



Congratulations on Starting A New School Year

Principal Yuichi Hashimoto

As the days suddenly warm up and we no longer need our coats, a genuine spring and new school year begins.

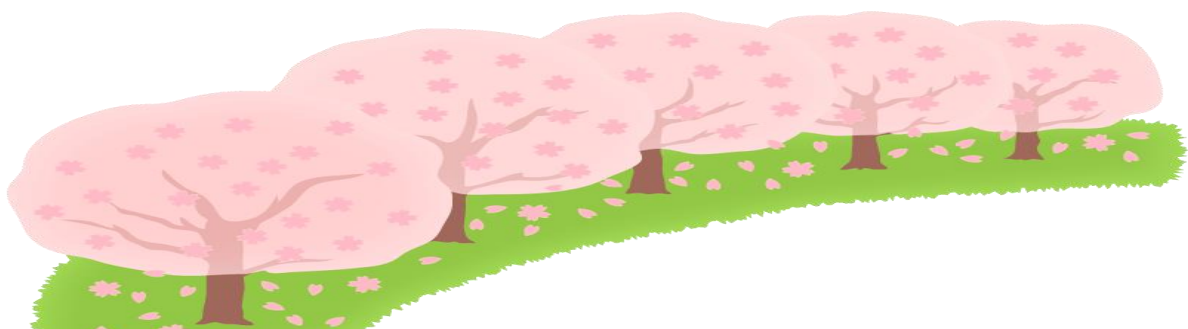
At Higashimachi Elementary School, the 2021-22 academic year starts with 73 new Grade 1 students, 474 students in total, and 15 classes (three classes in Grades 1, 2, and 6; 2 classes in Grades 3, 4, and 5). Congratulations to all new students and students advancing to the next grade.

My name is Yuichi Hashimoto, the new principal for Higashimachi Elementary. Until last year, I was the vice principal for Chuo Municipal Kyobashi Tsukiji Elementary School for two years. Before that I worked for 6 years as a general teaching supervisor at the Tokyo School Personnel in Service Training Center. This is my twelfth year in a managerial position.

Higashimachi Elementary, originally founded as Higashimachi Primary School of Tokyo City, has a 108-year history that includes a period when the school was shut down but then reopened by the efforts of the community members. Another time in 2009 when the number of students dropped to only 58 students, the school again was in danger of being closed but then recovered after the initiation of the International Studies Course (国際学級 *Kokusai Gakkyu*, now the English Support Course). Having inherited that 108-year history of overcoming hardships, we the staff and faculty, with support from parents, guardians, and members of the community, hope to fulfill the promise of our slogan, "Triple A: *Anzen, Antei, Anshin*" (safety, stability, peace of mind).

Regarding our measures to prevent infection from COVID-19: Although the state of emergency was lifted the other day, our policies and measures concerning the virus have not changed. There are restrictions in place that affect our educational activities; however, this will not last forever. We will continue to safely move forward while assessing the situation and considering how to best take advantage of it.

Lastly, school has officially started. We will do our best to assure you that sending your child to Higashimachi was the right choice. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.



April

Date	Day	Event	After-school
1	Th		
2	F		
3	Sa		
4	Su		
5	M		
6	Tu	Opening Ceremony, Entrance Ceremony (13:00), Health documents out (G1)	—
7	W	Safety lesson, Urine test out, 4 periods (around 12:30 dismissal)	—
8	Th	School lunch begins (G1 only milk), Urine test in	G6
9	F	Health documents out (G2-G6)	G5
10	Sa		
11	Su		
12	M	Health documents in (G1), Meet and Greet, Committee, Measurements (G1)	—
13	Tu	Measurements (G1), Parent-teacher conference (G2 15:00)	G6
14	W	Health documents in (G2-G6), Measurements (G2), Parent-teacher conference (G1 15:00)	—
15	Th	Measurements (G3, G4), Parent-teacher conference (G5 15:00)	G3
16	F	Measurements (G4, G5), Traffic safety lesson (G1), Parent-teacher conference (G3 15:00)	G4
17	Sa	Saturday school, Emergency evacuation drill	—
18	Su		
19	M	Measurements (G6), Parent-teacher conference (G6 15:00)	—
20	Tu	Hearing test (G1), Parent-teacher conference (G4 15:00)	G3
21	W	Hearing test (G1, G2), 4 periods	—
22	Th	Minato assessment test (G2-G6), Physical exam (G1, G3)	G4
23	F	Minato assessment test (G4-G6), Hearing test (G2)	G6
24	Sa		
25	Su		
26	M	Club, Hearing test (G3)	—
27	Tu	Fire truck drawing (G2), Physical exam (G2, G4)	G5
28	W	Hearing test (G5)	—
29	Th	Showa Day	
30	F	Farewell Ceremony	—

Notices

○School Lunch

School lunch begins on Thursday the 8th. Please have your child bring a mask and luncheon mask.

Grade 1 lunch will only be milk on Thursday the 8th, only bread on Friday the 9th, and continue as normal from Monday the 12th.

○Parent-Teacher Conference

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held from Tuesday, April 13 to April 20. For details please refer to a separate notice to be distributed at a later date.

○Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Monday, April 26. The lunch for that day will be paella and Spanish omelets from Spain.

○When Absent or Tardy

If your child will be tardy or absent, please contact the school via *Gakupuri's* attendance function (出欠連絡).

○Open Schoolyard for April

Saturday, April 24 13:00 – 17:00

Educational Counselling

April's Goal

“Let's follow the school rules!”

Naomi Naito
Educational Counsellor

It is the beginning of a new school year and the children are surely in high spirits. The school's rules are important for the students to be capable and successful. Rules are decided to ensure everyone is safe and comfortable at school. Also, there are many factors to consider to protect us from COVID-19. With safety and peace of mind as our goal, we will continue to lead the students.