



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

June 3, 2009

Dear JSIS Families,

Is it just me or is it really busy at the end of the school year? Incoming kindergarten welcome letters have finally been mailed out, fifth graders are rehearsing for their annual play, teachers are winding up their curriculum, and staff, parents and students are preparing for field day, graduation, end-of-year celebrations, and the all-school BBQ.

One of the last things that we need to take care of before the end of the school year is selecting new Building Leadership Team parent members for the 2009 – 2010 school year.

Building Leadership Team (BLT) Parent Reps Needed for '09 – '10

The JSIS Building Leadership Team is comprised of teachers, the principal and parents. Together, we discuss and resolve issues, oversee the development of the school improvement plan, oversee the facilitation and development of the school budget and champion the vision and mission of the school.

Parent terms are 2-years and they represent the following groups: K/1, 2/3, 4/5, Families at-large, and ESL families. **For this coming school year, we are looking for a new K/1, 4/5, ESL Families and Families-at-large representative** to replace four parents who have finished serving the second year of their term. What we're looking for are positive, collaborative parents/guardians who are passionate about and supportive of our school and its mission. The 2-year time commitment involves meeting on Friday mornings from 8:15 – 9:00 once-a-month in the fall, twice-a-month in the winter (to work on the budget), and then once-a-month in the spring.

The work of the BLT is very important for the healthy functioning of our school. If you have the time and would like to serve the school in this capacity, please e-mail me at kearamaki@seattleschools.org. Include in your e-mail why you are interested in participating and what you believe you could offer this leadership group. If there is more than one person who applies for either of the positions, candidates will be voted on by their constituents. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, June 10th, 2009. If you have any questions, please drop by and visit or e-mail me.

Thank you to Tracey Shigley, Janet Robinson, Jordan Gross and Ana Gervassi who have dedicated much time and energy the past two years in leading the school as Building Leadership Team members.

~ Mr. Aramaki

Announcements & Reminders:

- **Field Day Parent Volunteers Needed!** Field Day is happening on June 18th. We will have an early lunch at school, walk to Gasworks Park for the festivities and then return

to school for popsicles. If you'd like to volunteer for this fun event, please contact Mrs. U at 206.252.6080 or jwuhlenkott@seattleschools.org.

- **Great weather + Longer days + Green families = More bikes at school.** Along with the great feeling we, as a school, get from the increase in bicycle traffic, there is also the potential for accidents and injury. Please keep in mind that bike riding on school play areas and sidewalks is dangerous – dismount and walk on school property. Additionally, Seattle municipal code requires that all riders must wear a helmet while riding a bicycle.
- **Last Day of School** – Please note that the last day of school is postponed to Friday, June 19th, due to the snow days we've had this year. The first student day for 2009-2010 is **Sept. 9, 2009**.

Calendar of Events:	
June 9	8:30 AM – Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and playground open and supervised. Program will begin at 8:45. 6:30 PM – Language Selection meeting for incoming Kdgn.
June 10	5 th grade play 10 AM and 6:30 PM
June 11	BBQ Lunch - \$4.00 for anyone not currently attending a Seattle Public School. Students pay their regular hot lunch price.
June 12	Spanish Movie Night
June 17	10:00 Choir assembly 2:00 Kindergarten ceremony in lunchroom 5:30 PTSA BBQ/Potluck and Choir performance
June 18	12:30-3:00 Field Day
June 19	Last Student Day. Awards Assembly AM, 5 th grade ceremony PM 2:20 Dismissal
June 23-July 3	Summer Language Camp 9:00-12:00