



# From the Principal

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## 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 ([janeec@u.washington.edu](mailto:janeec@u.washington.edu)) or Kelly Bradford ([kcbradford@gmail.com](mailto:kcbradford@gmail.com)).
- **Student Drop-off Safety Issue** – Please do not drop students off on in the bus zone on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. before school. Students should be dropped off on 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue at the front entrance to the school. Also, when walking to school, please cross at the corner with the crossing guards or park and walk your child to the playground. Do not cross further down the street in between the buses.
- **Parent-Teacher Conference Reminder** – Parent-Teacher Conferences are different this year. They are happening on THREE FULL DAYS – NOVEMBER 23, 24, 25. There is no school on those days. If you have not already done so, please contact your child’s morning teacher to sign up for a conference.
- **Getting Sick & the Perfect Attendance Award** – In an effort to discourage students from coming to school sick, there will be no perfect attendance awards given out this year. (You’d be amazed at how many kids are coming to school with fevers and sore throats because they want to get the perfect attendance award at the end of the year.) Students with a fever may not come back to school until 24 hours after the fever has subsided without fever-reducing medication. If students are constantly coughing and are lethargic, we will be calling a parent to come get them. Thanks for erring on the side of caution and keeping sick kiddos at home.
- **School Pick-Up Reminder** – This is a friendly reminder that school gets out at 3:30. If you are picking your student up, please be here on time. Remember that parking in the area is difficult – plan to arrive early as you may have to walk a few blocks. Parking Enforcement has been active in the neighborhood – do not park in the bus zone, in front of driveways, or near crosswalks. Do not drive into the driveway of the parking lot – the students on patrol need to be able to see traffic.
- **Background Checks for Volunteers Every 2 Years** - If you have not had a background check done in the last two years it is time to re-check. Please come to the office to get the form. All volunteers who go into classrooms or volunteer around students must have this check done every two years.
- **Día de los Muertos**: We need at least 22 more people to sign up to make Pan de Muertos for the celebration on Friday.

Calendar of Events:	
October 28	<b>2-Hour Early Dismissal – School Ends at 1:30</b>
October 30	Día de los Muertos/ O Bon Celebrations
November 1	End of Daylight Savings Time – set clocks back 1 hr.
November 4	7:00 pm All School Music Concert
<b>November 11</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – VETERAN’S DAY</b>
November 23, 24, 25	<b>NO SCHOOL – Parent-Teacher Conferences</b>