



2014 School Newsletter 「Karakusa」 November
For a school where each student shines and is overflowing with the energy to vigorously advance.

～ Greetings are a bond of the heart. We polish our hearts through greetings. ～

Minamisoma City Haramachi Second Junior High School, Ryoe Watanabe

【Various Things; Some of this, some of that】

The cultural festival has ended, and the remainder of October has passed. I would like to express thanks to the parents, guardians, and members of the community who attended.

【Presentation and Submission of Student Works】

At this year's "8th Minamisoma General Art Exhibit", which was held from Saturday, October 18, to Tuesday, October 21, paintings, in addition to handwriting and home economics projects were presented. I'm very pleased that, with the support of the teachers in charge, 39 students were able to display their works.

Furthermore, on Monday, November 3, at the "Akiichi Plaza" held on Culture Day, the Minamisoma Police took submissions for a flag wishing for peace of mind and safety, and Sato and Iwai of the computer club created a flag that was enthusiastically accepted. We're looking forward to it being judged by the general public.



【Lavish Applause】

From Saturday October 11th through the 12th, on a field with good natural grass, the Soso Regional Minpo Cup was held, with our school's team advancing through to the finals. With one more step they would have become the champions, but regrettably, they ended up being the runners-up.

With the tension of a game that ended the first half as 0-0, they entered the second half taking one point early, but the half ended in a tie, and then a 2-1 disappointing loss at the end of extended time.

After the game, even the reserve players who did not appear in the game, together shed bitter tears and I believe received further fighting spirit for their training and games.

I would like to thank all of the players who put on a spectacular game, as well as the parents and guardians who provided support and guidance to the soccer club.



【A Grateful Window Cleaning】

One week before the cultural festival, as one of the PTA school year events, we conducted "Parent and Child Volunteer Work".



I would like to thank the fathers and mothers who took time out of their busy schedules to come and help with our cleaning activities.



【Results of the Kanji Kentei】

This year, on July 11, students across the school took the Kanji Kentei exam. They found the time to prepare printouts of previous questions and try their best. The results are printed below. Also, on October 24, the exam was held for a second time, with 33 students challenging themselves and getting revenge, in the format of voluntary participation.



Level	Passing Students
Pre-2	1
3	17
4	37
5	50
Total	105

Furthermore, a prefectural "Math Junior Olympics" was held for elementary and junior high school students, with Ryo Suzuki from our school spectacularly taking the bronze medal. This is a splendid achievement. Congratulations. Incidentally, one student is chosen for the gold medal, while ten are chosen for the silver medal, and only ten for the bronze medal.

【Reading Recommendation: The 10 Millionth】

「Konchikusho」 (Ken Noguchi, Shueisha Bunko)

Ken Noguchi is active all over the world. An adventurer, he is enthusiastically active in education and, of course, in environmental problems. "Japan is first-rate economically, but third-rate in manners." Noguchi, who has conquered the highest peaks on all seven continents, at the youngest age in the world, was roused by seeing the mountain of garbage left by a Japanese team on Mt. Everest, and wrote about the details of risking one's life to perform a climb to clean the mountain. The figure of Noguchi, who had fallen behind in his studies and was seen as no good by those around him, had found his dream and strove to realize it, is fantastic. The figure of the child raising of Noguchi's father, who repeatedly appears in the book, left a painful impression. The words of Noguchi's father, as he often encourages his son, who seemed to be losing heart, are truly heavy with significance.