



“our family...our culture...our land...”



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**Vision:** We are a school dedicated to producing successive generations of citizens prepared to constructively participate in the society of their time.

**Mission:** The mission of Jefferson Elementary School is to be a place where we are committed to developing the whole person to his/her highest potential in a nurturing environment with a sense of respect, trust, and `ohana.

**Theme for 2021-2022 School Year:**

“weaving our lei of ALOHA” - our lei consists of all the learning opportunities that are presented to our TEAM.

## Upcoming Events

February 2022

- 07 – Teacher Institute Day
- 21 – Presidents Day Holiday
- 25 – JES Waiver Day #2

March 2022

- 11 – last day of quarter 3
- 14-18 – Spring Break
- 25 – Kuhio Day Holiday

## Principal’s Message for February

Aloha Jefferson Elementary School Ohana.

To keep you updated, informed, and connected with our school, I will be starting a JES monthly newsletter. These newsletters will provide you with:

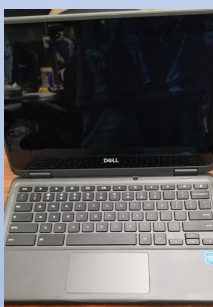
- list of upcoming school events and holidays
- message from me regarding what’s been going on at JES
- update to our Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) and Academic Plans

Thank you for taking on an active role in your child’s/children’s school experience. Thank you also for all of your comments as to what is working for you and what areas our school can improved on.

## What’s Been Going on at JES?



**Men’s Shed** – will begin building wooden picnic tables for our students to use as an outdoor classroom, to eat their lunches, to wait for their classrooms to open. Construction of our picnic tables started on Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup>. Can’t wait for the first of our picnic tables to arrive on our campus!



**Chromebook Computers** – Mr. G. Hutchinson, a JES alumni has donated a class set of Chromebook computers. These computers will replace old and aging computers. Computers arrived in late December and have since been deployed into our grade level classrooms.

“Weaving our Lei of ALOHA”. The needle and thread of our lei are represented by our school’s vision and mission. The flowers that are incorporated into our lei are all of the opportunities that our TEAM experiences during our 2021-2022 School Year.



Special thanks to our Educational Assistants (EAs) for creating this artwork that is on display in our school’s library.

**A** = “Akahai” meaning kindness, to be expressed with tenderness

**L** = “Lokahi” meaning unity, to be expressed with harmony

**O** = “Oluolu” meaning agreeable, to be expressed with pleasantness

**H** = “Haahaa” meaning humility, to be expressed with modesty

**A** = “Ahonui” meaning patience, to be expressed with perseverance

**New Lunch Procedures** – We are having all students walk to the cafeteria, under the supervision of an adult. Students are picking up their lunches and milk and are then scanned. Students then return to their classroom area, under the supervision of an adult, to consume their meals. These new procedures allow for food to be stored (heated or refrigerated) until the time they are picked up by students.



**Community Member** – Mr. R. Arkay lives in our community. On January 26<sup>th</sup> he made a generous gift to our school. Mr. Arkay stated that he’d like us to use his gift to maintain our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning Center (purchase material and supplies like fish food, nets, pumps, seeds, etc.). For the past 2 years, Mr. Arkay has also been supportive of our Genki Ball project. Thanks to him, we were able to purchase ingredients, materials and supplies for our students to make Genki Balls.

### CNA and Academic Plan Updates:

**2022-2023 Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA):** A root cause analysis that is completed by using multiple sources of data (demographic, perceptual, and student achievement) to determine JES “areas for growth”.

CNA Findings: Professional Development (PD) for teachers and educational assistants, implementation of PD strategies in our classrooms, impact of PD strategies on student performance is not known, subgroups are consistently underperforming.

These plans were due to Complex Area Superintendent by February 01, 2022. We are currently awaiting her approval to move forward with the creation of our 2022-2023 Academic Plan.

**2022-2023 Academic Plan:** a working document that outlines what JES is doing to address the findings from our CNA. Our Academic Plan also contains the evidence we will gather, key strategies, our theory of action, and the enabling activities that will be used to address our “areas for growth”.