



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

October 14, 2009

Dear JSIS Families,

Thanks to the many families who were able to attend our first PTSA meeting last week to review and discuss the district's New Student Assignment Plan and the newly released school boundary maps. The conversation was very productive and informative. I'm pleased that JSIS parents are so engaged in this process.

There are a number of changes being proposed right now including how siblings are assigned to schools and how and where ELL and Special Education students will be served. These changes will impact every Seattle Public School family. Informational flyers regarding the New Student Assignment Plan were sent home two weeks ago and are also available in the main office. Attendance area maps and a detailed description of the maps and plan 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.

I recommend that all families stay informed and provide feedback to the district. Feedback can be given at any one of the community meetings being held between now and Oct. 17. I also recommend that you e-mail your feedback to newassign@seattleschools.org and "cc" me at kearamaki@seattleschools.org so that I also know how JSIS families are feeling about the plan. The date that the school board will make their final decision is November 18th.

If you have specific questions about the plan, feel free to contact one of our New Student Assignment Plan Parent Liaisons: Ann Weber (632-0646 aweber_sea@yahoo.com), Jane Cover (janec@u.washington.edu) or Kelly Bradford (kcbradford@gmail.com). You can also ask your questions at one of the community meetings (dates and locations were sent home in a previous newsletter). A page on the JSIS web site is dedicated to keeping you informed about these issues: <http://jsisweb.com/legislation>.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements and Reminders:

- **The Move-a-Thon (PTSA activity & fundraiser)** – The JSIS Move-a-Thon is on Saturday, October 17 from 10 am to 2 pm on the Burke-Gilman trail. 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.

Calendar of Events:	
October 17 (Sat.)	PTSA Event: Move-a-Thon (See announcement above)
October 24 (Sat.)	Monster Mash 6:00-8:00 PM
October 26	Picture Retake Day
October 28	2-Hour Early Dismissal – School Ends at 1:30
October 30	Dia de los Muertos Celebration