

*History between the  
Rose of Anne Frank and  
Takaido Junior High School*



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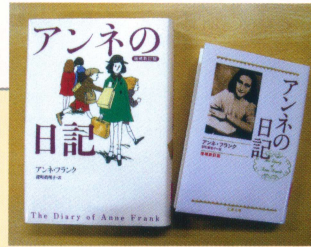


## ○ Renowned Girl, Anne Frank ○

“The Diary of Anne Frank” was chosen by UNESCO’s Memory of the World program as a valuable record to be passed down to future generations. What was her life like who wrote this diary?

### Anne Frank’s Background

Anne Frank, or Annelies Marie Frank, was born in 1929 in Frankfurt, Germany. To avoid oppression of Jewish people by Nazi Germany, her family moved to Amsterdam, Holland in 1934. The family quietly lived in hiding for about 2 years. However the Gestapo found them and sent her family to Auschwitz Concentration Camp. She and her sister were sent to another concentration camp, where her sister, Margot died. A few days later Anne unfortunately passed away with the same illness as her sister. She was only 15 years old.



*These are the most recent published books of “The Diary of Anne Frank” in Japanese. At first, Anne’s very personal content had been omitted by her father, Otto Frank, but later the entire content of the diary was included. The book was first published in Holland in 1947 and a second edition was printed soon thereafter.*

### After Anne’s Death

Anne’s father asked his employee, Miss Miep Santrouschitz, to keep Anne’s diary safe before they were sent to the concentration camps. The book was published as “The Diary of Anne Frank”, or first titled “The Dairy of a Young Girl” by him after Anne’s death. Her diary has been translated into about 70 languages up to this day and has been a bestseller around the world.

To maintain the house where the family was hiding, Mr. Frank established “Anne Frank House Foundation” and started to distribute Roses of Anne Frank to the world. He worked hard to spread Anne’s wish for peace until his death in 1980.

## ○ Hope towards Peace in Roses ○

“Roses of Anne Frank” which represent peace, have grown for about 40 years at Takaido Junior High School. Why do roses, so closely connected to Anne, blossom in our school far from Europe?

### Birth of the Rose of Anne Frank

When Anne and her family were hiding in Holland, she might have seen the roses blooming outside. In 1960’s, a horticulturalist in Belgium named Delforge, bred a new rose in memory of Anne. He named this rose, “Souvenir d’Anne Frank” which was then given to Mr. Frank. The roses bloom in all seasons. The color of the bud is deep red and when it blooms, its color changes from orange to yellow and then to pink which is the special characteristic of this rose. The huge roses will bloom in spring and fall, with a diameter of about 15 cm.

*The roses look peaceful and lovely like Anne. There are very few of them growing in Europe now, so the chance to see them there is a very rare and valuable experience.*



### Rose of Peace which were Sent to Our School

After 8th grade students in 1975 read “The Diary of Anne Frank” in Japanese class at the school, Mr. Keizaburo Kobayashi, the Japanese teacher started “The Editing Committee of Letters to Anne Frank” and compiled the letters into a book.

The students of the committee had started to correspond with Otto Frank and the Anne Frank House Foundation after the school sent the books, “After the Dark Fire” and “Everlasting Rose of Anne Frank” to them in 1975 and 1978. When the students learned about the keepsake of Anne during these exchanges, they told her father that they would like to plant the roses as a symbol of peace in the school yard. When he heard this message, he accepted their request as it was the hope from the students who were the same age as Anne when she was alive. The roses were sent from his home in Basel, Switzerland where he took care of the roses. Before planting the roses at the school, they first sent the roses to Tokyo Agricultural Research Service in Tachikawa City as they feared that the roses may wither away if they planted them at the school right away. The roses were planted in the school yard two and a half months later. Thus 3 stumps of roses arrived to the school in June, 1976. The students who were the members of the Editing Committee were already in senior high school by then, so they assembled at the school to plant the precious roses in the school yard.



## ○ Division of Rose to the Schools throughout Japan ○

- Fujimigaoka Junior High School in Suginami, Tokyo
- Sennan Junior High School in Suginami, Tokyo
- Higashihara Junior High School in Suginami, Tokyo
- Iida-higashi Junior High School in Iida City, Nagano
- Suginami Sogo Senior High School in Tokyo
- Kyushu International University Junior High School in Kitakyushu City, Fukuoka

The school also distributed the roses to public and private junior high schools and other places in Japan.

*Newspaper articles on “Rose of Anne Frank” blossoming at Takaido Junior High School when the school received the roses (Tokyo Newspaper on the right and Asahi Newspaper on the left). This story was also reported in other newspapers and became a popular topic. Every year, Suginami City Newspaper and various newspapers mention the blossoming of the roses.*



## ○ “Rose of Anne Frank” Preserved and Inherited by Takaido Junior High School ○

The students and the community around our school are working together to preserve the roses with the wish for peace. Below is a brief history and the current activities of the “Rose of Anne Frank Committee.”

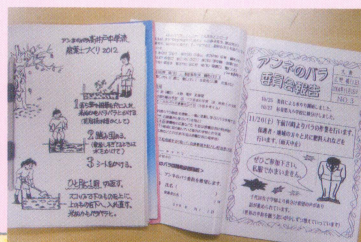
### Founding of the Rose of Anne Frank Committee

The teachers and parents have volunteered and continued to take care of the roses. The number of stumps are increasing steadily and they cover both sides of the stairs by the entrance of the school now. The “Rose of Anne Frank Committee” was founded in 2004 because the students said that they want to protect and pass on the roses by themselves.

It started out with 12 students who took care of the roses with support from the community, parents, and teachers.



*This book is the compilation of records of the Rose of Anne Frank Committee’s activities from 2004. The activities of the initial members in 2004, the Committee Reports which were distributed to other students as well as the school’s original method of management of the roses are written in this book.*



*You can see the extraordinary blossoms of roses when you enter the entrance of the school. The roses are enjoyed by the residents and community when the school is open to the public twice a year in spring and fall. The roses are also enjoyed from the Takaido Library where people can view the roses by the window.*

### Current Activities

The students periodically publish newsletters, create informational pamphlets when the school is open to the public, and engage in various activities while putting the care for the roses as their most important activity. On another note, “Rose of Anne Frank Cultivation Committee” changed its name to “Rose of Anne Frank Supporters” which is an organization run by community and parents, they work together with the student committee to support the preservation and management of the roses.



*The students’ “Rose of Anne Frank Committee” and community and parents’ “Rose of Anne Frank Supporters” work together to provide necessary care each season and publicity.*



## ○ Other Activities ○

Not only does the “Rose of Anne Frank Committee” water and fertilize the roses, they also inform the public that it is the symbol of peace when they open their school to the public and through their newsletters.

They are working hard so that the Rose of Anne Frank is known by as many people as possible.

2012 Rose of Anne Frank Committee Chair:  
Sengaku Suzuki



This is the “Rose Newsletter” which is periodically published by the students. Illustrations by the students are in it.

## <Public Opening of the School in Spring and Fall>



The school is open to the public for about a week in May and October as we would like the general public to enjoy our roses. Every time it is successful, with many people who live near the school as well as people from outside of Suginami. Takaido Library by the school has a special section displaying the books and information materials on Anne Frank and roses during this time.

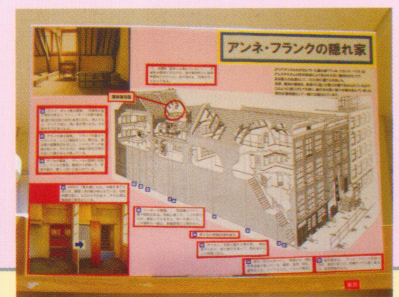
## Advanced Screening of the Movie, “Mi Ricordo Anna Frank (Memories of Anne Frank)”

The movie, “Mi Ricordo Anna Frank (Memories of Anne Frank)” was released in April 2012 in Japan. On March 2, 2012, the students in 9th grade of our school watched it in the school hall before the official release of the movie. What was her life like after being sent to the concentration camp which was not written in “The Diary of Anne Frank”? Many students were shocked and had tears in their eyes as the movie is based on the memories of Anne’s father, Otto Frank. What did the students who are the same age as Anne feel? The following are some of the thoughts from students after watching the movie.

- What we feel as normal is something unusually happy to Anne. I felt that I should be more thankful. I also felt that the true strength is to always stay positive and keep smiling.
- I felt that we are living in a peaceful place. I cannot believe that there are people who are still taken hostage and suffering in the world.
- I realized how fortunate I am so I felt that I want to live life to the fullest.

## “Anne’s Corner” at the School

“Anne’s Corner” is also on permanent display at the library located on the 2nd floor of our school. The material on Anne’s early life and books on the Rose of Anne Frank can be found in this section so that students could take a look at or borrow these books. When the school opens to the public twice a year, this section is expanded and the relevant books are jointly displayed in collaboration with Takaido Library. We are planning to have more books related to Anne so that the students will always be interested in Anne and peace.



“Anne’s Corner” always stands on display. All the books and materials on Anne such as: “The Diary of Anne Frank,” picture books, photographic information materials, and comic books. The interior of the house where Anne and her family were hiding is currently displayed on a panel.

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Takaido Junior High School’s Information:  
 It is a public co-ed school.  
 It was founded in 1947.  
 It is located at 1-28-1, Takaido-higashi, suginami, Tokyo.  
 It has more than 350 students who are from 7th grade to 9th grade.