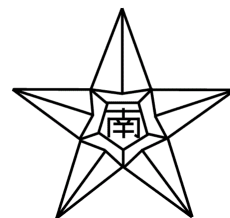


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## New Year's Resolution

New Year's Day this year began peacefully with a clear blue sky. I would like to wish all the parents and members of the community a Happy New Year.

I would like to express my gratitude for your understanding and support of our school's academic activities and with the celebrations of the 145<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our school in the previous year. As we begin the New Year, the faculty and staff at Nanzan make it our New Year's resolution in 2022 to redouble our efforts to ensure the healthy growth of the students, both physically and mentally, and to move forward with vigor.

### 【How to Set Goals】

At the beginning of the New Year, I am sure you have set your goals for the year. I thought about how to set goals and how to achieve them in the following way.

First, the goal should be one that is neither easy nor difficult. Determine what the goal is for, what value it has, and how you can work towards it. This thought process is important to keep you motivated to achieve your goals.

This week, the students will set their goals for study and school life in the 3<sup>rd</sup> term. In each class, along with the Career Passports, we will continue to build on the day to day instruction to achieve the goals.

### 【A Series of Small Communications】

I actively talk to the students and teachers about their studies and school life. The Kanji and Keisan Perfect certificates given each term are a result of the students' efforts in their morning studies. I hand out the certificates to each of the students in the principal's office with a word of congratulations. It makes me very happy to see the joy on their faces when they say, "Thank you."

We also use these interactions as an opportunity to tell each of them what our expectations are and how they can work to improve even more. On the other hand, when a student is struggling academically or in their school life, I work with the homeroom teacher to address the situation and explore possible solutions.

### 【Valuing Each Individual】

This is a poem written by a student from our school. It makes us think about our relationships with others.

#### 【みんなの心】

なぜだろう みんなの心は 一人ずつちがう  
よろこび 楽しみ うれしみ 悲しみ 苦しみ いかり  
それぞれみんなちがう  
なぜ一人ずつちがうのか それはだれにも わからない

#### [Everyone's Heart]

Why is it that everyone's heart is different?  
Happiness, joy, delight, sadness, pain, anger  
Everyone is different  
No one knows why it's different for each of us

As part of the school management plan, I have included a section on "creating a safe and secure place for children." Based on the results of the 2<sup>nd</sup> term's student survey, 86% of the students were able to speak and present their thoughts and ideas with confidence, and 92% were able to enjoy learning by teaching and cooperating with their friends. We will continue to aim for "Nanzan Elementary School, where every child can grow and learn" – and together we can make the most of it by improving our minds, bodies, knowledge and skills. Thank you for your continued support in the coming year.

## The School Trip Brought Joy and Smiles to the Students

G6-1 Teacher

Grade 6 journeyed to Hakone and back on their School Trip. Due to the effects of the pandemic, this was the first time in 2 years that the school has had an overnight trip like this. In order for this trip to be a fruitful 2 days and 1 night, the students cooperated with each other and prepared ahead of time through proactively monitoring their health and creating goals for their groups.

The first day was spent at Odawara Castle, making coasters at Yosegi Kaikan, experiencing the history of Hakone through a tour of the Sekisho (checkpoint), and at the Hakone Niko Niko Kogen Gakuen. On the second day, we had a group activity from Gora Station to Hayunoyama and Owakudani, and then took a sightseeing boat ride on Lake Ashi.



The 2 days of this trip were packed with fun and learning for the students. It was wonderful to see the students cooperating with each other while being at ease and having a fun time. I believe that all of the sixth grade students will never forget these memories and experiences, and that they will continue to flourish in their future endeavors. Once again, I would like to express our gratitude to the families and everyone who supported making this school trip a reality. Thank you very much.

## Fureai Month ~Zero Bullying at Nanzan~

School Life Guidance

*Fureai* Month happens three times a year in February, June, and November, and it is one of the ways the school promotes the prevention of behavioral issues related to bullying and truancy through swift identification and quick action. During the November *Fureai* Month, each class created an anti-bullying slogan by considering human rights and individual action, which they then presented to the school. With strong feelings of "Bullying will not be tolerated," the students are spreading the word and together we are making an even better Nanzan Elementary School.

- 1-1 Be kind to others, be strong to yourself.
- 1-2 Good friends, fun, lots of smiles, everyone is happy, fun class.
- 2-1 Words are a mirror, so let's share nice ones!
- 2-2 Words and greetings that make everyone happy.
- 3-1 Speak kindly to others and cooperate together.
- 3-2 Have you considered the feelings of others? Let's use our words to make others happy!
- 4-1 Don't say or do things that hurt each other. Let's get along by finding the good in each other.
- 4-2 Unkind words mask the heart. Good words are infectious.
- 5-1 Let's express our gratitude for even the smallest things.
- 5-2 The gift of a smile awaits those who open the heavy door of the heart through thoughtful honesty.
- 6-1 Practice wholeheartedly sharing warm feelings and helping others through interaction.



### January Calendar

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| 11 (Tue) Opening Ceremony                         | 15 (Sat) Public Morals Lesson and Lecture (Online) |
| 12 (Wed) School Lunch Begins                      | 19 (Wed) Club Activities                           |
| 13 (Thu) <i>Sekishokai</i> , Committee Activities | 31 (Mon) Committee Activities                      |
- ※The January evacuation drill will be conducted without prior notice.

### January Goal

**Greet Others Cheerfully**