



Principal Yuichi Hashimoto

The trees in the schoolyard are starting to turn green, signaling the arrival of early summer. The Grade 1 students who entered the school two months ago have become accustomed to school life and had a successful Sports Day. I can feel the children are growing very quickly. At this time of year, many grades focus on plant growth in science or life studies class: planting seeds and watering them every day, or putting seeds in petri dishes to record germination. They are continuously observing how plants grow. In other subjects the children are engaged in daily activities and are proceeding smoothly.

Sports Day is Finished

This year we divided the viewing into lower grades and upper grades.

Last year viewing was separated into each year, but this year, viewing was split between the upper and lower grades. This way, the students were able to watch other each other's performances and see the differences in different grades' abilities. It's only been 2 months since the children have advanced to their new grades, but we were able to see the all the grades move in unison.

We would like to thank you for your cooperation on Sports Day for changing seats among the three viewing groups.

Implementation of Precautionary Measures for COVID-19

From June, the Morning Assembly will be held in the schoolyard. Until now it has been done in each classroom on Teams, but it will be done in the schoolyard for a short time in the morning.

Swim lessons will start from the week of June 20 and be conducted by grade this year. We will continue to take precautionary measures during classes, such as no speaking and no lending or borrowing goggles. More details will be provided at a later date.

Hakone School Trip

Grade 6 will be going to Hakone from June 29 to July 1 for 2 nights and 3 days. The grade 5 trip is scheduled for August 4 to August 5, 1 night and 2 days. The number of people allowed to occupy the rooms and bath will be lowered so that there will be less crowding.

Open School will be held on June 13 and 14 for 2 days. The viewing of classes will be divided into 3 groups (A, B, and C) this time as well. Please check the distributed notices carefully as the time is different for each group. If the time assigned to your group is not convenient please contact and consult your child's homeroom teacher.

June

Date	Day	Event	After-school
1	W	4 periods, Vision test (G1)	—
2	Th	Vision test (G1, 2)	—
3	F	Family Asobi (G2,4) (Meet and Greet), Vision test (G2), Sports tests begin	—
4	Sa	Evacuation area experience (G2, 4, 6), Pick-up evacuation drill	—
5	Su		—
6	M	Committees, Pre-pool health check, Vision test (G5)	—
7	Tu	Scoliosis Check (G5, 6 if requested), Dragonfly rescue mission (G3)	—
8	W	Evacuation drill, Vision test (G6), PTA Firefly Party (6-8p.m.)	—
9	Th	Softball throw ① (1 st -6 th pr.), Dental check (G3, 4)	—
10	F	Softball throw (for absentees), Excursion (G5)	—
11	Sa		—
12	Su		—
13	M	Open School①, Club activities	—
14	Tu	Open School②, Safety lessons, Heart exam (if requested)	—
15	W	Traffic safety lesson (G3), Scoliosis check (if requested)	—
16	Th	Excursion (G3, 4), Dental check (G1, 2, 5, 6)	—
17	F	Sports tests finish, Vision test (G4)	—
18	Sa		—
19	Su		—
20	M	Swim lessons begin, Vision test (G3)	—
21	Tu	Vision test (G3) Make-up scoliosis check (if requested)	—
22	W	Traffic safety lesson for rainy weather (G1)	—
23	Th	Student Assembly Eye exam (all grades), Summer camp orientation (14:40, gym)	—
24	F	School route inspection, 4 periods	—
25	Sa		—
26	Su		—
27	M	Roppongi Academy (Azabu Kindergarten) (4 periods), Sewer system lesson (G4)	—
28	Tu	Bully Prevention Committee (16:00), Pre-Hakone Trip health check (G6)	—
29	W	Hakone Trip begins (G6)	—
30	Th	End of routine health checks	—

Notices

*P.E. Aptitude Test

The physical education aptitude test will be held from Friday, June 3. The tests will be conducted while observing safety measures to prevent infection.

*Emergency Evacuation Drill

This month's emergency evacuation drill will simulate a suspicious person on school grounds and will be led by the Azabu Police Department.

*Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day will be Friday, June 24. The lunch for that day will be caponata and panna cotta from Italy.

*Open Schoolyard

June 11 (Sat) 13:00-17:00

Educational Counselling

June's Goal

"Let's keep 'safety' in mind"

Naomi Naito
Educational Counsellor

The most important thing in school life is "safety". Safety is included in all aspects of school life – working hard, growing up, and having fun. If the environment is not safe then we cannot work on anything.

In order for those of us who attend Higashimachi to have more fun and grow up more, we have to live our lives with an awareness of safety. Let's think about how to walk carefully in the corridors and stairs, how to play on rainy days, and how to build a school life full of peace of mind together.

Grade 1

Murakami, Yagisawa, Ishino
Grade 1 Classroom Teachers

Two months have passed since the Entrance Ceremony, and the students have already become accustomed to school and classes and can be seen enjoying themselves with their friends. Even during their lessons, as they learn how to use a notebook for the first time, they have become more and more like elementary students. All of the teachers are happy to see the bright-eyed students showing that they are ready to learn. The children think about how they can take on all sorts of new challenges on their own, not just their studies and not just duties like class leader and classroom duties. We hope to let them participate in a variety of new activities while maintaining their can-do attitude.

Career Lessons

Head of Career Lessons Aino Yagisawa

The revised course of studies mentions the importance of career lessons, and since 2020 all elementary, junior, and senior high schools have been developing a curriculum called "Career Passport" (キャリア・パスポート). The career passport contains content from lessons and activities collected throughout each students' primary and secondary education. The goal of Career Passport is to help students develop a sense of what career they would want to choose over 12 years from elementary to senior high. Students will use their own ideas and review what they learned while observing their progress over 12 years. Students will not only record their thoughts and feelings about lessons and school events at school but will also include things they learned in their communities and at home. From the contents in the individual files, we believe that teachers and family members will be able to play an interactive part in helping children understand themselves and be a big part in their development.

Arts & Crafts School Art Exhibition

Yurie Suzuki
Arts and Crafts Specialist

This year, Higashimachi will host the school-wide Art Exhibition, scheduled for December 2 and 3. The students in each grade have already started on the works for the exhibition.

When we explained to the children that the Art Exhibition will have the gym filled with artwork from every student, their eyes lit up with excitement as they asked if their family can come see their work. The Art Blog (図エブログ) shows how hard the students are working on their art. Please be sure to check it out.



As of now, those who are concerned about infection from COVID-19, we hope parents, guardians, and community members will be able to participate in an enriching artistic experience through the children's works.

As arts and crafts instructors, we will offer support and encouragement to ensure that each student feels a sense of artistic creativity and satisfaction.

Looking Back on Sports Day

1 ねん

The Grade 1 students put all their effort in practicing for the foot races. In the group performance, they practiced in the classroom until they were dripping with sweat, even when there was no P.E. Like it says in the program, Grade 1 was able to "Smile" and dance their hearts out.



2 ねん

For the group performance of "HGS! Permission to Dance!", Grade 2 students enjoyed practicing and were aware of dancing together as a group. We saw the results of their hard practice, even during their break. They performed with brilliant smiles.



3 ねん

In the dance "Vitamin Shower!" children used scarves and danced energetically. They listened to the beats and lyrics to make different formations and a wave. They were able to demonstrate the results of their practice in their performance.



4 ねん

For the group performance "Our Own Scenery" children were conscious of keeping the formations neat and tidy while keeping up to the fast tempo of the song. They showed the results of their hard work practicing while enjoying their dance.



5 ねん

This year as well 5th graders danced the "Sorani Bushi" with great power. Watching them bend at the waist and paying careful attention to their arm movements, we could see the results of their hard work pay off. We feel happy to have seen their physical and mental growth through Sports Day.



6 ねん

During the group performance, students kept in mind their grade's goal "Valuing challenge, perseverance, and compassion". In the *Odama Okure*, each team thought of their own strategy to use in the competition, making it a memorable athletic event.



