



"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

May 2022

- 26 – Last Day for Students
- 27 – Last Day for Teachers
- 30 – Memorial Day

June 2022

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Principal's Message for May

Aloha Jefferson Elementary School 'Ohana,

Can you believe that we are nearing the last month of school? This year has gone by quickly. The month of May will be a very busy month for all of us . . . 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders are currently participating in the HSA Assessments, all grade levels are in the process of teaching their grade level content and are finishing up addressing their Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards.

Electrical upgrades to building R will allow the final 4 classrooms to have air conditioning. This will cut down on the noise that is generated by the traffic on both Kapahulu Avenue and on Ala Wai Boulevard and will provide a comfortable classroom learning environment for our 4th and 5th grade students.

What's Been Going on at JES?



The BikeEd Hawaii Bicycle Education

Program is run by the Hawaii Bicycling League and is a nationally recognized program. BikeEd teaches on-road bicycle safety classes to fourth grade students on Oahu. We were fortunate to have them here at Jefferson Elementary School this year. It meets the school's benchmarks in Health and Physical Education. Bike Ed teaches safety principles in a fun format that enables our keiki to develop a lifelong healthy lifestyle. The program is funded by the City and County of Honolulu Department of Transportation and includes 3 days of on campus instruction and 2 days of off-campus riding. The program is taught by HBL certified instructors. Thank you, Bike Ed Hawaii!

“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

Face-to-Face Enrichment Classes:

April saw the return of face-to-face enrichment classes (Hawaiian Studies, Computer/Digital Media, STEM K-2, STEM 3-5, Social Emotional Learning, and Physical Education). Our TEAM closely monitored protocols and procedures to ensure the safety of adults and students. We were careful in regards to not making too many changes to our daily schedules at the same time.

Lunch Service in Cafeteria:

A few weeks after starting up face-to-face enrichment classes, we were able to safely open up our school’s cafeteria for lunch service. I would like to thank all of you for your cooperation and support, as we careful looked at mitigation strategies and established clear protocols for everyone to follow. Our grade K and 1 students had never eaten in our cafeteria and it’s been over 2 years since our grades 2 through 5 students were last served meals in our cafeteria.

STEM Week:

During the week of May 16 – 20, we will be immersed in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) project-based and place-based learning. Each grade level will participate in a week-long project that brings together the 4 core academic areas (math, science, language arts, and history). A STEM showcase will take place on Friday, May 20th. This is when each grade level will be provided with an opportunity to learn about the projects from the other grade levels.

CNA and Academic Plan Updates:

2022-2023 Academic Plan:

Our school’s Academic Plan was submitted to the Honolulu District Office, on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 and is currently being reviewed by our Complex Area Superintendent (CAS), Chief Academic Officer (CAO), and our Title I linker. We are awaiting any suggestions/changes/recommendations from our CAS, CAO, and Title I linker.

You will notice that next years’ plan will be color-coded to match up with ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief) requirements funding requirements. ESSER III funds, authorized under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021, provides nearly \$122 billion to states to support our nation’s schools in safely reopening and sustaining safe operations of schools while meeting the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of students resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Color Code	ESSER Requirement
Yellow	Healthy Habits, Healthy Schools
Green	Action Oriented Data Decision Making
Blue	Responsive Capacity Building
Orange	Effective Academic Processed