

Smile Project

Paralympic Games

Supporting School

Wheelchair Rugby



Shibuya City Nagayato
Elementary School



Japan Wheelchair Rugby
Federation

Nagayato City Elementary School

< Comments from the School >

- Students became more interested in the rules and athletes of wheelchair rugby through watching games and interacting with athletes.
- Students interacted with the athletes more than once and got to know their personalities. As a result, some students developed feelings of admiration for the athletes and considered them their heroes.
- Through Shibuya's project to get more people to watch Olympic and Paralympic sports games, students watched a wheelchair rugby game and volunteered to wipe the court. The experience made them feel they could be a help to others.
- Not only students, but their parents and school staff greatly increased their interest and awareness towards Paralympics.
- This wheelchair rugby project has given us an opportunity to expand our activities. We incorporated environmental education, learned about other sports, and participated in the Tokyo 2020 Medal Project to make medals from recycled materials.

Program Overview

【Promotional Kamishibai Storytelling for the Paralympics (Wheelchair Rugby)】

On September 28, 2017, we held a Kamishibai (Japanese traditional picture cards) storytelling event "Learn together with Hachi: Paralympics and Wheelchair Rugby" to familiarize students with wheelchair rugby. It was performed by the Manga Artists Network Inc. through the Paralympic Promotional Kamishibai Project conducted by Shibuya City.

【Lecture and Experience Session with Wheelchair Rugby National Team Members】

On October 13, 2017, we organized a lecture and session with the assistance of Japan Wheelchair Rugby Federation. At the lecture, students listened to the speech about the appeal of wheelchair rugby and how they handle the daily inconvenience. **During the session, each student got a chance to ride on special wheelchairs made for wheelchair rugby and experienced tackling by the athletes.** Students gained a deeper understanding of wheelchair rugby through the session.

【Shibuya City Wheelchair Rugby Watching Project and Volunteering】

On October 28, 2017, **the whole school joined "Mayor Cup of Shibuya City: The First Wheelchair Rugby Tournament."** **Students volunteered to wipe the court and they cheered for the athletes with chants which the 6th grade created** and livened up the game.

【Japan Wheelchair Rugby Championship Watching】

On December 16, 2017, we took a school trip to watch the 19th Japan Wheelchair Rugby Championship at Chiba Port Arena with students in the 5th and 6th grades (voluntary participation). Students sent a big cheer to the athletes, taking advantages of their experience in the Shibuya City's Mayor Cup in October.

