

## At the New School Building...

As of the second trimester, we began studying at the new north school building. The children are very pleased with the building and are trying their hardest in their studies and school lives. To all of the parents, we assume that you will have the opportunity to visit our school on Parent's Day and during PTA events. Please feel free to take your time in looking at our new school buildings.



▲Entrance and Multi-Purpose Hall ▲Science Room

※ In our new building, we have document cameras for each classroom and projectors for each grade. By taking advantage of ICT, our aim is to give more understandable lessons to our students.



The kids are calmly reading books.

We have a very clean, wide, and wonderful school!  
Our school is blessed with special purpose rooms, such as the audiovisual room, music room, and multi-purpose classroom.



<Onakayama ES>

## We Harvested Lots of Vegetables!

In our school vegetable garden, the whole school raised potatoes and each class raised their own cherry tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers.



On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, we harvested the potatoes we planted. When we dug away the soil, we found lots of potatoes. We will cook and enjoy them for the Harvest Festival.



<Higashionuma ES>

## Reaching You! Our Wish For Traffic Safety! Operation "Letter"

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, we carried out Operation "Letter" in the parking area next to the Kelp Museum on Route 5. We received help from the Traffic Safety Committee, Nanae Town Office, and Hokkaido Police Station. Our students called out traffic safety to the drivers and handed out the pamphlets, pocket tissues, and letters they had written with their all hearts. Through this experience, each student was able to raise awareness for traffic safety.



<Togeshita ES>

## Our School Festival "Yamachu-Sai" Has Finished!

On September 29<sup>th</sup>, we held this year's school festival, "Yamachu-Sai". Its theme, "Hero ~make up the Legend~" contained a strong wish for each student to get active and become part of the legend of Onakayama JHS.

The school council energetically played the drums, volunteers performed Yosakoi dance, and representatives from each school club made speeches during the opening ceremony. The annual opening movie, which included some original presentations and performances, made everyone laugh.

All 305 of our students were stars on that day; they played their own roles and were happy to come together with their friends. To all the parents and people in the district, thank you for making the time to come to our school and thank you for giving warm words of encouragement to our students.



【Yosakoi dance performance by volunteers】 【3-C received an encore for the choir.】



<Onakayama JHS>

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## International Fellowship

On August 24<sup>th</sup>, five exchange students visited our school and interacted with our students. They enjoyed some traditional Japanese activities, like Origami and Karuta (a Japanese card game), with our 6<sup>th</sup> graders. During the school assembly, the exchange students were welcomed with a Yosakoi dance performance by our 3<sup>rd</sup> and



4<sup>th</sup> graders and a rendition of "Omoi-yari No Katachi" sung by all grades. The exchange students came from many different countries—China, America, Brunei, and Taiwan—but the hearts of our students still reached into theirs. The exchange students



each introduced their country's version of "rock, paper, scissors" to us. They said, "Nanae ES is a good school indeed!" It was a goodbye message from them.

## Everyone is a Leader in Our School Festival

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, we held our school festival. This day was also "The Day of Hokkaido Education". The theme of this event was "legends being born on stage," and our students worked together to bring this theme to life. All of students did their best with the play, as well as with the music and drum performances. They gave wonderful performances.



Many thanks to the guests and to the people in our district for coming to see our school festival today. Their applause and words of encouragement have inspired our students.



4<sup>th</sup>~6<sup>th</sup> grade The play is "A chief priest and young priests of a Buddhist temple".



1<sup>st</sup>~3<sup>rd</sup> grade The play is "Three lovely wolves".

<Ikusagawa ES>

## Let's Buy Books for the Library and Read Them

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, our students began a book-reading event that was introduced by the Hokkaido Newspaper. Our students went to Tsutaya Bookstore (the biggest bookstore in Southern Hokkaido) and chose new books for their school library. Our students read some books and discussed them in groups. Mr. Hayashi, the chairman of the books committee, said, "I like to select books to read in the book store. I want our youth to read more. Autumn is the best season for reading. Our goal is to increase students' interest in reading."



<Onuma JHS>

## A Two-Day Field Trip to the Onuma Area

On September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, our school went on a two-day field trip. On the first day, we went to Neipal Mori. Our students went around the building to look for keywords and decipher codes. Next, they cycled for 10km and answered questions at checkpoints on the way to their goal. Some groups got lost, but in the end everyone arrived safely at the goal. They enjoyed cycling while using their mental powers and physical strength. Afterwards, they had a delicious dinner at Neipal Mori's restaurant. It was so tasty that some students went back for second helpings. After dinner, our students took a bath in Chappurinkan. Some students enjoyed taking an



Bicycle rally



Making croquettes

open-air bath. They also enjoyed talking together and eating snacks in their rooms. On the second day, they cooked croquettes at Nichirei, a factory in Mori. Our students shared two wonderful days with the students from Onuma ES and Ikusagawa ES. They are already looking forward to next year's field trip.

<Onuma ES>

## Our 5th Graders' Two-Day Field Trip

On September 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, our school went on a two-day field trip. On the first day, the students' activities included canoeing, playing ball, and woodcarving. The still, windless



weather was great for canoeing. Even though most of the students had never paddled a canoe before, they were all able to do so. On the second day, they went for a 9km bike ride. Some students got

lost and couldn't find the checkpoints, but all of them managed to reach the goal in cooperation with others. Our students lived as friends with nature. On our field trip, our students had many good experiences and made precious memories with their schoolmates.

<Fujishiro ES>

## Reflecting On the First Term

Vice-Principal Ryuji Mitani

From August 31<sup>st</sup> to September 1<sup>st</sup>, four of our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students took part in an elementary school field trip to the Aomori area. Under a clear sky, our students enjoyed their time in Aomori and, after their trip, they concluded their studies on a high note. The Boys Baseball Tournament of the Onuma Area was held on



September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Our team entered the games for the championship. Despite practicing hard, they lost close games. However, it was admirable that our team tried their best until the last minute. They received words of praise from locals and from the people concerned. We thank the sports club members for their help in managing the Tournament. At the marathon race held



on September 22<sup>nd</sup>, every student ran hard and showed the results of their daily training. They looked hopeful with bright smiles, glistening with sweat.

<Suzurandani Branch S>



A group picture of every 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade class taken on the stage of Pioneer Hall, after the school festival.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders, this was the last chorus contest in their school life.

Every class member sang in wonderful harmony. This impression will be a lifelong treasure. All of the students shone brightly!

<Nanae JHS>