

# 141<sup>st</sup> School Anniversary

## Nanzan Elementary School

Nanzan Elementary is a school with history and traditions stretching back to when it first opened in 1876. Last year, all of the students, faculty, families, and other groups and individuals involved with the school, celebrated the 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the school's opening.

Our school is part of the Roppongi and Azabu school district, and as such, there are many nearby embassies, which make our neighborhood very internationally diverse.

Beginning with this year's new grade 1 students, Nanzan Elementary School, in the fashion of Higashimachi Elementary School, will be the second school in Minato City to start the English Support Course. Though nationality and culture may differ, we seek to foster students that will learn and play together, understanding their differences and appreciating each other's' qualities and potential.

"Thinking independently, deepening connections, creating a rich learning environment for children; ~Innovating a combined curriculum for kindergarten and elementary school that connects growth and education~." This is the continuing theme for teacher development at Nanzan kindergarten and elementary school. As with the previous school year, we will be continuing development of this theme as the pilot school for this research in Minato City.

We appreciate your understanding, cooperation, and support for all school activities in the coming school year.

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