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Passing the Baton

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There is now only one month left in this school year. At school, we are wrapping up this year's learning and preparing for the new school year. Today, we held the "6th Grade Farewell Ceremony." Each grade from 1st to 5th gave presentations to the 6th graders to express their gratitude for all they have done. In return, the 6th graders gave presentations to thank and encourage the younger students. After that, the 6th graders passed the *Tatewari* bibs to the 5th graders, entrusting them with the role of being the new highest grade in the school. When I think about how the traditions of Nanzan Elementary have been continuously passed down in this way for more than 150 years, I am filled once again with encouragement for the students in front of us and deep gratitude for all those who have faithfully passed the baton over the years.

The 6th graders will soon graduate. I believe each of them will continue to grow and succeed in their new environment at junior high school. The students in 1st through 5th grade will move up to the next grade level, renew their determination as older students, continue to grow, and help make Nanzan Elementary School even better. To support this, we want to make the most of the time remaining in this school year.

Next year, Nanzan Elementary School will celebrate its 150th anniversary. We will continue striving to honor the thoughts and efforts of those who have built the school's history and traditions, and to ensure that the students who are creating the history of Nanzan Elementary School right now can grow in a healthy and positive way.

Reflecting on School Life

Head of Life Style Guidance

At Nanzan Elementary School, we nurture warm and caring relationships among our students through activities such as "*Tatewari* Groups" and "*Fureai* Month." Because of these efforts, we often see older students kindly looking after younger students and playing together during recess. This positive interaction—where students connect with one another in a spirit of kindness and enjoyment—has been passed down as one of Nanzan Elementary School's proud traditions and helps enrich each student's heart. This school year as well, the students showed us many scenes of bright and cheerful interaction. In addition, we saw many examples of students treating others with care and behaving politely in various situations.

We would like to sincerely thank all parents and members of the community for supporting the students' healthy growth and helping to ensure their safety each day. We ask for your continued support and cooperation in the 2026-2027 school year, which will begin in April.

SNS Nanzan Rules

Life Style Guidance

We would like to inform you about the "SNS Nanzan Rules 2026" created by the 5th grade students. We will provide guidance appropriate to each grade level for each item in the SNS Nanzan Rules so that students can deepen their understanding and develop the skills they need to live responsibly in today's information society. We would also appreciate it if families could take opportunities at home to think together about specific situations and reflect on the importance of following the SNS Nanzan Rules in daily life.

【SNS Nanzan Rules 2026】

- ① Don't post personal information or photos that show private details about you.
- ② Don't take pictures of people or their work without asking first.
- ③ Email and LINE texts can't truly be taken back, so think carefully about the other person's feelings before you send them.
- ④ Before you post or send something on SNS, check that it won't hurt or upset anyone.
- ⑤ If something worries you or makes you uncomfortable, talk to a trusted adult right away.
- ⑥ Important things should be talked about face-to-face.
- ⑦ Try not to look at screens right before going to bed.
- ⑧ After looking at a screen for 30 minutes, look at something far away for at least 20 seconds to rest your eyes.
- ⑨ Talk with your family about when, where, and how to use SNS. Make rules together and follow them.

March Schedule

Date	Day	Morning Activities	School Events	Periods/Dismissal Time					
				G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
1	Sun								
2	Mon	Assembly	Club (6 Periods)	5	5	5	6	6	6
3	Tue	Kanji · Keisan		5	5	6	6	6	6
4	Wed	Class	Committee	4	4	4	4	5	5
5	Thu	Keisan · Kanji		5	5	6	6	6	6
6	Fri	Reading	P-T Conference Morning Classes	4	4	4	4	4	4
7	Sat								
8	Sun								
9	Mon	Assembly	5 Periods Grade 1 · Kindergarten Interaction	5	5	5	5	5	5
10	Tue	Kanji · Keisan		5	5	6	6	6	6
11	Wed	3.11 Assembly	Evacuation Drill	5	5	5	5	5	5
12	Thu	Keisan · Kanji		5	5	6	6	6	6
13	Fri	Tatewari		5	6	6	6	6	6
14	Sat								
15	Sun								
16	Mon	Assembly		5	5	5	6	6	6
17	Tue	School Life Questionnaire		5	5	6	6	6	6
18	Wed	Class	Morning Classes	4	4	4	4	4	4
19	Thu	Safety	Graduation Rehearsal	4	4	4	4	5	5
20	Fri								
21	Sat								
22	Sun								
23	Mon	Assembly	School Lunch Ends Morning Classes	4	4	4	4	4	4
24	Tue		Graduation Ceremony (G5 and 6 only)	0	0	0	0	3	3
25	Wed	Closing Ceremony	Closing Ceremony Ceremony for Departing Teachers 3 Periods	3	3	3	3	3	
26	Thu		Spring Break Begins						
27	Fri								
28	Sat								
29	Sun								
30	Mon								
31	Tue								

Schedule of Events at the Start of April

April 6 (Mon)	Opening Ceremony Ceremony for Arriving Teachers No School Lunch (Morning classes only for all grades) Entrance Ceremony (Afternoon)
April 7 (Tue)	Morning classes
April 8 (Wed)	School Lunch Begins Committee Activities (5 Periods Grades 5 and 6)
Dismissal Times	[A Schedule] 3 periods: 11:40, 4 periods: 13:15, 5 periods: 14:40, 6 periods: 15:30 [B Schedule] 4 periods (with lunch): 12:55, 4 periods (without lunch): 12:10, 5 periods: 13:55

※For details regarding dismissal times, please refer to the notices from individual grades and classes.

March Goal

Show Gratitude Towards Everyone

All-School Notices

◆Regarding the March P-T Conference◆

We will hold the final P-T conference for all grades on March 6 (Fri)

- 1:30 to 2:05 G1~3 Individual Classrooms
- 2:15~2:45 General Meeting Gym
- 2:55~3:30 G4~6 Individual Classroom

We plan to talk about reflecting on this past school year, how to spend spring break, and preparing for the next grade level. We understand that you are very busy, but we would greatly appreciate your attendance.

※Please bring your indoor shoes, a shoe bag, and your parent ID badge.

◆Regarding the Graduation Ceremony◆

March 24 (Tue) 10:00~11:00

- Grade 5 Arrival Time 8:50 Dismissal 12:00
- Grade 6 Arrival Time 9:05 Dismissal 12:10

※Grade 1 ~ 4 will not participate. There will be no school for those grades. Thank you for your understanding.

◆2026~2027 Opening Ceremony◆

Date April 6 (Mon)

Arrival Time 8:15~8:20

Dismissal Time Around 11:30

Things to Bring *Randoseru*, Writing Utensils, Contact Book, Contact Pouch, Gym Shoes

※ During spring break, please check the contents of your child's pencil case and desk box, restock any necessary school supplies, and make sure that their gym clothes and indoor gym shoes still fit properly.

◆If you are planning to transfer to another school, please let us know.◆

If you plan to transfer to another school by April 6, please inform your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

Individual Grade Notices (March)

Grade 1

○Textbooks to Be Passed On to 2nd Grade

Items that will be kept at school:

- Life Studies textbook (2nd Volume) • Morals textbook "*Kokoroakaruku*"
- Art textbook (1st and 2nd Volumes)

Items to be kept at home and brought back at the start of the new school year (together with the music bag and keyboard harmonica):

- Songbook: "*Uta ha Tomodachi*"

○Items to Check Before 2nd Grade

- Some name labels may have peeled off, or written names may have faded. Please check them. When the grade changes, rewrite the class name with the new class.
- Check the size of gym clothes and gym shoes.
- Make sure the elastic on the red-and-white PE hat is not stretched out or loose.
- Refill supplies in the desk box (especially glue).
- Check the condition of the keyboard harmonica (make sure the hose is not crushed and there is no mold).
- Make sure crayons and colored pencils are not too short or missing.

Grade 2

○Regarding The Expanding Myself Project

Thank you for your cooperation, including responding to interview questions for the Expanding Myself Project. Thanks to your support, each student has been able to reflect on their growth so far and recognize that they have grown with the support and warm care of their family and others around them. The completed projects will be sent home as soon as they are finished. When they come home, we hope you will look back on your child's growth together as a family and offer words of encouragement that will inspire them moving forward.

○Regarding the Flower Pot

In 2nd grade, students grew mini tomatoes and took home the blue flower pot over summer break. If it will be used again in 3rd grade, the new homeroom teacher will provide instructions next school year. Until then, please keep the pot at home. If you transferred to the school and have not yet purchased one, you do not need to prepare one now. If it becomes necessary, we will let you know at that time.

Grade 3

○Science: "Let's Hold a Toy Show!"

Students will make toys using what they learned in 3rd grade science, such as the power of rubber and wind, how electricity flows, and the wonders of magnets. As previously noted in the contact book, we ask for your cooperation in preparing materials.

Items the school will provide

• Magnet and light bulb experiment kits • Construction paper and drawing paper

Items each student should prepare

• A large plastic shopping bag (necessary for everyone, with your child's name clearly written on it) to store materials and unfinished toys • Any additional materials needed for your child's toy (for example: cups, string, cartons, boxes, rubber bands, etc.)

Please check your child's contact book for the dates when these materials will be used.

Grade 4

○Summarizing Studies

In Integrated Studies, as the final activity for this unit, "Let's Be Prepared for Emergencies" the students gave presentations to the 3rd graders. During their fieldtrip, they took photos of places that could be dangerous in the event of an earthquake. They organized their findings on a large map using pictures and sticky notes, and then wrote presentation scripts. While practicing, they worked hard to improve their presentations by giving each other advice. Through this experience, they seemed to truly feel both the challenges and the enjoyment of speaking in front of others. We will help them reflect on this learning so they can build on these experiences in 5th grade.

Grade 5

○At the morning assembly, the 5th graders presented the "SNS Nanzan Rules 2026." Each year, 5th graders share these rules with the whole school to teach about using SNS safely and to raise awareness. Please refer to this newsletter for the full details.

○The "Gaonan" panel, created mainly by the PR Competition Executive Committee, has been completed and shown to the entire school. Preparations for the 150th anniversary are slowly getting underway.

○For the graduation ceremony on March 24, the 5th graders will participate as representatives of the current students. They will attend the ceremony with an awareness of becoming the top grade next year and will send off the graduates with warm feelings. Information about attire and other details for the day will be provided separately.

Grade 6

○About Graduation Practice

With only a short time remaining until graduation, full practices for the ceremony will begin on March 4 (Wed). This is a period for students to practice every day and deepen their awareness of being graduates. Since the rehearsals and nerves may make them tired, we ask for your support in helping your child take care of their health during this time.