

APRIL Newsletter

Minato City Nanzan Kindergarten

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Beginning Our 90th Anniversary

Spring is here and under the balmy sunshine, beautiful sakura have begun to blossom. This will be a very special school year as we will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of Nanzan Kindergarten.

Congratulations to newly entering children and to all who have been promoted to upper classes!

Day by day, tulips planted by 3-yr old RINGO-gumi and snow peas planted by 4-yr old BARA-gumi have grown and blossomed. I can picture the excited faces of children when they see the flowers.

The history of Nanzan Kindergarten dates back to its founding in 1934 (Showa 9) as a result of earnest request from the local community. It is the second oldest public kindergarten in Minato City. 4569 children have graduated up until the recent completion ceremony in March. Many graduates share fond memories of their days here at Nanzan, of playing together with their mates in the grounds and interacting with elementary students in a natural environment. Our kindergarten has continued to retain much of these characteristics up to present.

On the occasion of the celebratory 90th anniversary, we are planning special events for an enriching kindergarten experience and stimulate childlike curiosity. Our educational goal is to nurture "healthy and active children," "active thinkers" and "caring and friendly children." We will support and encourage each child so they can play enthusiastically and act on their own. Our fundamental aim is to nurture children to be able to use their bodies dynamically through play and support and follow up in ways which children can comprehend to think and act on their own. We aim to guide them through their discovery and feelings which will lead to learning. They will experience enriching relations and emotions through interaction between different classes and with elder elementary school children as well as the local community.

We will be informing parents and members of the local community about the growth and development of your children throughout the year. The teachers and staff will endeavor to support and guide children for a fulfilling experience full of happy smiles.

Photo caption: Emergence of butterfly and tulip