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October 28-29 (Sun) Iwata Festival-2023

The Walk Rally event, organized by the Iwata School District Residents' Association, took place with approximately 130 participants. On the day of the event, under clear skies of autumn, we started from Iwata Elementary School at 8:30 am and walked the course for about an hour. After reaching the goal, a kitchen car welcomed us, offering miso soup, rice dumplings, and Yakult. In the gym, recreational activities and a mini physical fitness assessment were conducted. In the afternoon, a dance and mini concert were held. It was a fulfilling day, providing an opportunity to move our bodies after a long time. At the civic center, an exhibition of children's artwork was featured. Thanks to everyone from the Residents' Association, the Civic Activities and Civic Center Management Committee, and the PTA members who assisted with the reception. Your contributions are greatly appreciated.



We enjoyed miso soup, rice dumplings, and Yakult.



Physical fitness assessment.



Iwata Elementary School children's art exhibition.



☆Impressions of the Music Festival☆

It was my first time experiencing a dance accompanied by live music. The performance was powerful, and I was deeply moved! Despite the limited time for joint rehearsals, everyone worked hard!



Scenes from the dance performance.

☆About the Dance Circle☆

We engage in activities every Thursday after school with 20 members from the lower grades and 23 members from the upper grades. We have participated in several dance events, dancing outdoors and under the spotlight in the auditorium. Both the children and the observing parents thoroughly enjoy the activities! (Yamasaki, PTA member)



Gathering at 8:00 am under the clear autumn sky, the opening ceremony took place.



A course of approximately one hour with a step count of around 6,000 steps.



There are ABC courses, and this time, we walked the B course.

Iwata Don-doko Matsuri 2023

On Sunday, December 3, a school festival called "Dondoko Matsuri" is scheduled to take place, with the collaboration of parents, local community and businesses organizations. We hope to see many smiles on the faces of children and community members as they come together. In the next issue, we will feature highlights from the Dondoko Matsuri event.

This year, there are plans to offer 23 general courses and 9 vocational experience courses.

School District Sports Festival on September 24

Due to the impact of rain on the previous day, the Iwata School District Sports Festival was cancelled for this year's. Thank you to all the Physical Education Committee members who began player registration and preparations. We look forward to the possibility of having a joyful sports festival next year.

The 2nd Committee Meeting for Iwata Elementary School District Youth Development.

On November 7 (Tue), the 2nd Committee Meeting for Iwata Elementary School District Youth Development was held at the Iwata School District Community Center.

The supervisor of Youth Development Committee and the district residents' association president provided a report on activities related to the safety of the school district.

We are grateful again to know that neighborhood residents are so active creating a new flag for greeting campaign and conducting patrols and carry out inspections in all neighborhoods to identify dangerous areas. We are once again filled with gratitude for the dedication and efforts. (Tanaka, PTA member)



The scene of the meeting.



The new flag.

Preparations for the 150th Anniversary Commemorative Ceremony and Events of Iwata Elementary School.

Currently, the neighborhood association is taking the lead in advancing the 150th-anniversary initiatives for Iwata Elementary School. On December 3 (Sunday), we plan to hold a commemorative ceremony with special guests: Mayor Asai, musician Nishigaki who graduated from Iwata Elementary School and has appeared on TV, and Mr. Ando the anchor of the Hakone Ekiden winning team. We are also working on creating a commemorative magazine. Please look forward to it.



The 2023 Mikawa PTA Research Presentation Conference.

Every year, some schools in the region are designated for pedagogical study and, this year, our Iwata Elementary school will present the topic. The conference will be held on Feb 3 (Sat) at the Kariya Integrated Cultural Center, in Aichi Prefecture. Interested parties are invited to attend.

Child Watch Team & Youth Patrol Team

On September 26 (Tue) and November 8 (Wed), teachers, Youth Patrol Team members, PTA committee members, and PTA officers divided into five teams and conducted a joint crime prevention patrol in various areas: North Iwata (from Yamanaka to Ihara Park), Hirakawa Honmachi (from Welcia to Toyoka Park), Naka Iwata (from Iwahana Park to Yorozuguchi Park), Higashi Iwata (from Chips to Kitago naka Park), and Iwata Undo Koen Park.

To ensure the safety and well-being of children living in Iwata district, your warm words and vigilant observation are greatly appreciated.



Beware of bicycle theft!

Attention: There has been a recent surge in bicycle thefts. Incidents have occurred around Iwata Undo Koen Park, various stations along the Toyohashi Railway Atsumi Line, and supermarket bike parking areas. Additionally, there have been cases of theft from within private property premises. In all instances, the bicycles were left unlocked, making them susceptible to theft.

To prevent bicycle theft:

1. Always register your bicycle for security.
2. When leaving your bicycle unattended, remember to lock it securely.
3. When parking at places like train stations, be sure to use designated bike parking areas.



Asking to the pharmacist.

Q Is it true that Iwata Elementary School has its own assigned pharmacist?

A It's true. Pharmacist Rie Kato, assigned by the Pharmacists' Association, is responsible for Iwata Elementary School. The duties of the school pharmacist include checking the brightness of classrooms, temperature, humidity, air quality, conducting tests on blackboards, noise levels and on water from taps and the pool. They also handle control for cockroaches and mice and work on measures for infectious diseases such as COVID-19, influenza, norovirus, etc. Additionally, the school pharmacist participates in the health committee, providing guidance and discussions on the harmful effects of tobacco and drugs. Pharmacist: Yoshiteru Yanagisawa