rice and Pisang Goreng.

Minna to Joispo (formerly Open Schoolyard)

June 6 (Sat) 12:00-15:00

June 13 (Sat) 12:00-15:00

Gratitude

Naomi Naito

I have been at Higashimachi Elementary School for five years and one month, and I am deeply grateful for the time I spent here. I am filled with appreciation for the days I was able to spend with the children. Higashimachi is full of energy and kindness. Although this farewell has come unexpectedly and I feel saddened, I will do my very best at my new school.

Thank you very much for everything.

Grade 2

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We held a *Gakko Tanken* (School Exploration) activity for the first-grade students.

The students discussed which places to introduce, what kind of explanations to give, and how they should speak during the activity.

They also came up with many ideas to help the first graders enjoy the experience and have fun. Before the event, they practiced guiding the students, paying attention to things such as speaking clearly and walking at an appropriate pace while considering the needs of the first graders and the classes that were in session.

On the day of the exploration, the students returned to the goal area with expressions full of accomplishment.

Through experiences like these, we hope students will appreciate the value of interacting with children from different grade levels and apply the sense of responsibility and achievement gained from fulfilling their roles to their daily school life.

Grade 6 Hakone Trip

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Grade 6 went to Hakone from May 13 (Wed) to May 15 (Fri). Although it was held slightly earlier than in previous years, the children actively participated not only in their usual committee and class duties, but also on their field trip duties. In their advance studies, they researched the history and highlights of the places they would visit in Hakone and looked forward to the trip.

On the first day, we were blessed with fine weather, and despite some warmth, we visited Odawara Castle. The students carefully read the materials and took diligent notes in their travel booklets. On the second day, thanks to the continued clear weather, the stone-paved roads and cedar-lined avenues of the old highway were dry underfoot, allowing the children to enjoy the scenery while hiking. Around noon, it began to rain, so our visit to the checkpoint was shortened. In addition, due to approaching thunderstorms, the ropeway service was suspended, and we traveled to Owakudani by bus instead. However, this meant the area was less crowded than usual, allowing for a calm and relaxed visit.

Through these three days, the children reflected on their own behavior and made efforts to address the challenges they identified. Their positive attitude toward improving their group was very impressive and reassuring.

After this excursion, their sense of unity has grown even stronger. We will continue to guide them so that they can play an even more active role as the highest grade level.

Swim Lessons

Swim Leader



Swim lessons begin on Monday, June 8. If your child forgets their swim equipment or if any information is missing from their pool card for that day, they will not be able to enter the pool (Even if there are any missing items on the day, the school will not contact parents and guardians). Please be sure to write the date on the pool card for that day, record their temperature, sign the pool card, and check what they bring to school.