



# From the Principal

John Stanford International School

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## Social & Emotional Learning at JSIS

Dear JSIS Families,

At our school, all English classes implement a social and emotional learning program for students called **Second Step**. Second Step is a program that teaches students about **empathy**, how to **problem solve** social issues and how to **manage emotions** such as anger. This research-based curriculum was developed by the Committee for Children (CFC), a nonprofit organization based in Seattle, and is used all over the world. For more information about this program, you can visit the CFC website at [www.cfchildren.org](http://www.cfchildren.org). Or, if you have specific questions about how we're implementing the program at our school or if you have additional questions about social/emotional learning at JSIS, you can contact Dan Turner, our school counselor. Dan's e-mail address is [dturner@seattleschools.org](mailto:dturner@seattleschools.org). You can also contact him at 206.252.6080. Dan is at JSIS on Tuesdays and Thursdays each week.

Sincerely,

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

### Announcements and Reminders:

- **The New Student Assignment Plan** – I recommend that all families stay informed and provide feedback to the district regarding the New Student Assignment Plan. You can view the plan at [www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign](http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign). I recommend that you e-mail any feedback or questions you have to [newassign@seattleschools.org](mailto:newassign@seattleschools.org) and “cc” me at [kearamaki@seattleschools.org](mailto: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 18<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:aweber_sea@yahoo.com)), Jane Cover ([janec@u.washington.edu](mailto:janec@u.washington.edu)) or Kelly Bradford ([kcb Bradford@gmail.com](mailto:kcb Bradford@gmail.com)).
- **The Book Fair is Coming!** Come and buy a book and support our school! The book fair will be open in the library at the following times this week:
 

Thursday, 10/22	8:30 – 9:20 a.m. & 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, 10/23	8:30 – 9:20 a.m. & 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, 10/24	5:30 – 8:00 p.m. (during the Monster Mash!)

### Calendar of Events:

October 24 (Sat.)	Monster Mash & Book Fair
October 26	Picture Retake Day
October 28	<b>2-Hour Early Dismissal – School Ends at 1:30</b>
October 30	Dia de los Muertos/ O Bon Celebrations
November 1	Daylight Saving Time ends – set clocks back 1 hour.
November 4	7:00 pm All School Music Concert