

Smile Project

Paralympic Games Supporting School Goalball



Adachi City Hanaho
Elementary School



Japan Goalball Association

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- The biggest achievement of our program is that all the students had an opportunity to experience goalball. Through the experience, students understood the difficulty of playing goalball without eyesight and they developed admiration and respect towards the athletes.
- Few students went to watch the Japan Para Championship held at Adachi City Sogo Sports Center in 2016, in contrast, 150 students and their parents along with 15 school staff went to watch the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship at the same location in November 2017.
- We received positive comments from parents of our students at the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship such as "This was the first time I watched goalball, but I enjoyed it very much" and "The sport is more intense than I had thought. I want to watch a live match again when I get the chance."
- Students who joined as player escorts are now hoping to become player escorts again at Tokyo 2020 Games.
- Our school staff learned how to set up the goalball court by themselves without help from the Japan Goalball Association.

Program Overview

【Lecture by the Japan Goalball Association】

On September 14 and 15, 2017, we invited Mr. Kazuo Kondo, the manager of goalball at the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, to give a lecture about Paralympics to the 3rd to 6th graders.

【Participating in the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship Official Clinic】

On October 28, 2017, three school staff attended the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship Official Clinic organized by the Japan Goalball Association at Adachi City Okimoto Ougi Gakuen School.

【Promotion Video Screening of the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship】

On October 30, 2017, we showed a promotion video of the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship at the student assembly and encouraged students to watch the game.

【Networking Event with the Japan Goalball Association】

On November 17, 2017, we invited Mr. Kazuo Kondo and Mr. Yoshu Nobusawa, a member of the national team, to our school play. They commented on our school play and afterward promoted the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship.

【2017 Japan Goalball Championship】

All our students wrote messages on colored flags representing TEAM BEYOND's colors for the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship. The flags were displayed during the championship (Nov. 18 – Nov. 19) at the hall of the sport stadium. On November 19, **15 students from the 3rd grade joined the final game as player escorts.** More than 50 students and their parents came to watch the game. **We received positive comments from parents who saw goalball for the first time.** In addition, **the three school staff who attended the 2017 Japan Goalball Championship Official Clinic participated in the game as officials.**

【Networking with Athletes in Goalball Session】

We invited staff and athletes from the Japan Goalball Association as lecturers from the beginning of November to the end of December, and all grades participated in a 2-hour goalball session.

【Displays and Presentations】

On December 10, 2017, each grade posted displays in the hallways and presented in class about what they achieved throughout the Olympic and Paralympic Education this year.

