January 2021 Edition Minato City Nanzan ES Principal Akio Nanba



Contemplating "Everyone's Nanzan ES" in the New Spring

We can feel a sense of calmness in this New Year while bathing in light of the new spring. I wish a happy new year to all of the families, community members, and all of the people involved with the school.

Thank you very much for your profound understanding and cooperation with our school's academic activities in the previous year. Together the faculty will greet the New Year, and with hearts and minds refreshed we will again strive for the healthy growth of the children. Thank you for your support in the coming year as well.

[The Nanzan Brand is....]

I have designated the qualities and traditions of our school as being the "Nanzan Brand." For the students, "listening well," "being kind and considerate," and "taking things seriously no matter what they may be." For parents, "cooperation," "good understanding," "good support," and "enlivening school events." For faculty, "employing the students' qualities within academic activities," "progressing with both intent and a plan," and "always seeking improvements." These things and others are the qualities and traditions that I am referring to. To each of you I ask, what do you think of as being part of the Nanzan Brand?

Through studies and daily school life, the school gains a sense of mutual understanding of the joy of creating something together with students, families, and community members. This year will mark 145 years since the founding of our school. I believe that we will create new qualities and traditions, and therefore a new <Nanzan Brand>, through everyone's understanding and cooperation.

[<Mastery> is....]

The Nanzan Brand that I have in mind includes <mastery> as a keyword. Mastery means that faculty are not satisfied with the status quo, aim for better engagements and results for the students, and conduct instruction and support that is intentional, planned, and ongoing for the students. I believe that this process gives students and families a sense of satisfaction and peace of mind towards the school's academic activities.

We are always striving to improve the academics at our school, and also evaluating those activities based on the students' levels of achievement and feedback from families and community members. <Mastery> means connecting with the qualities and traditions of the Nanzan Brand. Through all sorts of opportunities during the year, we will show students, families, and community members our <Mastery> of instruction and support.

The <Nanzan Brand> means, "through academic curricula, making school academics into reality while making clear the necessary academic contents at each school, and sharing the common goal of creating a better society between schools and society through coordination and sharing with society." In other words, it connects with "academics that are open to society."

In 2021 as well, we will be aiming for "Nanzan Elementary School, Where Every Student Grows by Learning" ~ Nurturing Global Character, Establishing the School with the Community. ~

January Goal

Greet Others Cheerfully

The Art Exhibition

Head of the Art Exhibition

The Art Exhibition was held on December 4 and 5. Art class is not only meant for making works and learning artistic techniques, it is also about engaging in something with the utmost effort, learning to understand oneself through the act of creation, and learning to appreciate others. Through grappling with colors and shapes, and by considering the qualities and characteristics of different works, students learn how to live richly. Various contents and methods are included in their studies for this very reason. The performances were held on the 2nd day of the exhibition, with the lower grades doing a fashion show, the middle grades painting with light, and the upper grades presenting their stop-motion animations accompanied with live music.



Everyone enjoyed observing the works while considering their qualities and characteristics, and exchanging these ideas made a warm atmosphere at the Art Exhibition.

Fureai Month

Life Guidance Department

From November 2 (Mon) to November 30 (Mon), each class engaged in activities for *Fureai* Month. For the contents of *Fureai* Month, periods of class activities or morals class were used by each class as a time to think about bullying, and using their ideas or activities as a base, they created bullying prevention slogan as a class.

The slogans were presented in the schoolyard by each class during the morning assembly on December 8 (Tue). "Kind words," "More smiles," "Value friendship," "Consider others," and "Not turning a blind eye" were just some of the important keywords brought forth by the enthusiastic ideas of each class. This was an invaluable opportunity for each of the students to understand that bullying is unacceptable behavior, and that valuing oneself and others is very important. The lessons learned here will be put to use in future instruction as well.

Drug Prevention Education (G6)

Open Morals Lesson and Lecture (*Not open for public viewing.)



January Calendar of Events

16 (Sat) Open School

8 (Fri) Opening Ceremony Measurements (G3, 4) 18 (Mon) 12 (Tue) School Lunch Begins 25 (Mon) Music Assembly (Class 1) Music Assembly (Class 2) Measurements (G1, 6) 26 (Tue) 13 (Wed) Sekishokai 27 (Wed) Club 29 (Fri) Tokyo Cultural Center Outreach (G4~6) 14 (Thu) Measurements (G2, 5) Open School 15 (Fri) Kakizome Display (~20th)

*In order to prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, the Open School scheduled for January 15 and 16 has been cancelled.