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The Wonderful Things About Being at Nanzan Elementary School

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After a slightly longer summer vacation, we are pleased to begin the second term today. Once the rainy season ended, we were once again met with an intensely hot summer. I hope everyone had a meaningful and enjoyable break. This year, our summer swimming program was held at the indoor pool of Hommura Elementary School, and many of our students participated. Although the travel meant that each session took nearly three hours from departure to return, the students approached it with enthusiasm. Our Summer Camp was the first overnight school event for our fifth-grade students. I was impressed by how responsibly they worked together, followed group routines, and carried out their assigned roles. I am sure that all of our students have grown through the many experiences they had over the summer with their families, in their communities, and in a variety of other settings. It was wonderful to see everyone again after the break, full of energy and showing clear signs of both personal and physical growth.

The second term will include several major events, including our 150th Anniversary Student Assembly, the 150th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony, and our School Performance. While continuing to value our daily school life, I hope that our anniversary celebrations will give us an opportunity to reflect on and appreciate the rich history of Nanzan Elementary School. For 150 years, generations of graduates, teachers, parents, and community members have carefully preserved our traditions while embracing the changes needed for each new era. It is a privilege for all of us to be part of this remarkable school, and I hope we can share in that sense of pride together. The School Performance is another special highlight, as students in each grade work collaboratively to create and perform a play. Through discussion, creativity, and teamwork, each class will bring its own unique production to life. I hope you will look forward to seeing the results of their hard work.

Throughout the second term, we will continue to provide opportunities for our students to learn, grow, and thrive through a wide range of experiences. We sincerely appreciate the continued understanding, encouragement, and support of our parents and members of the community as we carry forward the educational mission of Nanzan Elementary School.

About the 6th Grade School Trip

G6 Homeroom Teacher

From June 10 (Wed) to June 12 (Fri), our sixth-grade students participated in a three-day field trip to Hakone. Building on the experience of last year's fifth-grade summer camp, the students took greater ownership of the trip, with the executive committee leading the planning and preparation and everyone working together to ensure its success.

On the first day, the students visited Odawara Castle and the Hakone Open-Air Museum, then traveled by ropeway to Owakudani. That evening, they enjoyed nighttime recreational activities that had been planned by the students themselves. The second day included a hike on Mount Kurodake, a cruise aboard the famous Hakone Pirate Ship, and a walk along the historic stone-paved Hakone Trail. In the afternoon, students visited Hakone-en, where they had time to shop for souvenirs and enjoy the popular Ninja Bus. They spent the day working in small activity groups, allowing each group to deepen its learning through shared experiences. That evening, the students participated in a Hakone Yosegi (wood marquetry) workshop, creating their own decorative coasters. Learning about this traditional craft while designing a unique keepsake made for a memorable and rewarding experience. On the third day, each group took the Mt. Komagatake Ropeway, hiked to the summit of Mt. Komagatake, and toured the Museum of Life on Earth. Through these activities, each group overcame challenges together, which served as an opportunity to further strengthen their team spirit.

We hope that the students will apply what they learned and experienced during this field trip to their future school life and continue to play an active role throughout the school as sixth graders. Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation regarding the field trip.



Regarding the 150th Anniversary of Nanzan Elementary

With the start of the second term, preparations for our anniversary events are now in full swing. On November 7, 5th and 6th graders will participate in the ceremony and perform "Words of Joy" and the "Anniversary Dance (Soran Bushi)." We will also be building excitement throughout the school to celebrate our 150th anniversary with activities such as special mixed-grade group games and a commemorative assembly. We would greatly appreciate it if parents could assist with preparations and operations on the day of the event. We ask for your cooperation to ensure this becomes a memorable event for the students. (We will send out a notice via "Suguru" regarding volunteer opportunities and registration for events open to parents. Please be sure to complete the survey.)

September Events Schedule

Date	Day	Morning	Events	Periods/ Dismissal Time					
				G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
1	Tue	Opening Ceremony	Opening Ceremony 4 Periods	4	4	4	4	4	4
2	Wed	Safety	School Lunch Begins Committee	4	4	4	4	5	5
3	Thu	Keisan Kanji	Measurements (G1•2) Summer Project Exhibition Starts 5 Periods	5	5	5	5	5	5
4	Fri	Reading	Measurements (G5•6) 5 Periods	5	5	5	5	5	5
5	Sat		Saturday School Evac. Drill (Pick-up)	4	4	4	4	4	4
6	Sun								
7	Mon	Assembly	Measurements (G3•4) STEP Begins	5	5	5	6	6	6
8	Tue	Kanji Keisan	1st G5 Neighborhood Clean-up ①②	5	5	6	6	6	6
9	Wed	Class	4 Periods	4	4	4	4	4	4
10	Thu	Keisan Kanji	G5 Social Studies Field Trip	5	5	6	6	6	6
11	Fri	Reading	Summer Break Project Exhibition Ends	5	6	6	6	6	6
12	Sat								
13	Sun								
14	Mon	Assembly	G5•6 Safety Lesson ③	5	5	5	6	6	6
15	Tue	Kanji Keisan		5	5	6	6	6	6
16	Wed	1 Tatewari 2 Questionnaire	Club	4	4	4	5	5	5
17	Thu	Keisan Kanji	G4 Planetarium Field Trip ① ~ ④	5	5	6	6	6	6
18	Fri	1 Questionnaire 2 Tatewari	4 Periods	4	4	4	4	4	4
19	Sat								
20	Sun								
21	Mon		Respect for the Aged Day						
22	Tue		National Holiday						
23	Wed		Autumn Equinox						
24	Thu	Keisan Kanji	G6 Social Studies Field Trip	5	5	6	6	6	6
25	Fri	Reading	P-T Conference G1~3 4 Periods G4~6 5 Periods	4	4	4	5	5	5
26	Sat								
27	Sun								
28	Mon	Assembly	G6 Civics Lesson ⑤⑥	5	5	5	6	6	6
29	Tue	Kanji Keisan	3-2 Social Studies Field Trip ⑤	5	5	6	6	6	6
30	Wed	End of Semester Ceremony	First Semester Report Card Distribution Research Class 3-1	4	4	4	4	4	4

Any day that is not marked as "B schedule" is an A schedule.

Dismissal Time

【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 detailed dismissal times, please also check the notifications from each grade and class.

Monthly Goal

Put Your Heart into Your Greetings

All Grade Announcements

◆Summer Break Independent Research Project Exhibition◆

From September 3 (Wed) through September 11 (Fri), students' summer break independent research projects will be displayed in the hallway. Students are to take their projects home starting on September 14 (Mon). Please make sure your child brings a bag, such as a paper bag, to carry their project home.

*On September 5 (Sat), due to an evacuation drill, viewing the exhibition will not be possible during the 4th period.

◆Pick-up Evacuation Drill◆

There will be a pick-up evacuation drill on September 5 (Saturday). After receiving the emergency email at 11:10 a.m., please proceed to your respective classrooms. We plan to begin releasing students around 11:30 a.m. For details about the drill, please refer to the notice distributed at the end of the first semester.

* If someone not listed on the Student Information Form will be picking up a student, please be sure to notify us via the contact notebook or similar means by the day before.

◆Parent- Teacher Conference◆

September 25 (Fri)

- G1~3 1:40 p.m. ~2:20 p.m. Individual Classrooms
- General Meeting 2:30 p.m. ~2:50 p.m. Gym
- G4~6 3:00 p.m. ~3:40 p.m. Individual Classrooms

We plan to discuss the activities for the second term and the report cards that will be distributed at the end of September. We understand you are all very busy, but we hope you will be able to attend.

◆The Education Consultation Room will be Moved to the 2nd Floor from September◆

We have moved the room where you can consult with school counselors and school social workers (the Educational Counseling Room) from the 4th floor to the area in front of the art room on the 2nd floor.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays are designated as counseling days with the counselor and social worker. Additionally, on Monday and Friday mornings, the room will serve as the "School-Based Educational Support Room," providing a safe space for students who find it difficult to stay in the classroom—such as those showing signs of reluctance to attend school. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher or the vice principal for information on scheduling appointments or using the room.

Grade Announcements (September)

Grade 1

- Please bring the morning glories you took home during summer break to the classroom on September 25 (Fri) for the parent-teacher conference. (Even if they've wilted, please bring them as is.) If you are unable to attend the parent-teacher conference, please bring them in between September 24 (Thu) and October 2 (Fri). We will use them for seed observation and making wreaths.
- Please have your child bring their keyboard harmonica, music folder, textbook, and "Uta wa Tomodachi" (songbook) in their music bag on September 2 (Wed).
- We will be using boxes for the "Shape Play" activity in the second term's math class. It would be helpful if you could gradually collect empty snack boxes or similar items. (About 5 per child.) Please refer to page 72 of the math textbook. **We will let you know at a later date when to bring them to school, so please keep them at home until then.**

Grade 2

- On October 2 (Fri) we will be going on a field trip to explore the Azabu-Juban neighborhood as part of our Life Studies class. We would like to ask parents to volunteer as chaperones for this trip, so we will distribute a separate notice with further details. We appreciate your cooperation.
- Please double-check the items your child needs to bring to school every day.
【Pencil Case】 5 sharpened 2B or B pencils, an eraser (white, odorless, and uncolored), a red pencil, a blue pencil, a permanent marker (black), and a ruler (non-folding, approximately 15 cm long)
【Desk Box】 Glue, scissors, color pencils, crayons

Grade 3

○ Regarding Notebooks and School Supply Replenishment:

If your child uses up their notebook, please provide one with the same line spacing and grid pattern as the one they are currently using. Also, if the "liquid glue or glue stick" in their desk box appears to be empty, please replenish it.

○ Regarding the Research Class

Class 1 will hold a research class on the 30th (Wed) as part of a five-period school day; dismissal will be around 2:30 PM.

Grade 4

○ Regarding the Planetarium Field Trip

As part of our science unit on "Stars and the Moon," we will visit the Minato Science Museum's planetarium.

Date and Time: September 17 (Thu) — 1st through 4th periods

Items to Bring: Water bottle, tote bag, handkerchief, tissues, folding umbrella, writing utensils, school cap

Since we will be walking there and back, please have your child bring a large water bottle.

Grade 5

○ Regarding the Social Studies Field Trip

Date and Time: September 10 (Thu) – Arrive at school at 8:15 a.m. (as usual)

Estimated Return Time: Around 3:30 p.m. ※The time may vary depending on traffic conditions.

Transportation: One chartered large bus

Items to Bring: Packed lunch, water bottle, picnic sheet, towel, handkerchief, tissues, vomit bag, folding umbrella, pamphlet, writing utensils, school cap, backpack (We will be traveling on the highway. Students prone to motion sickness may bring motion sickness medication.) Please check the pamphlet that will be distributed to the students at a later date for further details. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch.

○ Regarding the Neighborhood Clean-up

As part of our integrated studies activities, we are planning neighborhood cleanups in September and October, which will be conducted in small groups. We understand you are all very busy, but we would greatly appreciate it if parents could assist by accompanying the students. The schedule is as follows. If you are able to help, please let us know via the contact notebook or Suguru.

1st Session: September 8 (Tue), 1st and 2nd periods

2nd Session: October 5 (Mon), 1st and 2nd periods

Grade 6

○ Intra-City Sports Meet

Date and Time: October 7 (Wed), 9:20 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Arrival: As usual. Dismissal: Around 4:00 p.m. (Dismissal time may vary depending on traffic conditions and other factors.)

Location: National Stadium (We will take a bus from school.)

Items to Bring: P.E. uniform [with race number sewn on], headband, packed lunch, water bottle, sweat towel, school cap, and a spare plastic water bottle (Students should come to school with these items in their backpacks.)

All students will compete in two events: the 100-meter dash and one event of their choice (selected from the 50-meter dash, 50-meter hurdles, high jump, long jump, or tug-of-war). Additionally, they will participate in the select relay team. Parents are welcome to attend, so please come and cheer them on. Students will sew their race numbers onto their PE uniforms in advance during home economics class. Therefore, please have them wear comfortable clothing (short sleeves and shorts) for PE classes throughout September. If your child is absent for an extended period, please sew the race number onto the uniform at home.

○ Regarding the Social Studies Field Trip

Date and Time: September 24 (Thu) – Arrive at school at 8:15 a.m. (as usual)

Estimated Return Time: Around 3:30 p.m. ※The time may vary depending on traffic conditions.

Transportation: Two large buses

Items to Bring: Packed lunch, water bottle, picnic sheet, handkerchief, tissues, folding umbrella, pamphlet, writing utensils, school cap, backpack

We will tour the National Diet Building and the Minato Science Museum. Please check the pamphlet that will be distributed to the students later for details. Please ensure your child brings a packed lunch.