

# Tucson Japanese Language School ~ Midtown Tucson since 2015

# 2016 Annual Report

## Greetings

It is our pleasure to share with you the 2016 annual Report of the Tucson Japanese Language School. We are proud to serve to our community in Tucson, and proud to work with our passionate staff, volunteers, and parents dedicated to providing our children an opportunity to learn and use Japanese language. With your help, we remain well-positioned to pursue our common goals into the year 2017.

-Hitomi McKnight & Minami Espinosa, Managers

## Our mission

We are dedicated to helping children and families in our community maintain and expand their Japanese language skills in a school environment close to that of schools in Japan, along with standards and curriculum similar to Japanese national standards.



at Halloween costume day in October 2016

## Our goals

### ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT

To develop and nurture students' self-confidence and creativity, and inspire them to be effective communicators, progressive thinkers, and attentive listeners who offer ideas openly using their language abilities.

### ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH

To cultivate a culture and workplace environment that attracts and retains the best staff members, and to commit to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for students and their families.

### Financial 2016 school year

Revenue	
Tuition	\$11,006.00
Sponsorship	\$1,860.00
Sales/Miscellaneous	\$1,571.88
Total Revenue	\$14,437.88
Expenses	
Salaries	\$9,066.00
Rent	\$1,500.00
Liability Insurance	\$623.00
License/Operation Fee	\$417.62
Material	\$308.51
Event	\$758.37
Total Expenses	\$12,673.50

**Net Assets, beginning of year \$2,518.27**

**Net Assets end of year \$4,282.65**

## 2016 Highlights

### TUCSON JAPANESE FESTIVAL

We participated in the 3rd Annual Tucson Japanese Festival and sold rice balls for fundraising. Many thanks to IKKYU Restaurant, and the student and parent volunteers who helped us make it the most successful fundraising event of the year. We raised \$688.45, which helped cover a large part of the daily cost of school operations. On the performance stage, our students also had an opportunity to sing. We are proud of their hard work!



importance of teamwork.

### SPRING SPORTS DAY

It was a major annual event for the children and their families. We purchased a new official tug of war rope for a safer and more fun event. The rope we used last year was slippery and hurt the children's fingers. It was a memorable day with both tears and laughter as they learned the fun of sports and

## Goal for 2017

### SUSTAINABILITY AND INTERNATIONAL CLASS

As many people have requested, we would like to open a class for children who are not from native Japanese families. We believe that there is a demand due to the recent increase in popularity in Japanese culture, especially in a place like Tucson where people who are related to Japan gather through the University of Arizona and the Davis Monthan Airforce base. To achieve this goal, we will need skillful instructors, an expanded budget, and a way to show our strong presence in the community while ensuring the quality of education and environment for existing students and families.

### THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

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Restaurant IKKYU  
Sonora Odaiko  
Tucson Japanese Playgroup  
Mrs. Shihoko Enami  
Mrs. Miho Tanaka  
Mr. Travis Brown  
Mr. Jonathan and Mrs. Christine Gross

### Volunteers

Yasuko Osaki	Reiko Osaki	Megumi Fuentes	Lin Ishida
Kanna Okabe	Hiroshi Nakajima	Louis Rivera	
Julia Gross	Minako Tanaka	Mariko Brook	

### Staff

Yukiko Roberts	Shuko Girod	Mayumi Pouchet
Enami Shihoko	Tomomi Sakamoto	

