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## The Same Train

Principal Tsuyoshi Imamura

There is only one month left in this school year. The students are currently preparing for the "6<sup>th</sup> Grade Farewell Assembly" this weekend. Next week, they will begin practicing for the graduation ceremony, and the end of this school year is starting to feel more imminent.

Looking back, the students have really grown. In April of last year, there was not yet enough cohesion within the class or grade level. Every day, various accidents arose, and many students came to the health room after getting injured (even now, there are still accidents and injuries). However, over time, I feel that a calm atmosphere has developed within the class, grade, and the whole school. Of course, this would not have been possible without the support of the families and the community. I am truly grateful.

I once read a book that mentioned, "A school is like a train." Before getting on the train, people come from different places and have spent lives differently, but they all get on the same train at the same time. Some may get on midway, and some may get off midway. But while on the train, they share the same space and the same time. In the end, everyone gets off the train and continues their journey at different places and spending their lives differently. The train keeps moving, but the people inside change. It's a very mysterious feeling.

I think the same can be said about Nanzan Elementary School. People who have spent time in different places and had different experiences come together to spend time at this school. But it's not just about spending the same time together. Through studying, playing, class duties, committees, group activities, and events, students can understand each other and cooperate. Eventually, each person will step into a new environment. However, I believe that the time spent at Nanzan Elementary School will remain in their memories and have some kind of influence.

Even though the people who spend time here change, Nanzan Elementary School has continued and will continue. Though times change, those who have spent time at Nanzan Elementary School can share part of their feelings. And so, Nanzan Elementary School has passed nearly 150 years.

Soon, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will graduate, and new 1<sup>st</sup> graders will enroll. Amid the constant flow of change, it is even more important to cherish each moment and share our time together.

To the parents, to the community, and to the students, I am grateful for the time we can spend together. I ask for your continued understanding and support of our educational activities.

### **March Goal**

**Show Gratitude Towards Everyone**

## Collaboration Between Preschool, Kindergarten and Elementary School and Interaction with the Sakura Class

Coordinator

Since early childhood education serves as the foundation for later learning and life in elementary school, Nanzan has been working closely with nearby kindergartens, and certified childcare centers. Various initiatives have been undertaken, primarily involving first and fifth graders. The fifth graders and the Sakura class of Nanzan Kindergarten will become first and sixth graders next year, forming a new relationship. To foster connections, they first met in May and have since deepened their bond by dancing the Nanzan *Taiso* and playing relay games. This year was also the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of Nanzan Kindergarten. Fifth graders and Sakura class released balloons into the sky and performed a dance together.

The first graders also organized a "Toy Land" event where they made different booths and invited Sakura class students to enjoy the event. Additionally, in March, a school experience event is planned to help prepare them for enrollment in April. These interactions provide valuable learning experiences for both the younger and older students, and the accumulation of such exchanges contributes significantly to their development and growth.

## Reflecting on School Life

Head of Student Guidance

At Nanzan, we foster rich human relationships among students through activities such as the "Tatewari Groups" and "Fureai Month." As a result, it is common to see older students kindly engaging with younger students and playing together during recess. The warmth and joy of these interactions have become a cherished tradition at Nanzan, enriching each student's heart. This year, again, the students demonstrated bright and energetic interactions. Also, they showed politeness and respect in their daily lives, carefully considering those around them in various situations.

We would like to express our gratitude to parents and the community members for their continued support in ensuring the student's healthy growth and safety. As we approach the 2025~2026 school year, starting in April, we kindly ask for your continued support and cooperation.

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### **March Schedule of Events**

1 (Sat)	G6 Farewell Assembly	17 (Mon)	Step Individual P-T Meetings (until 21)
3 (Mon)	Committee	18 (Tue)	Step Instruction Ends
5 (Wed)	Kanji Perfect Retest Club	19 (Wed)	School Lunch Ends Graduation Rehearsal (G5,6) 4 Periods (G1~4)
6 (Thu)	Keisan Perfect Retest	21 (Fri)	4 Periods G6 Send-off
7 (Fri)	P-T Conference 4 Period Day	24 (Mon)	Graduation Ceremony
11 (Mon)	Evacuation Drill	25 (Tue)	Closing Ceremony Farewell to Departing Teachers 3 Periods
	3.11 Memorial Assembly	26 (Wed)	Spring Break Begins