

# Tucson Japanese Language School ~ Midtown Tucson since 2015

## 2017 Annual Report

### Greetings

Every year, we publish a report on all aspects of our school, from the finances and sponsors that sustain the business, to student achievement. It tells the story of our school and helps us, as a learning organization, track how well we are living up to our Mission. Please enjoy this school year in review and celebration of our students, parents, staff, volunteers and friends who continue to make Tucson Japanese Language School a truly remarkable organization.



-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 their home country of Japan in standards. We will provide opportunities and develop programs for the community to learn Japanese language and culture.

### 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

#### FINANCIAL STABILITY

To ensure effective and transparent financial stewardship resulting in optimal class sizes that create a more personalized learning environment.

#### ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH

To cultivate a culture and workplace environment that attracts and retains the best staff members

### Financial

	2017	2016
<b>Revenue</b>		
Tuition	\$9,510	\$11,006
Sponsorship	\$1,300	\$1,860
Fundraising/Kanken/Amnet	\$2,487	\$1,602
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$13,297</b>	<b>\$14,468</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Salaries	\$7,280	\$9,226
Rent/Insurance/ License	\$2,122	\$2,173
Material&Miscellaneous	\$2,231	\$1,435
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$11,633</b>	<b>\$12,836</b>
<b>Net Assets beginning of year</b>	<b>\$4,150</b>	<b>\$2,518</b>
<b>Net Assets end of year</b>	<b>\$ 5,814</b>	<b>\$4,150</b>

### 2017 Highlights

#### THE JAPAN KANJI APTITUDE TEST / KANKEN

Kanken examines not only students' ability to read and write Kanji, but also their ability to understand the Kanjis' meanings, use them correctly in sentences, and identify their correct stroke order. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> year to host Kanken at our school. Kanken is helping students to practice Kanji on regular basis and set a goal for the year. 11 students and 3 non-students took the exam this year. The pass rate for our existing students was 73%, and it was way above the Japanese national average passing rate of 53.5%. We are proud of our students who worked very hard on this test. Anyone who learned Kanji can take this exam. We hope the Japanese learners in Tucson find this test a good opportunity to study and get motivated to learn more!

#### TUCSON JAPANESE FESTIVAL

This was our 2<sup>nd</sup> year participating in the Tucson Japanese Festival. Even though it was a cold, wet day, it didn't stop people from visiting the Japanese Festival. We from Tucson Japanese Language School sold rice-balls and Japanese curry this year. With the help of our volunteers (parents and students), we were able to raise nearly \$900 to support our students. Thank you so much for your support. Our students also did an amazing job again this year on the stage, singing "Teno hira woTaiyou Ni."



### Goal for 2018

#### JAPANESE AS A SECOND LANGUAGE (JSL) CLASSES

We are moving forward to opening classes for students of Japanese as a Second Language next school year, for students who do not come from Japanese-speaking families. It is necessary to attract different types of Japanese learners to our school since our enrollment numbers are down. We believe that there is demand for JSL classes due to the recent increase in popularity Japanese culture, especially in Tucson where people who are related to Japan gather through the University of Arizona and Davis Monthan. We will be working to ensure the quality of education and environment for existing students and families, while developing a new curriculum for the new classes.

#### THANK YOU SPONSORS

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Dr. Min & Evelyn Yanagihashi  
Mr. Jonathan and Mrs. Christine Gross

#### Volunteers

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