

# Freedom school project

Yukinosato-jiyugaoka elementary  
and junior high school



*The school promotes the learning and growth of  
children in an open and free environment  
surrounded by the rich nature of Hokkaido.*

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# Make a FREE and COOPERATIVE School in Hokkaido !

Shuichi Suzuki was a professor at Emeritus in Hokkaido and the founder of this NPO. He once said, “Children are unable to show their ability now. Japanese society desires that we make a new school for children and adults. School should be a place where children can change frustration to happiness, stress to kindness, and boredom to passion. Children should be able to pursue their goals while learning how to communicate with others and feel pleasure in creating something new. According to the “Convention on the Rights of a Child” , a school must be a place that all activities about a child are considered so that a child can be the best they can be. But these activities are decided by adults only. I think adults and children should work together to share their ideas and experiences, create something new, and demonstrate their growth. So please participate in this movement to make this new school!”

The words he said then, 20 years ago, are still true today. There are various issues facing the world today such as global warming and the damage to the environment and the declining birth rate and aging population in Japan. The young generation are not the people who make decisions thinking about only now, only money, or only themselves. It is important for us to raise them as people who can notice things and come up with ideas without limitations and to do so while sympathizing with others who may have different views in order to build a synergistic society. If what Shuichi Suzuki said is true, we have to change the current way we provide education. Isn't it better that a child has an education that grows their self-esteem with empathy and trust and by learning through inquiry and collaboration? As a school with authorization, we must create this kind of program for children, particularly those who are in elementary school, as it is the best time in their education to adopt a new approach to education.

## What is freedom elementary school ?

Freedom Elementary School is a school:

- for children to grow up without pressure or worries
- that excites both children and adults
- with no tests, homework, or people called “teacher” (there are only education staffs)
- with multi-age classrooms
- that values feelings, intellect, and relationships
- that aims to nurture children's self-esteem and understanding through interesting experiences that grow their intellect in a relaxed environment
- where learning is not done by an adult ordering a child what to do. Learning is to be done by themselves
- where children have conversations about daily life with respect for one another and learn from one another
- A school where the teacher laughs with the children, not at the children

## School timetable (Example)

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1		Basic Learning	Project Activities	Basic Learning	Basic Learning
2		↓	↓	↓	↓
3	Project Activities	Various Learning	Project Activities	Project Activities	Various Learning
4	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
5	Project Activities	Various Learning	Project Activities	Basic Learning	Project Activities
6	↓	↓	↓	Whole Meeting	↓
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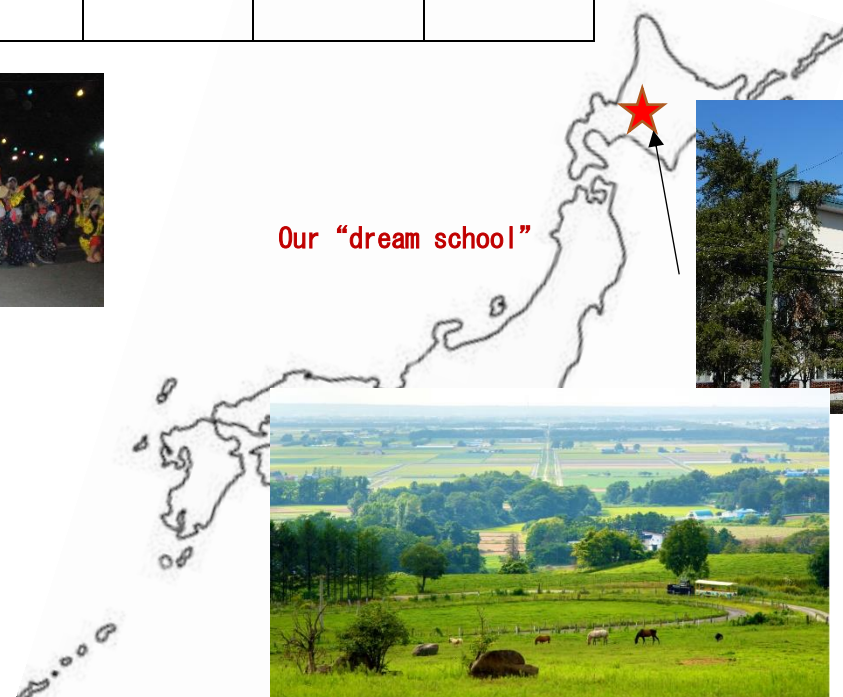
Cf. Basic Learning = Japanese

Mathematics

Various Learning = Music

Art

Sports etc.



**Please make a donation to our activities!**

We need start up funds to help get this project started and we hope to start a capital to sustain the school into the future.

200million yen is required by September 2019 to start the school in April 2021.

However, 10million yen has already been donated and it' s not yet enough for the aim.

**We need your cooperation!!**