

**Further Growth in the Second Term!**

Principal Tetsuro Kawahara

The long summer vacation has come to an end. I wonder how the children spent their summer vacation. Many children, parents and guardians, and members of the local community participated in the radio exercise sponsored by the PTA. The children also enthusiastically took part in the dodgeball games that followed. They seemed very happy to meet and play with their friends early in the morning. I hope that during this summer vacation, the children were able to have new experiences and take on challenges that they do not normally have the opportunity to do during the school year.

Our fifth graders spent two days and one night at Hakone Niko Niko Kogen Gakuen for their summer camp. On the first day, we visited the summit of Jukkoku-toge, a place where, on a clear day, you can enjoy views of Mt. Fuji, Sagami Bay, and the Izu Islands. However, on this particular day, the summit was covered in fog, creating a completely white landscape. This, too, was a valuable experience for the children. The two days they spent with their friends, enjoying experiences that are not possible in their everyday school life, surrounded by nature, were truly precious. This was the children's first overnight school trip, and it was wonderful to see how much they grew as they cooperated with one another and experienced living together as a group. I hope they will build on this experience and continue to take an active role as senior students at Higashimachi Elementary School.

There are two major school events in the second term: the Sports Festival in October and the Learning Presentation in November. I hope each child will have the opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned in their everyday studies and experience the joy of working together with their friends to create something as a team. We will continue to nurture our children by emphasizing the importance of thinking about the group and about others, as well as the importance of everyone in the group caring about one another. In addition, each grade will participate in activities outside of school and activities featuring guest teachers. We will continue to guide, encourage, and recognize each child so that they can further develop the skills they acquired during the first term and continue to grow. We sincerely appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation with our educational activities throughout the second term.

According to the calendar, it is autumn. Autumn insects such as crickets can already be heard singing in the school biotope. However, there are still some hot days ahead. We will continue to do everything we can to ensure that our children stay healthy and enjoy a safe and fulfilling school life.

September's Goal
Let's have a calm school life.

Date	Day	Events
1	Tu	Opening Ceremony, B schedule 4 periods, Safety lesson, Gym unavailable until the 7 th 16:00
2	W	B schedule 4 periods (G1-4), 5 periods (G5-6), School lunch begins, Summer projects brought to school, Committees ^⑤
3	Th	B schedule 5 periods (G1), 6 periods (G2-6), Summer Project Exhibition begins
4	F	B schedule 4 periods (G1-3), 5 periods (G4-6), Summer Project Exhibition ends, Parent-Teacher Conference (Grades 1-6)
5	Sa	
6	Su	
7	M	Morning Assembly, Summer projects go home, G6 measurements
8	Tu	G5 measurements, G6 <i>Genbaku Sensei</i>
9	W	B schedule 4 periods, G4 measurements
10	Th	G3 measurements, Clubs ^④
11	F	Japanese culture ^② (G5, G6), G2 measurements, G3 6 periods ^③
12	Sa	
13	Su	Minato City Tag Rugby Lesson
14	M	Morning Assembly, G1 measurements
15	Tu	G4 sewerage lesson, G6 social studies field trip
16	W	B schedule 5 periods
17	Th	
18	F	B schedule 4 periods, Roppongi Academy
19	Sa	
20	Su	
21	M	Respect for the Aged Day
22	Tu	National Holiday
23	W	Autumnal Equinox
24	Th	Evacuation drill ^⑤
25	F	B schedule 5 periods (G1-3), 6 periods (G4-6), Open school (Tuesday class schedule, open until 4 th period)
26	Sa	B schedule 5 periods, Open school (Wednesday class schedule, open until 4 th period), <i>everly</i> concert (G1-4)
27	Su	
28	M	Substitute holiday
29	Tu	Monday class schedule ^③ , Family Asobi ^③
30	W	B schedule 5 periods, Last day of term 1, G6 Rugby lesson

※ 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.

Notices

Emergency Evacuation Drill

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences

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

Please check the separate notice that will be sent via *Sughool* for further details.

Open School

September 25 (Fri.) and 26 (Sat.)

Please check the separate notice that will be sent via *Sughool* for further details.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is on the 30th (Wed.). The lunch on this day will be Chinese shrimp and egg fried rice with *bansansu*.

*** Minna to Joispo (formerly Open Schoolyard)***

There is no open schoolyard in September.

Grade 5 Hakone Trip

Grade 5 Teacher

On August 3rd and 4th, G5 went to the Hakone Summer Camp.

On the first day, we visited Jukkoku Pass. When we took the cable car up to the summit, the entire area was covered in mist. The children cheered with excitement at the rare experience of entering the clouds. On the way back down, they spent about two hours walking downhill while enjoying an obstacle course with logs, nets, and other challenges.

At the campfire, we gathered around fires representing "Bonds," "Helping One Another," "Friendship," and "Courage," and enjoyed evening activities that they do not normally get to experience.

On the second day, we took a pirate ship across the lake and enjoyed the refreshing breeze blowing over the water. In the afternoon, we visited the *Mori no Fureaikan Hall* (Hakone Woodland Museum), where the children enjoyed making crafts using nuts, seeds, and branches.

Of course, the children enjoyed being surrounded by nature, but they also learned important lessons from living together with their classmates, such as being punctual, anticipating what comes next and taking initiative, and taking responsibility for their assigned roles and seeing them through to completion.

We believe that the skills and qualities they developed during this experience will continue to show themselves in positive ways throughout their future school life.

Introduction to Roppongi Academy

In Minato City, with the aim of further enhancing integrated education from kindergarten through elementary and junior high school, schools are divided into 10 groups (called "Academies"). These Academies carry out educational activities that reflect the characteristics of their local communities, exchange activities among children from kindergartens, elementary schools, and junior high schools, and instruction by teachers using the MINATO Curriculum.

Our school is part of Roppongi Academy, together with Roppongi Junior High School, Azabu Elementary School, Azabu Kindergarten, Nanzan Elementary School, and Nanzan Kindergarten. The Academy aims to nurture children who: "Respect the ideas and perspectives of others, have an awareness of themselves as members of their community, and can thrive in an international society." "Learn independently, make sound judgments, and engage in creative activities." "Maintain physical and mental well-being and work to improve their physical fitness." We are strengthening opportunities for students to interact and learn together, including school information sessions and club activity experiences led by junior high school students, as well as school experience programs for preschool children at the affiliated elementary schools.

In June, we also observed a class at Azabu Kindergarten. In November, our school will conduct a research lesson as well. By sharing our impressions and questions with one another, we will deepen our mutual understanding of educational content across kindergarten, elementary school, and junior high school.

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 (Thu.)- 4 (Fri.)
9:00-16:00

◆Place : gymnasium

※Please do not come to school by bicycle. Please come to school on foot.