



# From the Principal

John Stanford International School

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Dear JSIS Families,

Allow me to introduce you to Hannah Jin Mee Aramaki. She was born on May 8, 2008 in Busan, Korea. Her “Gotcha Day” was Tuesday, April 7, 2009. We returned from Korea late last week and have been busy bonding with our new daughter since then. Mom and dad are both doing surprisingly well with the adjustment to parenthood, but have come down with colds which isn’t helpful when it comes to keeping up with an 11-month-old. After we finish up her first adoption doctor’s visits this week, I’ll be back at JSIS with all of you this Monday! I miss you all and look forward to seeing all of the JSIS students, families and staff.



~ Mr. Aramaki aka “Daddy”

## **2009 Growing Compassionate Global Citizens Campaign!**

Welcome to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Compassion Campaign at JSIS! Last year’s focus on compassion was such a great success that we decided to bring it back again this year. As all JSIS staff and families know, success in the global community requires excellence in academic achievement, facility in more than one language, and an understanding of global perspective. What we also know, especially from watching our world leaders, is that we also want our budding global citizens to be equipped with hearts of respect, empathy, cultural competence, and compassion. Thus, we are spending the next month or so focusing on compassion in each of our classrooms and as a school as a whole.

## **WASL is here!**

Here’s the WASL schedule for this year. (Note that all testing happens in the morning.)

	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
<b>Week 1</b>			
Tuesday, April 14	Reading Session 1	Reading Session 1	Reading Session 1
Wednesday, April 15		Math Session 1	Math Session 1
Thursday, April 16	Reading Session 2	Writing Session 1	Science Session 1
<b>Week 2</b>			
Tuesday, April 21	Math Session 1	Reading Session 2	Reading Session 2
Wednesday, April 22		Math Session 2	Math Session 2
Thursday, April 23	Math Session 2	Writing Session 2	Science Session 2

Please make sure your child get's plenty of sleep, a healthy breakfast, and a strong dose of positive encouragement during this time. We hope that all kids will give their very best effort. Thanks to families for supporting your kids as they conquer the WASL this year!

**Announcements & Reminders:**

- **All-School Spring Music Concert Date Change – April 16 at 6:30!** The theme is Take Me Out to the Ballgame, and **all students are encouraged to wear baseball, softball, or other athletic clothing.** No bats, balls, or catcher's masks, please. The all-school dress rehearsal will be at 1:30 pm on the same day. The classes will be performing songs and dances about baseball. Please join us for this fun music concert as your kids help us usher in the new baseball season in song and dance!
- **Annual Fund Deadline Extended** – Donations are continuing to come in for the Annual Fund Drive! We'll keep the fund drive going until May 15 with the hope of reaching our \$115,000 goal. No donation is too small. Thank you all for your generosity. Don't forget about company matching funds. Matching funds have really boosted our donations to date! Thank you to all of the parents who made phone calls, and to students Mia P., Sarah W., Jacob P., and Marina G. for their Our World contributions.

Calendar of Events:	
April 13 – May 1	WASL Testing Window (See detailed schedule above)
April 16 – <b>Tomorrow (Thursday)</b>	Rescheduled All-School Music Concert – (6:30 pm)
April 19 Sunday	12:30-1:30 JSIS Japanese classes will be performing at the Cherry Blossom Festival at the Seattle Center - Big Stage in the Center House
April 22	LSA Spring Fashion Show (7:00 – 9:00 pm)
May 6	4/5 Instrumental Music Concert at West Seattle High (7:15 pm)
May 7	International Arts Culminating Celebration – Performances by students in grades K, 2, 4 and Ribbon Dancers
May 8	Group Photo Day Latino Night
May 9 (Saturday)	Plant Sale to support our sister school in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico
<b>May 20</b>	<b>2-Hour Early Dismissal 1:20</b>
May 27	Young Author's Day