



Heading into Summer

Principal Yuichi Hashimoto

Hydrangeas are blooming brightly under the rainy sky. Even if you cannot go to any tourist spots where hydrangeas are blooming, you can sometimes see them majestically blooming in the hedgerows by the sidewalks, reminding us of the season. At the recent school assembly, we talked about how rainfall during this rainy season is essential for the growth of crops and how the children should spend rainy days.

Now that the COVID pandemic has passed, educational activities at the school are back to normal; and from June 19 to 21, the 6th graders went on their Hakone trip. Although it was during the rainy season, the weather was cool, and we were able to complete the entire trip comfortably and safely. Especially on the second day, we walked along the stone steps of the old Tokaido Highway. The children experienced the paths that people actually walked on in the Edo Period, and they also learned about the old highway by reading the explanatory signs along the way.

The students were divided into two main groups: the *seikatsu* group while staying in the facility and the *kodo* group while going out. Both groups observed the "5-minute" rule as they carried out their duties. I was impressed by the efforts of the group leaders for organizing their groups. Everyone fulfilled their roles, and the teachers felt they could depend on the children during the three days.

Thank you very much for your attendance at the recent open school. Instead of the specified visiting dates and times that were used in the past, parents and other visitors were able to visit the school at their convenience and observe the subjects they wanted to see throughout the two days.

This month we have the Higashimachi Festival, Family Asobi, and the Grade 6 "*Kokoro no Gekijo*" presented by the Shiki Theatre Company. We are happy to be able to offer activities that were not available during the pandemic.

July's Goal
"Let's Tidy Up!"

Date	Day	Events	After-school
1	Sa		—
2	Su		—
3	M	Committees, Safety lesson	—
4	Tu	Roppongi JH visit (G6)	G3/G4
5	W	4 periods	—
6	Th	Music Assembly, Higashimachi Festival prep day	—
7	F	Higashimachi Festival	G5/G6
8	Sa		—
9	Su		—
10	M		—
11	Tu		—
12	W	Shiki Theatre Company (G6)	—
13	Th	Student Assembly	—
14	F	Club activities	—
15	Sa	Japanese Culture (G6)	—
16	Su		—
17	M	Marine Day	—
18	Tu	Family Asobi, Colorblind test (G4, requested students ①)	—
19	W	School lunch ends, Color blind test (G4, requested students ②), Evacuation Drill (5 th period, G1-G6 Group dismissal)	—
20	Th	Closing Ceremony, 4 periods, 12:20 dismissal	—
21	F	Summer Vacation begins	—
22	Sa		—
23	Su		—
24	M	Summer Pool①, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings①	—
25	Tu	Summer Pool②, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings②	—
26	W	Summer Pool③, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings③	—
27	Th	Summer Pool④, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings④	—
28	F	Summer Pool⑤, Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings⑤	—
29	Sa		—
30	Su		—
31	M		

Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

Notices

Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent-teacher meetings will be held from Monday, July 24 to Friday, July 28. Please check the date and time of your meetings and meet your child's teacher in the classroom.

Summer Supplementary Studies

Supplementary studies will be held on Tuesday, August 29 and Wednesday, August 30.

Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is Tuesday, July 11. The lunch for that day will be mahi-mahi sandwiches from Hawai'i.

July's Open Schoolyard

Saturday, July 8 13:00 – 17:00

Introducing the Higashimachi Festival

Ayaka Mitsuta
Special Events and Activities

Our first Higashimachi Festival in 3 years will be held on the day of Tanabata, Friday, July 7. While enjoying the festival, we will also celebrate Higashimachi's 110th Anniversary.

Grades 2 to 6 will set up booths and shops and visit each other with the Grade 1 students. Each grade is preparing their shops so that their schoolmates can have fun and interact with other grades.

Individual classes are discussing what kind of booth they want to set up and sharing ideas on how visitors can enjoy the festivities.

We encourage family members to talk about what ideas their children came up with for the festival and cheer them on for their effort.

Grade 6 Hakone Trip

Ayaka Mitsuta
Grade 6

From Monday, June 19 (Mon.) to Wednesday, June 21 (Wed.), Grade 6 went on their Hakone trip. In addition to their committee duties and class duties, the children were actively involved in their special duties specific to the Hakone trip.

The students were able to think about what the overnight event would be like in concrete terms, and we felt that they were able to demonstrate the results of their experience in Hakone last summer.

Without any rain, we were able to complete all the activities and returned to the school with a sense of fulfillment.

We are looking forward to many more events in the future, and we hope that the students will make the most of each experience to become leaders of Higashimachi Elementary School.

Applying for Smile Room and Special Assistance for the 3rd Term

Yoshiko Saita
Special Education Coordinator

We are now accepting applications for Smile Room – where children with developmental concerns can attend classes to overcome or improve their difficulties in daily life and learning – and for the assignment of a learning assistant to provide individualized support for specific areas of difficulty in their class.

Parents who are not currently receiving such support and who wish for their child to attend the Smile Room or have a learning assistant assigned to their child are asked to consult with the homeroom teacher, school nurse, or vice principal by Friday, September 8.

*Please feel free to contact us for more information or if you have any questions.