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南山小学校

Nanzan Elementary School was founded in the 9th year of the Meiji era, and this year we will be celebrating its 142nd anniversary, marking the long history of our school.

Being in the Roppongi and Azabu school districts means that there are many embassies located nearby, and our community is abundant with international character.

This will be the 2nd year since the establishment of the International Program (English Support Course), which started last year with the 1st graders. It has been 20 years since any of our classes were split into two, and this year as well, the number of classes has increased to a total of 8, with 190 students attending our school.

Amongst the progression of globalization, we keep in our hearts the slogan "Connecting History, Connecting Hearts, Nanzan ES is Full of Smiles," which fills our school with a family-like warmth that I hope will be passed on from one generation to the next.

Even though our nationalities and cultures may differ, by placing value on the self and others, and through shared learning and play, we will strive to raise students who mutually recognize the qualities and potential of everyone.

Also, last year, as the Minato City Board of Education Research Pilot School, and in cooperation with Nanzan Kindergarten, we created a combined curriculum for kindergarten and elementary school that connects growth and education with an emphasis on thinking independently, deepening connections, and creating a rich learning environment for children. So that the new 1st graders may begin their school life with peace of mind, classes will be conducted using our school's original Start Curriculum.

This year as well, we will promote the enrichment of school academics through the *tatewari* activities which engage the 1st through 6th grades together, and also through activities involving Japanese traditions and culture. Together, all of the faculty will strive for the healthy growth of the students. Thank you for all of your support and understanding.

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