

Apples and Grapes is being issued by the Nanae Board of Education to help further strengthen the relationship between Nanae and Concord. We would like to introduce you to what the schools and students in Nanae are like through this newspaper. In the 6th *Apples and Grapes*, we would like to tell you about the schools in April.

School News of Nanae

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Congratulations On Entering School 📖 📚

We welcomed two new students during our entrance ceremony on April 6th. The new first graders greeted us energetically and were well behaved as they sat in their seats, even though they looked nervous at the beginning. Many guests attended our entrance ceremony. Mr. Toshiki Yoda, the superintendent, and Mr. Hirotohi Kubota, the PTA president, gave heart-warming congratulatory speeches. We also received loads of congratulatory gifts. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you all.



<Ikusagawa ES>

Thank You For Your Cooperation In Advance



The new trimester of Higashionuma ES began on April 6th. We welcomed two new students and one new teacher. Last year, we had 4 teachers and 2 classes containing 4 students, but this year we have 5 teachers and 3 classes containing 6 students.

<Higashionuma ES>

Everyone Wishes for Traffic Safety

On April 9th, the PTA Bicycle Check-Up was held. Every year, Saito Bicycle and Yoshida Firm cooperate with us for this event. This year, we once again received their full support. They went to nine local children's associations in the school area to carefully inspect the bicycles one by one. They made sure that bells and reflectors were attached, that handles were not bent, and that saddles were okay. The PTA Life Out of School Committee came along to the check-ups.



This is a shot from the check-up <Nanae ES>

For a Fulfilling School Life

Vice-Principal Ryuji Mitani

It's getting warmer day by day. The cherry blossoms have begun to whisper to us, and it seems that they have started to bloom in some places. The students will participate in an increasing number of outdoor activities and we want them to take care of their health. Near the end of May, we are going to have a mountain hiking picnic and sports day. We hope that our students will enjoy school and daily lives with good circadian rhythms. Well, it's been about a month since our school year began. We joined the Onuma Lake cleaning activity on the 23rd. I think that the students have achieved their goals and kept the promises they made. We found the event really wonderful. Also, we see the students concentrating on their work and trying hard on their assignments. In schools, some people can show their academic ability effectively and immediately, but others can't show results unless they try hard. In addition, some students struggle with conveying their ideas and properly expressing their feelings to others. Through the experience of studying with their unique friends, we think the students will discover their own hidden abilities and gain confidence.



We're engaging in a lot of experiential learning activities to help make our students' school lives more fulfilling. Because of this, the students can easily understand the contents of their lessons and thus their motivation to learn is growing.

<Suzurandani Branch S>

School Lunch Debut !!

On April 20th, we began serving school lunch to our 1st grade students. Their first commemorative menu was spaghetti with meat sauce, squid fritters, orange slices, and milk.



Because it was the students' first time serving school lunch on their own, they began preparations during 4th period. Their preparations went well and they said, "Yummy!" frequently while eating their lunches. We hope they will eat everything without being picky.

<Onakayama ES>

First Graders: Little Bundles of Energy!

Welcoming Party for 1st Graders



The first graders looked nervous at first but, after watching the older students' performances, they began to smile

A month has passed since the brand new first graders entered our school. On April 28th, we held a welcoming party for the first graders who are gradually getting used to school life. To start off, they introduced themselves. After that, each grade did a performance for them. The 2nd and 3rd graders put on a play that introduced school events such as Sports Day. The 4th graders let them play a balloon-popping game, of which the objective was to defeat monsters. The 5th graders played a true-or-false game about our school rules, and the 6th graders let them play a blocking ways game.

<Onuma ES>

Learning About the Importance of Lives: Traffic Safety Guidance



This year, Traffic Safety Guidance was held to teach students about proper bicycle etiquette, safe bicycle riding, and the importance of one's own life. Sugaya, chief of Togeshita's residential police box, led the lesson with a video and a speech. It is said that an increasing number of pedestrians are involved in accidents because of dangerous bicycle riding. The students learned to abide by traffic rules and to pay attention to stop signs, where accidents have occurred before.

<Togeshita ES>

«The Student Council Was Appointed»

On Wednesday, April 19th, we held the Student Council appointment ceremony. Its leading members and the chairs received certificates for the Student Council from the principal. The principal said that, in order to build a better school, it is important to cooperate with not only the leading members and the committee, but also with all of the students of Fujishiro Elementary School.



<Fujishiro ES>

Message From Anna

Hello, everyone!
I hope everyone had a great first month back at school. It's been very nice to see all of you again. With the new school year, the students are full of fresh energy. That energy has been great; we've been having such fun English classes! And, as always, I'm amazed by the students' enthusiasm for English class. The new 5th graders are especially eager to learn English. It's wonderful! Let's keep up the good work!



As an American, It's been interesting for me to watch the students here prepare for their school Sports Days. We have a similar event like this in America called Field Day, but it seems more informal than Japanese Sports Days. On Field Day, students participate in a variety of activities, such as relays and potato sack races. In Concord, Field Day always ends in a water balloon tossing game! It's both refreshing and fun! However, we don't practice for our field days. I really admire the dedication and discipline with which the students have been preparing for Sports Day. Do your best, everyone!

Cleaning the Onuma Lakeside

Volunteering as members of the community

On Sunday, April 23rd, all of our students cleaned up the Onuma lakeside. This is one of our most distinguished school activities. It aims to promote awareness of what it means to be a community member, friendly contact with nature, and the desire to volunteer. Through their cleanup efforts, they came in close contact with the beautiful nature and scenery surrounding Onuma. It was a substantial activity.

We picked up 20-year-old cans.



<Onuma JHS>

Acquiring the Strength to Survive and Work in the General Public !

Principal Humito Dobashi

In the entrance ceremony on April 6th, Onakayama welcomed 90 new students. Our new trimester has started.

During their 3 years in junior high school, our students acquire the skills to go out into the world as adults and to live on their own. Right now, the students are like the saplings that absorb nutrition from the soil in order to bloom beautiful flowers in the future. This first term is the time for growing roots and for learning how to weather all kinds of storms. While it's important for students to acquire a wealth of knowledge through their studies, it is also important for them to make and cooperate with friends, to train their bodies in sports club activities, to refine their taste in art, and to challenge various things. We think it's important that they mature while they work on these efforts. For this year, Onakayama JHS' important educational goal is to let the students acquire solid academic ability, and to encourage students to enrich their hearts and live strong.

<Onakayama JHS>



<Nanae JHS>

A Shot from Saturday's School-Wide Moral Education Lesson
On Saturday, April 25th, parents came to the school to observe their children's classes and to meet with their teachers. Additionally, we held a general PTA meeting. More than 140 parents and locals visited our school on that day. One visitor said, "Finally, I was able to visit the school. I felt bad because I've never had a chance to come here due to my work. At last, I got here. Thank you so much." Thank you so much for visiting our school despite your busy schedule.