



## At the start of the 2018-19 School Year

Principal Yoji Hatano

On the 22nd of last month, 54 graduates left Higashimachi ES with their memories held close to their hearts. Those graduates were the first class to enter the International Classes Program.

Today, 66 adorable and energetic first graders entered school, and the 105<sup>th</sup> academic year began with 468 students and fourteen classes (two classes in grades 1, 2, 4, and 5, three classes in grades 3 and 6). Congratulations to those students entering elementary school and to those advancing to the next grade.

The following are major changes that will be implemented this year.

©Annex Classrooms – The grade 6 classes will be in the annex. Because the classrooms will be on both the second and third floors, the three classes will rotate each term. Lunchrooms as well will rotate among Intl. Halls A, B, C, and the Intl. Studies Room.

©Report Cards – Since previous comments about student behavior could not be fully written, they have been removed. Any evaluation on student behavior will be written in the section for general comments. Also, morals will be evaluated as a special subject starting this year. Evaluation for grades 1 – 5 will go in the space previously used for school behavior and grade 6's evaluation will be recorded on a separate paper and distributed with the report card. (※When applying for junior high school, please do not include this paper.)

©Replacing the School Exhibition with the Music Festival – For the school exhibition, students displayed one two-dimensional piece and one three-dimensional piece. However, storing these works has proven to be difficult since space has run out and special classrooms cannot be used. Therefore, as a way for students to present their expressive abilities, and to take advantage of the students' great efforts in singing, we are holding a music festival this year.

©Closing Tsubomi Class – On 2016, the Smile Room opened at this school. Because of this, the Tsubomi Class that was transferred here in 2000 will close this year.

There are several changes made, but they cannot be implemented smoothly without the support and cooperation from the parents, guardians, and community members. Faculty members will work together to conduct classes and school activities to our best abilities. As always, we greatly appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation.

### Obituary

Former Principal Masahiko Nakayama, who served as the 14<sup>th</sup> principal from 1990 to 1994, passed away on March 27<sup>th</sup> (Tue).

We here at Higashimachi offer our sincerest condolences to his family.

## April

Date	Day	Event	After-school
1	S		
2	M		
3	Tu		
4	W		
5	Th	Last day of spring break, G6 only 9:00	
6	F	Opening Ceremony, Entrance Ceremony (10:00) (G6, G2 attend)	x
7	Sa		
8	Su		
9	M	Cleaning, Safety lesson	x
10	Tu	Safety lesson (G1), School lunch begins (G1 milk only), Health documents out	3 – 6
11	W	PT Conference (pr. 6), Measurements (G6)	x
12	Th	Music assembly, Eye exam (all), Urine test out	4 – 6
13	F	Emergency evacuation drill, G1 ends short day, Measurements (G5), Return urine test	3 – 6
14	Sa		
15	Su		
16	M	Welcome Ceremony, Committee activities, Measurements (G4)	5 – 6
17	Tu	National aptitude test (G6), Physical exam (G2, 5)	3 – 6
18	W	Ear, nose throat exam (G1, 6)	x
19	Th	School Family Meet and Greet, Phys. exam (G1, 4)	4 – 6
20	F	Ear, nose, throat exam (G3, 4), Return urine test (for absentees)	2 – 6
21	Sa	Family play, Japanese Culture	x
22	Su		
23	M	Heart exam (G1), PTA general meeting (pr. 6)	x
24	Tu	Phys. Exam (G3, 6), Safety Area Map (G4)	3 – 6
25	W	4-pr. day, Measurements (G2, 3)	x
26	Th	Minato aptitude test (G2 – 6), Hearing exam (G1)	4 – 6
27	F	Minato aptitude test (G4 – 6), Measurements (G1), Farewell Ceremony (pr. 5)	3 – 6
28	Sa		
29	Su	Show Day	
30	M	Showa Day (observed)	



### April's Goal

Educational Counselor Kazuhiro Kawai

### Let's follow the school rules.

In every country and in every neighborhood, rules are made to ensure everyone can live happily together. If you cannot follow the rules, it is important to carefully think about your behavior and act appropriately next time.

## About Faculty and Staff Changes

### 【Age Retirement】

School Nurse Kazuko Yamagishi

### 【Retirement】

Head Teacher Hiroki Mine

### 【End of Term】

Teacher Hideko Teramoto

Teacher Naoko Kashima

Teacher Erika Kobayashi

Part-time Teacher Junichi Shinozaki

EST John Cavanagh

### 【Transferred】

Vice Principal Junichi Miyajima (Minato Azabu ES)

Head Teacher Mina Taiishi (Kita Nadeshiko ES)

Head Teacher Akiko Adachi (Koto Ariake West Academy)

Teacher Keishi Yashiro (Shinagawa Genjima ES)

Teacher Miku Kobayashi (Ota Kojiya ES)

NT Camille Green

NT Henry Jyaji

Office Administrator Ayako Azuma (Minato Takamatsu JHS)

Custodian Shiki Saito (Minato Konan ES)

### 【Transfer In, Newly Appointed】

Vice Principal Natsuhiko Kondo (Minato Konan ES)

School Nurse Ayaka Shimozato (Suginami Suginami Daiichi ES)

Teacher Yoshiko Saita (Setagaya Funabashi ES)

Teacher Masami Hasebe (Edogawa Mizue ES)

Teacher Hatsuko Kobayashi (Ota Higashi Kojiya ES)

Teacher Yoko Yamada (Minato Takanawadai ES)

Teacher Yukihiro Tsubouchi (Minato Takanawadai ES)

Teacher Tsubasa Kurihara (Yokohama Okazu ES)

Teacher Erika Kobayashi (New Teacher)

Teacher Hiroto Sasaki (New Teacher)

NT Ilene Kuehl

NT Lee Xiong

EST Yumiko Minowa

Office Administration Akio Kida (Mitaka Osawada)

Custodian Yoshiyuki Suzuki (Minato Takamatsu JHS)

### 【Returnee】

Teacher Kazuichi Kawaii (Phnom Penh Japanese School)

### 【Faculty List for 2018-2019】 (as of April 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Principal	Yoji Hatano	Vice Principal	Natsuhiko Kondo
1-1	Naoko Murakami	EST for grade 1	Sheri Maeda
1-2	Yuimi Mega	EST for grade 2	Yumiko Minowa
2-1	Misa Nojima	EST for grade 3	Suart Neilson
2-2	Hiroto Sasaki	EST for grade 3	Yumiko Arai
3-1	Shizuka Muramatsu	EST for grade 3, 6	Emi Tomita
3-2	Yukihiro Tsubouchi	EST for 4-1	Kenji Hirama
3-3	Yoko Yamada	EST for 4-2	Christine Fujiwara
4-1	Shuichi Yamasaki	EST for 5-1	Clint Yajima
4-2	Asuka Takahashi	EST for 5-2	Hikari Ozaki
5-1 (Educational Counselor)	Kazuhiro Kawai	EST for grade 6	Poe Mauldin
5-2	Hiroshi Kurokawa	EST for grade 6	Miyoko Furukawa
6-1	Kenji Kurihara	NT	Ilene Kuehl
6-2	Yuto Nihei	NT	Lee Xiong
6-3	Erika Kobayashi	An instructor for 1-1	Noriko Imazeki
Art Teacher	Masami Hasebe	An instructor for 1-2	Noriko Sugihara
Music Teacher	Keiichi Hatanaka	Instructor for G2 (Japanese, math, life study, Intl. study)	Reina Mizutani
Math (Head Teacher)	Akemi Suzuki	Instructor (G2 music)	Ayako Nagao
School Nurse	Ayaka Shimozato	Instructor (G2 art)	Mariko Yamamoto
Advisor	Masami Suzuki	Librarian	Junko Suzuki
Advisor	Yoshiko Saita	Reading Advisor Staff	Yuriko Sakai
Advisor	Hatsuko Kobayashi	Reading Advisor Staff	Miho Iida
Advisor	Reo Okajima	School Councilor	Nobuko Arai
Advisor	Tsubasa Kurihara	School Councilor	Sayoko Miyamoto
Specialist	Kanae Hinata	School Nutritionist	Ayako Koide
Language Teacher	Yasuyo Kondo	Security	Isao Ima
Custodian	Yukari Koyama	Security	Yoshihiro Arai
Custodian	Yoshiyuki Suzuki		
Custodian	Midori Nomura		

