



Education According to Children's Needs

Principal Yoji Hatano

At school, there are many children with different personalities and individual characteristics. When these different personalities and characteristics get together, they create the atmosphere for their class and their school. Also, to accommodate each individual's educational needs, various places for education are provided.

To speak personally, I have asthma, and when I was in elementary school, on the 2nd and 3rd of every month, I would be absent from school. I remember being examined by doctors and visiting countless hospitals. My mother was probably going to all of these hospitals in search of the one that was perfect for me.

To help treat my asthma, in 4th grade, I left my parents' home and spent one year in Hakone at a specialized school for children with health problems. At the time, I was attending an elementary school in Shinjuku, but the city had an institution in Hakone for students with physical health issues. So, being separated from my parents, I had to live and study at this facility. The pain of being separated from my family was beyond description. On the other hand, when I think about it from my parents' perspective, I admire their decision at that time. My parents were probably uneasy about slowing my studies, but I believe that they thought my physical health should come first.

During my one year in Hakone and its clean air, I did not have one single asthma attack. When I became a 5th grader, I returned to school in my hometown. There were still asthma attacks, but they were less frequent. Then, as I moved on to 5th and 6th grade and my first two years of junior high, my absences decreased, and I had a perfect attendance record in year 3.

It might seem out of the way, but I believe that educating children based on their individual needs will let them live their own lives by expanding their potential. Therefore, is it not our duty as adults to determine our children's educational needs and provide an education that best suits them?

Applying for "Smile Room" and Special Assistance

"Smile Room," special classes for students who were concerned about their studies as well as their school life was opened at this school in 2016. Smile Room is set up to assist students in overcoming any difficulties they have in their studies or school life.

Also, parents may apply for the on-going program that assigns a special instructor to join their child's class and offer individual assistance if they wish to do so.

Those who wish to apply for Smile Room or the individual teaching assistance starting April of 2019 should consult their child's homeroom teacher, School Nurse Ayaka Shimozato, Special Assistance Coordinators Ms. Yoshiko Saita and Ms. Erika Kobayashi, or the vice principal.

October

Date	Day	Event	After-school
1	M	Tokyo Citizens' Day	
2	Tu	Safety Lesson	3 – 6
3	W	4 periods (G3-1, G4-1: 5 periods)	X
4	Th	Excursion (G3, 4), Hakone Trip Information Meeting(G6)	4 – 6
5	F	Committee Presentations, Emerg. evac. drill, School route check	X
6	Sa	Minato Citizens' Festival	
7	Su	Minato Citizens' Festival	
8	M	Health and Sports Day	
9	Tu		4 – 6
10	W	4 period(G2-2: 5 periods), Life studies field trip (G1)	X
11	Th	Committee presentation	4 – 6
12	F	Planetarium field trip (G4)	3 – 6
13	Sa		
14	Su		
15	M	Committee	5 – 6
16	Tu	Inter-School Sports Day (G6)	3 – 6
17	W	Open school, School Explanatory Conference, Mitsubishi Corp. Automobile Experience (G5)	X
18	Th	Open school, Music assembly	4 – 6
19	F		3 – 6
20	Sa	Speech assembly (G1, 3, 5), Japanese Culture Time	X
21	Su		
22	M	Parent-Child Reading begins, Club	4 – 6
23	Tu	Inter-school Sports Day substitution day	3 – 6
24	W	Life studies field trip substitution day (G1)	X
25	Th	PE Assembly (G1, 2, 3)	4 – 6
26	F	PE Assembly (G4, 5, 6)	3 – 6
27	Sa		
28	Su		
29	M	Club	4 – 6
30	Tu	4 periods (G5: 5 periods)	X
31	W		X

October's Goals

Educational Counselor Kawai

Let's train our minds and bodies

One month has already passed since the second term started, and the heat has subsided for the most part. This is the ideal season for sports. When the weather's nice, let's play outside with our friends, move around, and train our minds and bodies.