

Annual Report 2021-2022

Greetings

Over the past year, we have all been impacted in some way by COVID-19. Although our experiences may be different, our school staff and families came together to support each other through this challenging time. During a year like no other, TJLS staff, students, and volunteers persisted, worked hard, and accomplished many goals in the 2021-2022 school year. We were able to keep our door open for in-person classes throughout the year. Nihongo Cafe was made possible with the help of volunteers from Tucson & Anjo in Japan. We also facilitated Tucson Japanese Culture Classes in spring through the collaboration of community members. It was a great year of reconnecting with our local community as we participated in several events at the University of Arizona, Pima Community College, and Yume Garden. It is our privilege to share the 2021-2022 Annual Report, which provides key information on the educational and operational progress of our school, and to recognize your support which helps us tremendously to provide the best educational services possible as we strive for excellence in all we do.



←at "Fun Day" event

August 2022

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 with standards close to that of schools in their home country of Japan. We provide opportunities and develop programs for the local community to learn Japanese language and culture.

Finance

	2021-22	2020-21	YoY
Revenue			
Tuition	\$ 12,170	\$ 7,608	+\$ 4,562
Sponsorship	\$ 720	\$ 1,225	-\$ 505
Fundraising and others	\$ 244	\$ 182	+\$ 62
Total Income	\$ 13,134	\$ 9,015	+\$ 4,119
Expenses			
Wages	\$ 8,472	\$ 5,288	+\$ 3,184
Rent/Insurance/License	\$ 2,655	\$ 1,394	+\$ 1,261
Material / Events	\$ 876	\$ 197	+\$ 679
Others	\$ 441	\$ 303	+\$ 138
Total Expenses	\$ 12,444	\$ 7,182	+\$ 5,262
Balance forward	\$ 9,958	\$ 8,125	+\$ 1,833
Net Balance as of June 2022	\$ 10,650	\$ 9,958	+\$ 692

2021 Highlights



Returning to campus

After a year and half of online learning, we welcomed 25+ new and returning students to campus to kick off the academic year. Although staff and students had to relearn "how to do school" in-person with masks, distancing, limited classroom capacities and volunteers, many of our school traditions returned, including the annual Sports Day in November.



Due to our flexibility, resilience, and the hard work of our staff, pupils and their families, we have made strides in getting back to normal this year. As students returned to in-person learning, we all remembered how much we missed the chance to engage with one another face to face. It was all positive to be in the classroom with our students. We thank everyone for their cooperation and support to keep everyone safe this year!



Sports Day

This year we were able to get together and enjoyed our 7th Annual Sports Day in November. It is so important to have leaning beyond the classroom to experience true Japanese school event, as Sports Day in Japan is an important part of Physical Education. It was great to see big smiles on our students' faces. This is the reason we have our school!



End of year Fun Day

Our usual end of school year wraps up with a Showcase event where students present their efforts and results from the year of learning; this year, however, in lieu of the showcase, we held a "Fun Day" to experience Japanese traditional games and celebrate the end of school year. We invited a food



truck to treat everyone to Hawaiian shaved ice. A volunteer from the Japan Foundation, Mr. Yamamoto, brought Japanese water balloons for students, we played water melon whack, and said goodbye to some friends and families moving away from Tucson. It reminded us of summer festivals in Japan, and it was such a fun way to conclude the school year.

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!

2021 NEWS

Tucson Japanese Culture Classes

We started a pilot program "Tucson Japanese Culture Classes (TJCC)" working with Japanese community members in spring. TJCC is a place where you can experience various aspects of Japanese art and culture. Experienced instructors and groups offer cultural classes at our facility for any age group who is interested. The courses are taught in English and Japanese. We are excited to host this program and hope that our school becomes a community space to support the Japanese community and bring us and the Tucson community together.

2021 SPONSORS

Business/ Organization

Takoyaki Food Truck

Restraunt Ikkyu

Individual

Kimura Family | Schuler family | Anonymous

OUR STAFF

Volunteer

Iori Obukuro | Masaomi Enami | Miki Teague | Rie Butler | Shiho Enami | Megumi Iida & Jennifer Shioya (Nihongo Cafe)

Teacher / Assistant

Ethan Schwalbe | Jinyi Li | Lindsay Moore | Michiyo Egami | Mika Fallon | Miki Nenn | Mihar Lee

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