



Dear JA & Summit Families,

We are in the final weeks of school when students, staff, and families are running from event to event and classrooms are wrapping up their lessons for the year. One graduation was completed this past weekend with 2 more graduations and 6th grade continuation coming next week. This has been a great school year. Our goal was to return to normal as much as possible. Over the course of the last nine months our schools and programs were able to shrink learning gaps, empower students to enjoy learning and provide that sense of normalcy they so desperately needed.

At this time of year we also focus on building for the future. With that in mind, we want to take a minute to help you get to know our new JA Elementary Principal, Mr. Brendon Feddema.



Brendon Feddema is originally from Perth, Australia. He graduated from Regis University with a teaching degree while playing college basketball. He returned to Australia and competed professionally in the Australian Rules Football League. As a teacher in Australia, he taught 4th grade, technology, 2nd and 3rd grade. When he and his wife had their first child, he hung up his cleats and basketball shoes and they headed back to Colorado where he was a teacher and Dean of Students at Peak to Peak Charter School in Lafayette, Colorado. He was an administrator at Prairie View High School and Middle School, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Legacy High School for 11 years and is finishing off his 16th year as an administrator as the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director at Jefferson Jr/Sr High. Mr.



Feddema and his wife celebrated their 24th anniversary this year and have 2 children. His daughter Tyler played 4 years of college volleyball at Rhodes College in Memphis and she just recently graduated with a BS in Neuroscience. Their son Riley just completed his second year of college at Regis University in the nursing program.

Mr. Feddema highlights his time as a teacher at Peak to Peak as some of his most fun and memorable times. He thoroughly enjoyed teaching the core knowledge sequence and found joy in interacting with the elementary students. Mr. Feddema is very excited about being a part of the JA community and cannot wait to get started.



Still looking ahead, next year Jefferson Academy will celebrate its 30th year as one of the earliest and most successful charter schools in Colorado. *Mark your calendars* - the JA Foundation will be hosting a 30th year gala on **January 27, 2024**. The event will include building a time capsule that was scheduled to happen with the new construction but was canceled due to the pandemic. This time capsule will live in the secondary building. JA's first time capsule is still in safe-keeping at the elementary school, scheduled to be opened on the 50th anniversary of the school.

If you are interested in helping organize the 30th year celebration, please contact the [JA Foundation](#) and complete [the short volunteer form](#). To help bring the JA community together, the Foundation is building an alumni database so our past students can also join in the celebration. If you have contact information for a JA alum, please forward the following information to them so they can decide what type of information, if any, they would like to receive from JA. [JA Alumni Contact Information](#)



Thank you all for a wonderful 2022-23 school year. As you will head into your summer activities shortly, know that JA remains focussed on our first Core Value:

“We stand confident and unwavering in our Mission and Vision.”

Sincerely,
Tim Matlick Executive Director