

# Tucson Japanese Language School Annual Report 2018-2019

## Greetings

Thank you for all of your support for school year 2018-2019. The school achieved another milestone this year: we started offering a class for Japanese as a second language, which allows us to provide an opportunity for a wider range of people to experience Japanese language and culture in our community. This report tells the story of our school and helps us, as a learning organization, track how well we are living up to our Mission. We embrace our students, parents, staff, volunteers and friends who continue to make Tucson Japanese Language School a truly wonderful organization.



(Picture; from Halloween Celebration in Oct 2018)

July 2019  
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

## Finance

	2018	2017
<b>Income</b>		
Tuition	\$ 11,185	\$ 9,552
Sponsorship	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,400
Fundraising · Kanken · Event	\$ 4,376	\$ 2,771
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 16,911</b>	<b>\$ 13,723</b>
<b>Expense</b>		
Wages	\$ 9,674	\$ 9,200
Rent/Insurance/License	\$ 2,125	\$ 2,122
Materials/Events	\$ 1,821	\$ 2,191
Others	\$ 545	\$ -----
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 14,165</b>	<b>\$ 13,513</b>
<b>Balance Forwarded</b>	<b>\$ 3,872</b>	<b>\$ 3,662</b>
<b>Net Asset</b>	<b>\$ 6,618</b>	<b>\$ 3,872</b>

## 2018 Highlights

### NEW! JAPANESE DIVISION

We were very excited to open classes for students who don't have a Japanese background this fall. 10 Students from ages 10 to 17 participated in this program and learned Japanese language and culture in a school setting with their peers. We hope this helped them and their families to immerse in cross-cultural experiences and deepen their understanding of Japanese culture and tradition.

### FUNDRAISING

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tucson Japanese Festival moved its event to Tucson Chinese Cultural Center this year. We were honored to perform "Arigatou no Hana" at the opening for the event this year again. As a fundraiser, we sold rice-balls and chocolate coated bananas. We also created original T-shirts designed by calligraphy artist Akiko Nagasaki as part of our fundraiser. Origami earrings and hand crafted chopsticks, a collaborative art work with Jabra Robles, continued to be top-sellers at the festival. With



Left : Volunteers at food booth  
Right : 2018 Original T-shirts

the help of our volunteers we were able to raise nearly \$3,000. "Bunmbu Ryodo" T-shirts are on sale year round, so please contact us if you would like to purchase one, or several!

## The Future of TJLS

### TO BE A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

Ever since we started the Tucson Japanese Language School, we have been talking about becoming a Non-Profit. We believe that our school has a unique mission that serves and benefit various people in our community and now are confident that it will be a long lasting organization here in Tucson, Arizona. There are great benefits for not only school but also for our individual sponsors as an educational organization for TJLS to be a non-profit. We are making every effort to proceed along this journey to get 503 (c)(1) status. We will make further announcement as we move forward.

### JAPANESE CLASS FOR ADULT LEARNERS

As many people have requested, we are considering opening a class for adult Japanese learners. 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.

### 2018 SPONSORS

#### Companies/Organizations

EMRO USA Effective Microorganisms  
Kaizen Kan  
Restaurant Ikkyu  
Tucson Japanese Christian Church

#### Individual

Osaki Family  
Teppei Tsutsumi



picture: from Sports day in November

#### Volunteers

Tadaomi Enami      Shiho Enami      Reiko Osaki      Lisa Peter  
Miharu Lee      Akiko Victorson

#### Staff

Yasuko Osaki      Ethan Schwalbe      Miki Nenn      Mayumi Pouchet  
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