

Annual Report 2022-2023

Greetings

In 2022, Tucson Japanese Language School celebrated its 8th anniversary. How time flies! We want to take this opportunity to thank our staff and our many supportive volunteers and parents. All of your hard work and the gift of your time has been essential in helping us provide the best environment and opportunities for our children. At TJLS, we are unwavering in our commitment to our students and community. TJLS students who started in our kindergarten class 8 years ago, graduated middle school and are entering high school next year. At first, they didn't know how to write Hiragana, but now they can write essays and have discussions with their peers in Japanese. They have accomplished beyond our expectations, and we could not be more proud. We also recognized that our school became a place for families, staff, and community members who share interest in Japanese language and culture to connect with each other. Over these 8 years, we have witnessed the transformational power of education organization and the positive difference it makes for individuals, families, and communities. We are honored by your continued support for each and everyone



involved in this wonderful school. As you review the 2022-2023 annual report, we hope you take the time to reflect on this past school year and all that we have accomplished together, and join us as we continue to look to the future.

July 2023

Hitomi McKnight & Minami Espinosa

↑ Students enjoy shaved ice on the last day of school

Finance

	2022-23	2021-22	YtoY
Revenue			
Tuition	\$ 11,759	\$ 12,170	-\$ 411
Sponsorship	\$ 1,234	\$ 720	+\$ 514
Fundraising and others	\$ 304	\$ 244	+\$ 60
Total Income	\$ 13,297	\$ 13,134	+\$ 163
Expenses			
Wages	\$ 6,880	\$ 8,472	-\$ 1,592
Rent/Insurance/License	\$ 2,667	\$ 2,655	+\$ 2
Material / Events	\$ 994	\$ 876	+\$ 118
Others	\$ 975	\$ 441	+\$ 534
Total Expenses	\$ 11,332	\$ 12,444	-\$ 1112
Balance forward	\$ 10.185	\$ 9,958	+\$ 227
Net Balance as end of year	\$ 12,150	\$ 10.185	+\$ 1,965

2022 Highlights



Mini Library

Our school operates a suitcase library that is open before and after classes. There are various genres of books such as manga, novels, history books, and picture books that are great for reading to small children. Any current student can use this service. We hope students and their families utilize this opportunity to read more Japanese books!

Sports Day

One of our favorite events, Sports Day was held in November. We invited students who study Japanese at Pima Community College to also participate this year. Students, parents and staff all enjoyed a wide variety of



competitions and even some new games this year. Even with the post workout soreness, everyone had a wonderful time!

End of Year Celebration

Every year, we try to do something fun to wrap up the school year, and this year we invited local artists, performers, and community members to show off their talents and skills on stage. Students sang "My Neighbor Totoro" at the end of the event, and all participants enjoyed a Japanese potluck afterwards! Thank you to everyone for their participation.

Amplifying the great feedbacks from last year, "Tropical Shaving" served us with delicious Hawaiian shaved ice. What a special way to conclude the school year!



← Tagawa Trio (String)



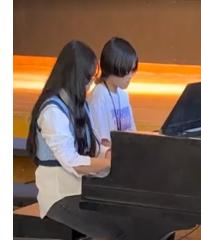
↑ Mr & Mrs Yasui (Shakuhachi & Koto)



Demonstration ↑ by Kodenakn



↑ Japanese Dance by Suzyuki Kai



Nakamura sisters(Piano duo)

Updates

Online Nihongo Cafe

"Nihongo Cafe" continues offering a free online language exchange program. It is run by 100% volunteers from Tucson and Anjo who share love of language learning and passion for multicultural exchange and understanding. They meet twice a month as a group, and individuals can sign up for 1 on 1 sessions. You can practice your Japanese with native Japanese speakers from home, office, or anywhere you have the internet!



Tucson Japanese Culture Classes

Tucson Japanese Culture Classes (TJCC) is a place where you can experience various aspects of Japanese art and culture. The courses are taught in English and Japanese by experienced instructors and groups. We are excited to host this program and hope that our school becomes a space to support the Japanese community and bring us and the Tucson community together. *2023-2024 school year schedule TBA.

2022 SPONSORS

Business/ Organization -

Takoyaki Food Truck | Restraunt Ikkyu | ACE JAPAN

Individual - Ethan Schwalbe | Anonymous

OUR STAFF

Volunteer - Nakamura Megu | Nakamura Kimiko | Miki Teague | Rie Butler | Shiho Enami | Tasha | Eva Olson | Kyoka Suganami | Hinako Uchida | Azumi Uchida | Jennifer Shioya (Nihongo Cafe)

Teacher / Assistant - Lindsay Moore | Michiyo Egami | Miharu Lee