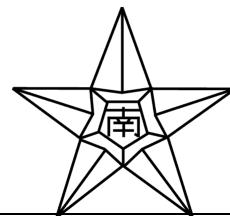


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On the Anniversary of the School's Opening

Principal Noriaki Kobayashi

Establishment of Nanzan Elementary School

October 21 marked the 147th anniversary of the opening of Nanzan Elementary School. I wanted to use this once-a-year anniversary as an opportunity to let the students feel the joy of being involved with Nanzan Elementary School, so I gave a talk at the school-wide morning assembly. I spoke briefly to the students, but in the school newsletter, I will elaborate a bit more based on past anniversaries.

Nanzan Elementary School was founded on December 19, 1876 at 7, Azabu Miyamura-cho. The year 1876 was the year of the abolition of the sword ordinance. At first, the school was called "Dai 2, Dai-ku, Dai 2 Chugaku-ku Dai 27 Koritsu Nanzan Shogaku". It started out as a two-story wooden building with 10 classrooms measuring 68 tsubo, with 150 students and 4 teachers. Since then, the name and location have changed several times. (See attached table).

Origin of the name of Nanzan Elementary School

At the time of its founding, there were three schools in Azabu City: Azabu Elementary School, Iikura Elementary School, and Nanzan Elementary School. Azabu and Iikura were named after places, but only Nanzan was not named after a place. Some people have looked into why this is, and there are several theories, but the real truth is not known.

① "Nanzan's Longevity Theory" It is possible that the name Nanzan comes from famous mountains in China that have been written about in many poems. The actual mountains, "Zhongnanshan" and "Lushan" have a similar level of recognition as Japan's Mt. Fuji, but apart from the actual mountain, the names are also a symbol of longevity.

② "The Uchidayama Southern Direction Theory" The area where the school building was built in 1927 was called Uchidayama. Some say the name comes from the school being built in the southern area of Uchidayama.

③ "The Sister School Theory" Nankai Elementary School in Shiba was established in 1874 near the current Tamachi Station. Nearby was the Tokaido Highway, which at that time was close to the coastline and lapped by waves. The area was named "Nankai" because it was south of the Imperial Palace. It is theorized that Nanzan Elementary, which was established two years later in Azabu, was named "Nanzan" because it was hillier than Nankai Elementary. Nanzan Elementary, which has a lot to discover if you do your research, is truly a school with a lot of history and tradition. I hope that students are proud to attend such a wonderful school. And I hope that they will always have "love for Nanzan".

Location and School Building Changes

1876 Kurayamazaka School Building	7 Azabu Miyamura-cho (Kurayamazaka) 2 Story Japanese/Western Style Building Area: 497 Tsubo
1894 Fujidana School Building Azabu no Gakushuin	69 Miyamura-cho (Current Roppongi H.S.) Wooden 2-story building (Double the size of the Kurayamazaka School Building)
1927 Uchidayama School Building Kodai no Jyuko na Shiro	67 Miyamura-cho (Current Location) Reinforced concrete, 3 stories (Double the size of the Fujidana School Building)
1978 Current School Building	Motoazabu 3-8-15 (Current Location) A Temporary School building was constructed and used for 2 years. The current building and grounds are still used with care to this day.

School Name Changes

1876	Dai 2, Dai-ku, Dai 2 Chugaku-ku Dai 27 Koritsu Nanzan Shogaku
1879	Azabu-ku Koritsu Nanzan Shogakku
1886	Azabu-ku Nanzan Jinjo Koto Shogakko
1892	Tokyo Shiritsu Nanzan Jinji Koto Shogakko
1908	Tokyo-shi Nanzan Jinjo Shogakko
1941	Tokyo-shi Nanzan Kokumin Gakko
1943	Tokyo-to Nanzan Kokumin Gakko
1947	Tokyo-to Minato Kuritsu Nanzan Shogakko



School name plaque by Sanjo Sanemi, Grand Minister of State at the time (located in the principal's office)

Nanzan ES at the time of its opening



A plaque with the school name written by Sanjo Sanetomi is displayed.

The Sports Day was held on October 28. The next big event is the School Performance on December 9 (Sat). We hope that the students who perform will experience the joy of expression, including the fun of transforming into someone they are not.

Details will be announced at a later date.

Tatewari Group Activities and Cross-Grade Interaction

Special Activities Coordinator

Special activities (*Tokkatsu*) time is a time to learn how to work on one's own life by realizing the value of "taking initiative," "cooperating with others," "working on things to the end," "being yourself," and "being kind." All of this is condensed in the Nanzan Elementary School tradition of *Tatewari* group activities and cross grade interaction. 14 groups of students from grades 1 to 6 work on various activities throughout the year, with the upper grades taking the leadership role in the school orienteering at the *Nakayoshi* Assembly in July, strengthening the bonds among the students. At the Student Assembly, the assembly committee plans games for the groups to play and enjoy together, and at the Music Assembly, the students sing as one.

Upper graders help lower graders in physical fitness tests, and students deepen their learning through presentations and exchanges with other grades in various classes such as Japanese language, Life Studies, and Integrated Studies.

Each student is growing as an individual, with the older students serving as role models for the younger students, and the middle grades supporting them in carrying on the good traditions of Nanzan Elementary School.



Initiatives for International Understanding and Diversity

International Understanding Coordinator

International understanding means deepening "mutual understanding" and to live better together by understanding differences through learning about each other's culture and ideas, and by respecting those ideas and other people. To this end, we conduct educational activities based on three perspectives. ①Cultivating the ability to act independently, cultivating a spirit of tolerance and having a broad perspective. ②Understanding Japanese culture for better international understanding. ③Acquiring foreign language skills to listen to the thoughts of others and to express one's own intentions. At Nanzan, students of various nationalities naturally communicate with each other using a variety of languages, gestures, and tablet translation functions. There is no language barrier, but rather a large diversity of students who engage with each other in a rich and interactive manner.

In the "World Friendship Project" conducted by the Representative Committee, students of various nationalities introduce their country's culture and recommended dishes during the school lunch broadcast. In November, at the "JRC Initiation Ceremony" and "UNICEF Fundraising", students learn about the activities of the Red Cross for Youth and think about service activities they can do. The Mina Eco Committee holds "Food Loss Week" as an opportunity to focus on global food issues. As part of the school's nutrition education program, school lunches feature dishes from around the world to coincide with international events, and the school's Broadcasting Committee also introduces a variety of countries during lunchtime. School-wide activities include "Japanese Manners" for 1st graders, "Edo Komon" and "Wheelchair and White Cane Experience" for 4th graders, and the 5th graders' exploration of the SDGs and the creation of a killifish pond in the Nanzan Forest. In the 6th grade, students give presentations on their dreams and memories in the International Studies class. Many students also make use of the various English books in the library on a daily basis. Through multifaceted learning, we nurture students who can play an active role in contributing to the peace and development of the international community.



November Schedule of Events

1 (Wed)	Committee Activities	18 (Sat)	Minato City Ethics Lecture	PTA Event
6 (Mon)	Wednesday schedule 5 periods	20 (Mon)	Unicef Fundraising (Until 24(Fri))	
9 (Thu)	4 period day	21 (Tue)	G4 Social Studies Field Trip	
13 (Mon)	Evacuation Drill	27 (Mon)	Committee (December Meeting)	
14 (Tue)	JRC Initiation Ceremony	29 (Wed)	Club Activities	
17 (Fri)	Wednesday schedule 5 periods			
	Sugaku Kentei (Applicants Only)			

November Goal

Use Proper Language <Fureai Month>

