



The Second Term Begins

Principal Yuichi Hashimoto

This summer has been extremely hot, and the heat-stroke index board posted at the school has often reached "dangerous" levels, so there were many occasions in July when students spent their midterm and lunch breaks in the classrooms.

Since the summer break began, we have been working on replacing the air conditioners and installing watertight slabs in the gym in case the Furukawa River floods. Some of the work may extend into September, but we will continue to do so with the safety of the children as our top priority.

Grade 5 went to the Hakone Summer Camp for two days and one night on August 18. The weather was fine, and the children cooperated with each other in various situations and showed responsible behavior in their *seikatsu* and *kodo* groups. I believe that this experience will be useful for them in the future as upper graders.

This second term is a milestone for the school. School events for the children are as follows:

9/5 (Tue.)-9/7 (Thu): Summer Project Exhibition (in the gym)

9/12 (Tue.) City Swim Meet (Grade 6, Higashimachi pool)

9/27 (Wed.) Inter-School Sports Day (Grade 6)
 The athletic meet will be held at the new Japan National Stadium.

10/26 (Thu.)-10/28 (Sat.) Higashimachi's 110th Anniversary Music Festival

The children will express their feelings through music as each grade practices hard to perform their song for the school.

11/10 (Fri) 110th Anniversary Assembly (assembly for children)

All children will gather at the Roppongi Junior High School gym for this event.

11/18 (Sat) Ceremony to commemorate the 110th anniversary of the school's opening

At the ceremony, Grades 5 and 6 will express their admiration for Higashimachi Elementary School.

Please look forward to seeing the children in action.

Date	Day	Events	After-school
1	F	Opening Ceremony, 4 periods	—
2	Sa		—
3	Su		—
4	M	School lunch begins, Committees, Tablet lesson, Safety lesson	—
5	Tu	Summer project exhibition begins, Measurements (G1), Parent-teacher conference (G1-G3)	—
6	W	4 periods, Measurements (G1)	—
7	Th	Summer Project Exhibition ends, Parent-teacher conference (G4-G6), Measurements (G2)	—
8	F	Measurements (G2)	—
9	Sa		—
10	Su		—
11	M	Clubs, Measurements (G3)	—
12	Tu	4 periods, Family Asobi, Measurements (G3), City Swim Meet (G6, 5 th and 6 th period)	—
13	W	4 periods, Measurements (G4)	—
14	Th	Student assembly, Clothed swim lesson (G5), Swim lessons end, Measurements (G4)	G3-4
15	F	Open school	—
16	Sa	Open school, Saturday school	—
17	Su		—
18	M	Respect for the Aged Day	—
19	Tu	Measurements (G5)	—
20	W	4 periods, Measurements (G6)	—
21	Th	Student assembly	G5-6
22	F	4 periods, Evacuation drill	—
23	Sa	Autumnal Equinox, PTA's 110 Anniversary Event	—
24	Su		—
25	M		G5-6
26	Tu	Planetarium Fieldtrip (G4)	G3-4
27	W	Inter-School Sports Day (G6)	—
28	Th	Student assembly	—
29	F		—
30	Sa		—

September's Goal
"Let's get back into school life!"

Please check your grade newsletters for dismissal times.

Notices

Emergency Evacuation Drill

This month's evacuation drill will simulate an intruder on school grounds.

Parent-Teacher Conference

Sept. 5 (Tue.) 15:00 G1-G3

Sept. 7 (Thu.) 15:00 G4-G6

Details will be provided at a later date.

Open School

Sept. 15 (Fri.), 16 (Sat.)

Details will be provided at a later date.

Human Rights Day

This month's Human Rights Day is Friday the 22nd. The lunch for that day is fried rice with shrimp and egg and Chinese noodle salad from China.

September's Open Schoolyard

Sept. 9 (Sat.) 13:00 - 17:00

From the Smile Room

Each child is unique and grows at a different pace. Therefore, the appropriate learning methods and pace are also different for each individual. It is important to view these differences in learning styles as part of a child's individuality and developmental diversity and to provide guidance according to their individual needs. By learning how to communicate their thoughts and feelings and by acquiring learning strategies that suit them, children gain self-confidence and are motivated to try new things. Learning how to relate well with their friends will also help them enjoy their time in the classroom.

The Smile Room is a place where children can learn about their own strengths and experience success while reflecting on themselves, discussing things they do not know or are having trouble with, and contemplating issues together with the instructors. Through the guidance provided in Smile Rooms, we aim to develop children's diverse personalities and abilities and to enrich their lives at school.

Hakone Summer Camp

5-1 Hiroshi Yagi
5-2 Nozomi Yamamoto

Grade 5 students went to the Hakone summer camp on August 18 and 19. With good weather on our side, we were able to do all the events scheduled for both days. On the first day, the students enjoyed a quiz rally and nut crafts at the Mori-no-Fureaikan Hall. Sunny spots were as hot as in Tokyo, but with just one step in the cool shade of the trees we were surrounded by the bountiful nature of Hakone. Afterwards, we took a cruise on a boat and felt the pleasant breeze. At night, we had a campfire. The students were excited to sing songs around the fire that symbolized friendship, bonding, cooperation, and courage. On the second day, we went to the athletic course at Tokoku Pass, gave ourselves quite the workout, and then came back home.

Although it was only a short stay of one night and two days, the children were able to learn from the experience how they should plan their activities and have fun by following the rules. After their first overnight stay, we hope that the Grade 5 students will be able to make further progress in the second term and beyond.

Summer Project Exhibition

Naomi Naito
Head Teacher

Every year at the end of the summer vacation, Higashimachi holds the Summer Project Exhibition. We use the school's gym to display students' projects, so the space feels like a mini-exhibition from a museum.

Each year, students from every grade come back to school with their unique projects. Various types of projects are on display, including crafts, cooking summaries, travelogues, and works on themes they chose and researched on their own.

We can tell that the children are having a great time when they go to see the exhibition. They see projects from their friends and schoolmates, learn about their creativity, and expand their own learning in new ways. Parents are welcome to visit during this period as well. We hope you can take the time to visit the exhibition.

Dates and Time:
Sept. 5 (Tue.) - Sept. 7 (Thur.)
9:00 - 16:00

Location: Gym