

**Sports Day – Where the Children Grow**

Principal Yoji Hatano

Thank you to our special guests, parents, and members of the community for attending our Sports day on May 27th. Thanks to you, -- people attended, and it was a Sports Day brimming with activity. I would like to express my sincerest gratitude for the parents and guardians' cooperation with the PTA in handling certain administrative duties like the class ribbons. Thank you very much.

It was a short period of time, but the children did their best during several practice sessions. On the day of the event, I spoke to the children about making this Sports Day suitable for our 105th anniversary by playing fairly and sincerely accepting either victory or defeat. Underneath the slogan, “ファイト！仲間とともに最後まで Let's Do Our Best,” the students gave their best until the end without giving up.

I feel nothing but pride for the wonderful things I saw that day: a 6th grader who gave their ball to a younger student so they had a chance to throw it during the school family event, the students all singing along in English to “Do Re Mi” as the 1st graders took the field for their event, the relay runner who did not give up even though they stumbled in the race, passing down Sports Day traditions and performing the traditional “Soran” for the lower grades, the grade 6's inspiring formation performance, those that sung the school song with all their hearts during the closing ceremony despite being so tired, and seeing the children's faces light up with joy when they heard the PTA Chairman announce that each student will receive a commemorative notebook as a participation award and to celebrate our 105th anniversary. I could also feel the warmth from the applause that rose from the grounds during each individual part of the closing ceremony.

During the Sports Day, I could feel that they participated in the event with a sense of purpose and that it stimulated their growth while enriching their hearts. The next major, school-wide event is the Music Festival held in November-December. I hope to make that event a chance to let the children's best qualities shine.

As there are no major events in June, the students can participate in their normal studies again at a normal pace. We hope to take advantage of this time to cultivate in them the basic skills that will allow demonstrate their true abilities during school events.

June

| Date | Day | Event | After-school |
|------|-----|--|--------------|
| 1 | F | Sports test begins, Safety instruction, Safety lesson (G1) | 3-6 |
| 2 | Sa | School family play, Japanese Culture, Waterworks Caravan (G4) | x |
| 3 | Su | | |
| 4 | M | Pool health check, Committee | 5-6 |
| 5 | Tu | Aerial photo | 3-6 |
| 6 | W | 4-pr. day | x |
| 7 | Th | Dental Health Assembly, Aerial Photo Make-Up day, Individual Parent-Teacher Meeting (IPTM) ㊦ | x |
| 8 | F | IPTM ㊦, Sports Test | x |
| 9 | Sa | | |
| 10 | Su | | |
| 11 | M | Club, IPTM ㊦ | x |
| 12 | Tu | Area cleaning (G3, 4), Excursion (G1), IPTM ㊦ | x |
| 13 | W | IPTM ㊦, Second urine test make-up | x |
| 14 | Th | Dental exam (G3, 4), Scoliosis check (G5), PE Assembly, Aerial photo make-up day | 5-6 |
| 15 | F | Open school (Safety lesson), School Information Conference | x |
| 16 | Sa | Open School, Japanese Culture, ESC Parents Conference | x |
| 17 | Su | | |
| 18 | M | Pool begins, Club | 4-6 |
| 19 | Tu | Social studies field trip (G4) | 3-6 |
| 20 | W | Bicycle safety (G3) | x |
| 21 | Th | Music assembly, Dental exam (G1, 5), Excursion (G3, 4) | 4-6 |
| 22 | F | 4-pr. day | x |
| 23 | Sa | | |
| 24 | Su | | |
| 25 | M | | 4-6 |
| 26 | Tu | Higashimachi Festival, School route inspection | 3-6 |
| 27 | W | | x |
| 28 | Th | Emergency Evac. Drill (group dismissal) | x |
| 29 | F | Regular health checks end, Excursion (G6) | 3-6 |
| 30 | Sa | | |

June's Goal

Educational Counselor Kazuhiro Kawai

“Let's pay attention to our health and safety.”

Taking care of yourself means avoiding danger and evacuating safely. June is a rainy month, so let's think of ways to play safely indoors and use the hallways and stairways safely.



Thank You



Some words from retiring and transferring teachers

I Brought up and learning at Higashimachi, all of you will go out into the world growing up healthy and becoming helpful. Good luck! I will never forget your cheerful smiles. Thank you for 8 years.

Kazuko Yamagishi

I am grateful to the cheerful and friendly children and to all the cooperative and warm welcoming parents. I am very satisfied spending many years here and I thank you from the bottom of my heart. I am wishing for Higashimachi's development.

Hideko Teramoto

Thank you for having me here in the Tsubomi classroom for the past 8 years. The friendly and honest children overcame class barriers. The many graduates and community members who supported me have left an everlasting impression on me. Thank you.

Mina Tatarai

I loved the children of Higashimachi who got along so well with children from other countries. I enjoyed every day because of the children's cheerful smiles. I look forward to meeting the friendly children of Higashimachi again. It was only a short time but thank you for having me.

Keishi Yashiro

When I first came to Higashimachi the green artificial grass playground was very impressive. During recess on days with nice weather, I have pleasant memories of watching the students enjoy themselves rolling around on the playground grass. Thank you for the last 5 years

Ayako Azuma

At this internationally-rich Higashimachi, it was a short 2 years but thank you for everything. I am now working as a SA at another school.

Junichi Shinozaki

Thank you for having me here at Higashimachi for the past 10 years. The parents and members of the community warmly supported me and allowed me to be a part of this "family" as a faculty member. Thank you very very much. I appreciate it from the bottom of my heart. I will be cheering on the progressing International program from Azabu ES.

Junichi Miyajima

Move forward on the road you choose to the best of your ability. "Keep at it and never give up." Thank you for the last 3 years. I look forward to the next time we meet.

Hiroki Mine

Many things happened at Higashimachi over the last 6 years. There were times that I received a lot of happiness from the children. Parents, thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to the next time we meet.

Naoko Kashima

The children embodied their roles in the "Alibaba" performance which left an impression on my heart. I was able to see the children in the Tsubomi class and smile room steadily improve their skills and grow. Thank you.

Akiko Adachi

The 6 years I spent here at Higashimachi are irreplaceable. I will never forget the children's smiles and earnest expressions in the art room. Thank you for the many years.

Miku Kobayashi

I received lots of energy thanks to everyone's cheerful greetings. I was able to enjoy my days here for the past 5 years. I hoping that everyone grows and enjoys their daily life at school. Thank you.

Shiki Saito

I have many memories from Higashimachi. I hope the students are all doing well.

John Cavanagh

About Swimming

From the 12th (Mon) swimming lessons will begin. In swimming class we will instruct them on swimming and work on following the rules, fun and safe swimming, and making personal goals. For students to enjoy swimming lessons, please fill out the pool card, sign it, and check that your student has all the necessary items. Thank you for your cooperation.

P.E. Teacher Hiroshi Kurokawa