



“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 2022-2023 School Year:

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

Upcoming Events

August 2022

- 01 – JES Waiver Day #1 (no students)
- 02 – First day for students
- 19 – Statehood Day Holiday

- 16 – Enrichment classes begin
- 17 – JES Virtual OPEN House
- 29 – Kaimuki Complex Waiver Day

Principal’s Message for July

Aloha Jefferson Elementary School ‘Ohana,

Our 2022-2023 School Year is here! Everyone on our JES TEAM has worked hard to prepare our campus for the safe return of our students. Our custodial and cafeteria TEAMS have cleaned all of our classrooms, restrooms, and meetings rooms. Our classroom teachers and support TEAMS have returned back to our campus and have prepared their classrooms with a print rich environment that will soon be full of samples of student work. Our office TEAM has been working hard to process student registration packets so that our students may begin school on August 02, 2022.

At this year’s Educator Leadership Institute (July 19, 2022), Superintendent Hayashi delivered his keynote address. “Neepapa – Educating our Future” was the theme for this school year. When translated to English, the Hawaiian term “Neepapa” means to move as a whole unit, moving or working together in unison, combined, united. He asked all of us to work as a TEAM to provide all of our students with a highest quality of education. He asked us to work in unison towards incorporating the values of Na Hopena Ao (**BREATH**), **B**elonging, **R**esponsibility, **E**xcellence, **A**loha, **T**otal well-being, and **H**awaii).

At our Honolulu District Educational Leadership Institute (July 25, 2022), the theme of “Neepapa” was reinforced. Each school was asked to utilize **HMTSS** (**H**awaii **M**ulti-**T**iered **S**ystem of **S**upport) to ensure that all students are being supported in some way, shape, and/or form. Each school was also asked to provide **SEL** (**S**ocial-**E**motional **L**earning) as an additional layer of support.

All of our Kaimuki Complex schools will be meeting on August 26, 2022 for a complex waiver day. This waiver day will focus on “Neepapa”, **BREATH**, **HMTSS**, **SEL**, and our English Learners program.

What's Been Going on at JES?

Enrichment Classes for School Year 2022-2023

Enrichment classes provides weekly instruction to all of our students at JES. STEM instruction is provided on a weekly basis. All other enrichment classes are offered once a week on a two-week rotational schedule. Our enrichments classes are comprised of:

- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics)
 - Miss Paradise (grades K-2)
 - Miss Krieger (grades 3-5)
- Health and Physical Education
 - Mr. Didonato (grades K-5)
- Hawaiian Studies
 - Mr. Albarado (grades K-5)
- Keyboarding and Digital Media
 - Miss Wong (grades K-5)
- Social and Emotional Learning
 - Miss Lum (grades K-5)

Enrichment allows all students to be provided with opportunities to be “prepared to constructively participate in the society of their time” (JES vision statement) and to make sure that JES is a “place where we are committed to developing the whole child” (JES mission statement).

Enrichment classes are held on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday beginning the week of **August 15, 2022**. This is a two-hour block of time that is dedicated towards providing a well-rounded education. This two-hour block of time also allows our grade level classroom teachers to meet for their weekly articulation/data TEAM meetings.

Celebrating 90 Years

This school year will be our 90th year of educating the keiki of Hawaii . Throughout the school year, we will celebrate our 90th birthday. All students will be able to contribute to a “JES time capsule”. It will be great to see what our students are able to contribute to this JERS artifact. Our “time capsule” will be placed in a secure location, away from direct sunlight and will be opened 10 years from now . . . in 2032 . . . the centennial anniversary of our school.

In addition to our year-long celebration and our “time capsule”, a plaque will be displayed on our front lawn. The plaque will provide the history of our school, beginning in 1933, which is when JES opened our doors to the public, as well as the principals who have served as leaders of our school.

We are looking forward to building off of last years themes of “**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