



Fureai Month (Strengthening Bully Prevention)

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Finally, Sports Day is here. The children have been doing their best during practice to prepare for this day. I am sure all parents agree that they would love to capture their child doing their best on video from a good angle; however, our school is small and cannot accommodate proper seating for the number of parents and guardians attending. We would greatly appreciate the parents' and guardians' cooperation on Sports Day for wearing their designated sticker on their left shoulder and changing places with parents whose children are participating, so that every parent has a chance to capture their child doing their best.

June is *Fureai* Month (Strengthening Bully Prevention). The Tokyo Board of Education has designated June, November, and February as "*Fureai* Months." Minato City, under the direction of its slogan ("Don't bully! Don't let it happen!"), will participate in this campaign to confront bullying at each of its schools. We at Higashimachi will also strive to achieve this goal.

In response to the 2012 suicide of a grade 2 junior high school student in Otsu City, Shiga Prefecture, laws concerning the prevention of bullying were established in September 2013. Bullying was defined as "an act by a student, or students, toward another student [including online] that inflicts some physical or psychological consequence causing the receiving child mental or physical suffering," clearly outlying bullying's base characteristic as a "physical or psychological consequence" with "mental or physical suffering." In accordance with these laws, Minato City established its plan to prevent bullying in October of 2014, and in December of that same year, Higashimachi established its own plan to prevent bullying (details can be found at the school's website).

In accordance with our own bullying prevention plan, the Bullying Affairs Committee, consisting of faculty members, the school attorney, Azabu Police School Supporter, community representatives (Committee of Children's Welfare), and the PTA chair, the director of Hokago, held its first meeting on the 24th of this month. The second meeting is scheduled for December. In addition to scheduled meetings, the committee will meet in the event of a major incident. Depending on the incident, parents or guardians with children involved in bullying will attend and share information with the members. Also, in cooperation with the local police, if any offense is considered to be a criminal offense, it will be reported to the authorities. Bullying is a great offense against people's rights, and we aim to combat it with prevention, early detection, early response, and early resolution.

Regarding the Japanese Era

At the Parent-Teacher Conference in April, it was mentioned that although the era would change on May 1st, we will continue to use "Heisei 31 (平成 31)" instead of "Reiwa" (令和) until March of this year the school. This was also mentioned in the materials distributed that day.

However, as of May 10th (Thurs), it was decided that "*Reiwa Gannendo*" (令和元年度) will be used. Please note that from June 1st, *Reiwa Gannendo* will be used. [This only affects dates written in Japanese.]

June

IPTM: Individual Parent-Teacher Meeting

Date	Day	Event	After-school
1	Sa	Sports Day	X
2	Su		
3	M	Substitute Holiday	
4	Tu	Sports Ability Test begins	3 – 6
5	W	Rain Safety (G1) IPTM ①	X
6	Th	Dental Health Assembly, Softball throw, IPTM ②	X
7	F	Softball throw, Health check for swimming (only those concerned), IPTM ③	X
8	Sa		
9	Su		
10	M	Softball throw (absentees), Dental exam (G2, 4, 5), IPTM ④	X
11	Tu	Excursion (G1), IPTM ⑤	X
12	W	4 periods	X
13	Th	Excursion (G6), IPTM ⑥	X
14	F	Student assembly, Neighborhood cleanup (G4, pr. 3-4), Shuttle run (absentees)	X
15	Sa	Family play, Japanese culture, Genbaku Sensei (G6)	X
16	Su		
17	M	Committee, Scoliosis check (G5)	5 – 6
18	Tu	Sub. excursion day (G1), PTA Meeting (15:40)	X
19	W	Theater Appreciation (G6)	X
20	Th	Excursion (5)	4 – 6
21	F	4 periods (Ropponi Academy), Emergency evacuation drill	X
22	Sa		
23	Su		
24	M	Club, Bicycle training (G3)	4 – 6
25	Tu	Sub. excursion day (G6), School route inspection (15:40)	X
26	W	Excursion (G2), Parent-teacher conference (G5)	X
27	Th	Higashimachi Festival	4 – 6
28	F	Scheduled medical exams finished, Sub. excursion day (G5), Area Safety Map(G4 pr. 2)	4 – 6
29	Sa		
30	Su		

Notices

June's Emergency Evacuation Drill

An emergency evacuation drill simulating an earthquake will be held on the 21st. They will practice how to evacuate the school in the event of an aftershock.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Monday the 24th. The school lunch on Human Rights Day will be Korean tteok-bokki (*toppogi*) and bibimbap (*bibinba*).

Portable Security Buzzer

Portable security buzzers were given to the students at the entrance ceremony; however, if they break because of regular use, they can be replaced for free. In that event, please contact your child's homeroom teacher or EST. Also, please talk with your family about replacing the battery.

June's Open School Yard

This month's schedule

June 8 th (Sat)	10:00 – 12:00
	13:00 – 17:00
15 th (Sat)	13:00 – 17:00
22 nd (Sat)	10:00 – 12:00
	13:00 – 17:00
29 th (Sat)	10:00 – 12:00
	13:00 – 17:00

Frog Day

The second Frog Day (designated day to go home on time) will be Friday the 21st. We appreciate your cooperation.

Educational Guidance

June's Goal

Let's pay attention and be safe

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It is important to check for and avoid danger in order to stay safe. June has many rainy days, so we will come up with ways to play inside and practice walking in the hallway.

The days will get hotter, so make sure the children carry handkerchiefs and tissues with them at home as well as to school.

