

Happy New Year!



It is a new year. How are you spending your time this year? The children have had their winter breaks and have come back to school with smiles on their faces. The school year 2012 of Higashimachi ES has started.

Higashimachi ES started with 65 students in April 2011 but now the school starts this year with 75 students. We welcomed 10 new students because of your support. The days on which the students welcomed a new student, they were eager to know which grade that new student would be, and when they found out, they all got excited. It is great to welcome new friends. The children can learn new ways of thinking and doing from each other.

This year is the year of the dragon and I am really excited. All the teachers and staff at Higashimachi ES will continue to try our best to make the school a place where many children want to attend. I appreciate your continuous support and cooperation.

Apples!

Please let me tell you a story. One young staff member brought us bright red apples sent from his parents. Not the ones that you find in stores recently that are bigger than your palms, but rather small ones that I can hold in my palms.

The staff proudly said "These are apples sent from my parents. I wasn't sure if it was rude or not, but I put those apples on your desk. They are organic and safe apples. Please take bites out of a whole apple." We replied him "No, no, no. It's not rude at all! We appreciate these safe apples with your parents' love." So, then we ate them with big bites. They were delicious, very juicy and they gave off a lovely fragrance.

We were so helped by those apples at a busy time at the end of the semester. To be able to eat an apple with just a little wipe on the pants. Thought deeply about 'reassurance and safety' especially at the end of 2011.

Trying to make Japan a safe place to live. I hope the days when we can get an apple which is safe to eat with a little wipe on pants will come soon.

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January Schedule

	Day	Events	Afterschool
1	Sun		
2	Mon		
3	Tue		
4	Wed		
5	Thu		
6	Fri		
7	Sat		
8	Sun		
9	Mon	Coming of Age Day	
10	Tue	Opening Ceremony, cleaning, school lunch begins	X
11	Wed	Sekisho-kai, measurement (Gr. 1-3)	X
12	Thu	Safety Guidance, measurement (Gr. 4-6), committee activity	4 ~ 6
13	Fri		2 ~ 6
14	Sat		
15	Sun		
16	Mon	Parent-Teacher Conference (Gr. 1-3)	4 ~ 6
17	Tue	Field Trip (Gr. 6)	3 ~ 6
18	Wed		X
19	Thu	Parent-Teacher Conference (Gr. 4-6)	4 ~ 6
20	Fri		2 ~ 6
21	Sat	Japanese Cultural Studies	X
22	Sun		
23	Mon	P.E. Workshop (Gr. 1)	4 ~ 6
24	Tue		3 ~ 6
25	Wed		X
26	Thu	Club Activity	4 ~ 6
27	Fri	School Luncheon, New Year's Party for Higashimachi ES PTA	2 ~ 6
28	Sat		
29	Sun		
30	Mon	New Year's Party for Minato-ward ES PTA	4 ~ 6
31	Tue	School lunch w/ family	3 ~ 6

This month's fire drill will be held without any notice.



You can live comfortably and safely because of rules.

Read "An Example of A Good Student of Higashimachi ES" again.