



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

Dear JSIS Families,

I've been dreading this newsletter for months. This is supposed to be the last formal "From the Principal" newsletter of the school year – and thus my very last newsletter to all of you. In fact, I can't do it. I'm feeling sick to my stomach just trying to think about what I would say to all of you as I near the end of my time with you and your amazing, amazing children. To be honest, I can't let myself go there while there's still so much left to do and still so many things that I need and want to be present for. So, if you're okay with it, let's not go there – not yet. Once the year is over and I allow myself to reflect and come to grips with all the feelings going through my head and heart, I will write to you letting you know how much I've appreciated all of you.

For now, let's just pretend it's business as usual. On that note, we have our **end-of-year BBQ** tomorrow! At our BBQ, students, staff and families have a wonderful time eating together outside on the playground. We serve hamburgers and veggie burgers. All families are welcome to join us. And, we'd love more volunteers. Every year, we have a great group of parents who help me serve burgers to students. If you can be there to serve food, set up or clean up, please sign up online at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/school84>. Right now, it looks like we need about 13 more volunteers. Thanks and hope to see you there.

BBQ SCHEDULE

11:15 – 12:00 K/1 classes & Mrs. Wei's class

11:45 – 12:30 4/5 classes & Mrs. Johnson's class

12:10 – 12:55 2/3 classes

Cost: Students pay what they normally pay for lunch. Adults and non-school children pay \$4.00 (cash only, please).

Sincerely,

Mr. Aramaki ~ Señor Aramaki ~ あらまき先生

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Note from Ms. Nicole (Titus)** - After much consideration, I have decided this will be my last year teaching English Language Learners at John Stanford International School. I have so enjoyed my time here working with such a talented staff of educators and dedicated, bright students. I am proud of all the academic gains our ELL students have made, and the academic confidence I have seen blossom in so many students. It has been wonderful to work in a community of families and teachers who so proudly celebrate the growth and happiness of the students at JSIS. Working in such a rigorous academic environment with educators committed to the ideals of international, bilingual education has been a true inspiration. I remain committed to the ideals of international education and teaching ELL in Seattle. I will teach ELL at Beacon Hill International School next year. I will dearly miss

both staff and students at JSIS, and thank everyone for being so welcoming and wonderful during my time here.

- **Spirit Week continues** – Thursday is Crazy Hair Day, Friday is dress-up day – nice clothes.
- **Please be sure students wear appropriate shoes to school** – we've had lots of injuries due to sandals and flip-flops.
- **Report Cards** - If your student is absent the last day of school and they have no fines or lost library books, you may pick up their report card in the office June 23-June 30, or after Aug. 22.

Calendar of Events:	
June 16	BBQ Lunch – see schedule above
June 17	2:00 – 3:00 5 th grade celebration after lunch
June 20	6:30-9:00 Ice Cream Social on the playground
June 21	9:45 AM Awards Assembly 2:30 dismissal for last student day
June 27-July 1	Summer Language Camp 9:00-noon. Sign up forms are available at www.jsisweb.com