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A New Year's Greeting

Happy New Year! I hope this message finds you in good spirits as we welcome the New Year.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the tremendous support you have given to our school's academic activities throughout the past year. I was also delighted to have many parents and local community members visit the Art Exhibition on December 20th and 21st. It was truly wonderful to see so many people enjoying the students' artworks, as well as their performances. They were very happy to receive so many compliments, and I too was reminded of the incredible talents and potential the students possess, as well as the warm support from parents and the local community.



The New Year and the new school year are often seen as significant turning points, a time when people are inspired to try new things and challenge themselves. Some of you may have set New Year's goals this year. I hope the students will also take on new challenges with fresh determination. As we enter the third term at school, we are approaching the time to wrap up this academic year. The sixth-grade students are looking ahead to middle school, while students from first to fifth grade will be preparing for the next grade. We will guide them to make the most of their daily classes and events, so they can make the most of the time until March.

Looking ahead to 2025, the year will be the Year of the Snake in the Chinese zodiac, specifically the "乙巳" (*Kinoe-mi*). "乙" represents the element of wood, symbolizing the way plants grow flexibly and spread. "巳" (the snake) is associated with shedding its skin repeatedly, symbolizing immortality. Thus, the year "乙巳" is considered a time for renewal, transformation, and flexible development.



As Nanzan Elementary School approaches its 150th anniversary, we will continue to honor the history we have built while adapting to the realities of the present and the changes of the times, striving to evolve and improve the school for a better future.

The Art Exhibition

Art Exhibition Coordinator

The Art Exhibition held on December 20th (Fri) and 21st (Sat) became a vibrant two days, filled with the student's heartfelt works and the Art Festa. Thank you for attending.

The students enjoy expressing themselves in their own unique way during their weekly 2-hour art and home economics classes, where they encounter various materials, tools, and methods of expression. Through these experiences, they come to appreciate the beauty and greatness of themselves, their classmates, their surroundings, as well as culture, history, artists, and works of art.

As the culmination of these experiences, on Saturday, the Art Exhibition featured art appreciation activities, a fashion show by the first and second graders, live art by the third and fourth graders, and performances by the fifth and sixth graders. Parents and community members had the opportunity to observe the presentations and activities, and I believe they were able to feel the unique brilliance that can only be expressed in this moment. Thank you for your cooperation with helping your child prepare for their academic activities.



Human Rights Education and *Fureai* Month

Life Guidance

The Tokyo Metropolitan Board of Education designates June, November, and February as "*Fureai* Months," focusing on preventing issues such as bullying and school absenteeism, as well as strengthening efforts related to their resolution. At our school, during the month of November, the students thought about bullying, acted based on slogans they created using words anyone can understand, and then presented the results of their efforts in their own words on December 10th and 13th.

Through these activities, we hope to foster the children's ability to value themselves, deepen their connections with others, and build a better school life.



January Events

8 (Wed)	Opening Ceremony	4 Periods	15 (Wed)	Morning classes
9 (Thu)	Lunch Starts	<i>Kakizomekai</i> (G1,2,3,5)	22 (Wed)	Club
10 (Fri)	<i>Kakizomekai</i> (G4,6)		30 (Thu)	School Music and Art Lesson(G4,5,6)
	Committee	Step Begins	31 (Fri)	Morning Classes
14 (Tue)	<i>Kakizome</i> Exhibition (Until 21 st)			

January Goal

Greet Others Pleasantly