



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

October 7, 2009

Dear JSIS Families,

The Building Leadership Team

With all the changes that are happening at our school over the next few years including the expansion of our immersion program and the changing of how students are assigned to our school, you may find that you have input or questions that you'd like to share with the school. If so, we have a group of representatives who are there just for that reason. They are called the **Building Leadership Team (BLT)** which is made up of the principal, teachers, classified staff, and parents from each of the grade bands representing the various stakeholders in the school. This group maintains two-way communication with their represented groups and makes decisions and recommendations regarding our program, funding, and policies. If you have information or ideas to share that go beyond your child or your child's class, please feel free to contact your BLT representatives at any time. They will raise your ideas, thoughts and questions at one of our monthly meetings. Your representatives for this school year are:

Parent Member	Represented Group	Phone Number & E-mail
Kerryn Reding	K/1 Families	(206) 407-3323/ kwreding@hotmail.com
Mark Harrison	2/3 Families	(206) 597-6950/ nevinbey@comcast.net
Charlotte Trelease	4/5 Families	(206) 547-9956/ catrelease@gmail.com
Tracey Shigley	Families-At-Large	(206) 633-1266/ shigley393@comcast.net
Emma LeDu	E.S.L. Families	(206) 324-8925/ emmanuelle.le-du@wanadoo.fr

If you have specific questions or comments regarding the **New Student Assignment Plan** and how it impacts JSIS, you can attend one of the upcoming community sessions this month or you can e-mail the district at newstudentassign@seattleschools.org. In addition, you can contact one of our New Student Assignment Plan Parent Liaisons: Ann Weber (632-0646/ aweber_sea@yahoo.com) or Kelly Bradford (kcbradford@gmail.com).

At JSIS, we strive to offer the best program and education for your child and thus welcome all input.

Sincerely,

Mr. Aramaki ~ Señor Aramaki ~ あらまきせんせい

Announcements and Reminders:

- **New Student Assignment Plan** – Informational flyers regarding the New Student Assignment Plan were sent home last week and are also available in the main office. Attendance area maps are now available for review on the district website at www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign. If you don't have access to a computer, there is a computer set up in the parent volunteer room at school for your use.

Kelly Aramaki, Principal ~ (206) 252-6080 ~ kearamaki@seattleschools.org ~ www.jsisweb.com

- **The Move-a-Thon (PTSA activity & fundraiser)** – The JSIS Move-a-Thon is on Saturday, October 17 from 10 am to 2 pm. Mark your calendars now for this fun event and get ready to help support JSIS PTSA scholarships and other vital programs. Complete info and pledge sheets are available at www.jsisweb.com.
- **Halloween at JSIS** – At our school, we celebrate Dia de los Muertos which is a few days after Halloween. Therefore, we do not celebrate Halloween as a school. Unless your child’s teacher has instructed you otherwise, students are not allowed to wear their costumes to school. For costume party fun, please join us at the Monster Mash on Saturday, October 24th! And remember, toy weapons and/or violent costumes are never allowed at school.
- **Adult Sexual Misconduct Training for Parents**– Each staff member in the Seattle Public Schools is required to take an Adult Sexual Misconduct Training. Starting this year, a similar training is also being offered to parents who volunteer in schools. At this point in time, it’s not a required training, but it is one that I recommend for all parents who volunteer. This training which was eye-opening for staff members provides insight and clarity regarding how to work with kids in a safe and appropriate way. I will be offering the training at JSIS a couple of times this year. The first offering will be during the day on **Tuesday, October 13th at 1:30 pm in the library**. Please e-mail me at kearamaki@seattleschools.org if you are planning to attend.

Calendar of Events:	
October 6 – 8	5 th Grade Camp at Camp Kirby
October 9	No School – Teacher Professional Development Day
October 17 (Sat.)	PTSA Event: Move-a-Thon (See announcement above)
October 24 (Sat.)	Monster Mash and book fair
October 26	Picture Retake Day
October 28	2 Hour Early Dismissal – 1:30
October 30	Dia de los Muertos Celebration