

School Doctors

School Nurse Kazuko Yamagishi

This year's regular medical checkups were finished at the end of June. The school's doctors carefully examined each student one by one. The school doctors not only performed the regular medical checkups, but also examined each of the new students who joined the school midway through the year. For the past few years we are grateful to have the same school doctors. The school doctors do not only perform medical examinations. When a student becomes sick or injured at school we are indebted to the school doctors. When we are troubled, we consult the school doctors and they give us accurate instructions. Depending on the circumstances, they rush to our aid, introduce us to a hospital, and always kindly support us.

Also, the school health committee gives appropriate advice on the health problems of students and informs us with drug abuse classes and healthy teeth assemblies. The school doctors are encouraging friends and continue to watch over Higashimachi Elementary School's students.

The Dangers of SNS

Educational Guidance Counselor Hiroki Mine

Social networking services are swiftly making progress as a convenient communication tool. All over the world, people are sending information and because we can exchange information instantly with SNS, users are increasing. Because of this, there are also various problems that have occurred.

① "The leakage of personal information"

By using free calling applications online to publish photos of themselves and their friends saying, "I went to the amusement park with my friend!" a third party will be able to know their location and relationship with that friend. Also copyright issues can arise.

② "Possibility of being involved in a crime"

One can search the ID of someone they do not know and be connected to them. While you may think they are speaking to someone of the same age and sex, it could actually be an adult with intent to harm you and possibly involve you in a crime.

③ "Trouble with human relations"

These troubles not only happen to elementary students but junior and senior high students as well as adults. "My message was read and ignored so I ignored their message." For this reason human relations become worse. Also, without seeing each other's face and just reading the text, it is hard to tell how the person is feeling, and it is also difficult to convey your feelings to the other person.

By talking with someone while noticing their expressions and intonations one can have sincere heart to heart communication.

Summer Pool

Head of Summer Pool Hiroshi Kurokawa

The pool has opened, and students are eager to "immerse" themselves in swimming lessons.

As summer begins, so does summer pool, and here is the perfect chance for students to not only improve their swimming ability, but to also "deepen" their bonds with friends. Enjoying physical activities with friends is a very important experience for all children, despite how they may feel about sports. It is our hope that your child will come often and enjoy swimming with their friends. "I like sports" is a great thing to hear students saying. Even better is hearing students say "I like playing sports with my friends," and this is one of the main goals for summer pool. This is also a chance for students that need more swimming practice to do so in a less distracting environment with fewer classmates.

Please check the schedule and timetable that was handed out, and make sure your child has all their swimming gear, as even a single forgotten item means that they will be unable to enter the pool for their own safety.

Please double check everything before your child comes to school, and join us for summer pool!

Supplementary Summer Lessons

Head Teacher Akemi Suzuki

This year there are also several supplementary lessons planned for the summer holidays. The first half will be four days in July, 21st (Fri) through 25th (Tue), and the second half will be three days in August, 28th (Fri) through 30th (Wed).

Focusing on Japanese and Math, students will review the basic subject matter covered in the first term with the assigned teacher. Also, students will study with the summer vacation drills and worksheets prepared at school according to their individual needs. Additionally, students will practice for the kanji certification tests held in the 3rd term, and write impressions of their readings.

The application will be handed out in advance, so all participants must confirm whether they will attend or not and submit the application to their home room teacher by July 10th (Mon). If there is no confirmation of attendance you will be contacted by the school, so please confirm the days on the schedule that your child can attend, and in the event of an absence please contact the school.