



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

November 4, 2009

Dear JSIS Families,

Happy November! **Conferences** are coming up in three weeks. They are scheduled all-day on November 23, 24, and 25. There is no school for students on these days. If you haven't done so yet, please be sure to sign up for a conference with your child's **Morning Teacher**. Your child's two teachers will be sharing information prior to the conference so that the morning teacher has information to share with you regarding your child's progress in both the English and immersion classes.

Regarding the district's **New Student Assignment Plan**, the JSIS Building Leadership Team has submitted an official position to the district and school board. You can access the BLT's position statement on our website at www.jsisweb.com. The heart of our position is: **ensuring the strength and sustainability of international education**. This includes: 1) continuing the guaranteed pathway from JSIS to Hamilton so that all students can continue their immersion education, and 2) continuing to ensure access to our program to native-speaking Spanish and Japanese students. Although the BLT recognizes the issues around maintaining the sibling priority, we decided to focus our position on program sustainability. We were comfortable with this decision based on the already high levels of advocacy and communication for sibling priority from parents here at JSIS and across the district. If you have any questions or comments on our position, please contact your BLT representative:

| Parent Member | Represented Group | Phone Number & E-mail |
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Sincerely,

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

| Calendar of Events: | |
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| November 4 | 10:00 AM and 7:00 pm All School Music Concert |
| November 6 | Vision and Hearing screening |
| Nov. 9-18 | Advanced Learning testing – you should receive a phone call from Advanced Learning dept. the day before your child is tested. |
| November 11 | NO SCHOOL – VETERAN'S DAY |
| November 18 | Final School Board Vote on Assignment Plan Maps |
| Nov. 23, 24, 25 | NO SCHOOL – Parent-Teacher Conferences |
| Nov. 26, 27 | NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING VACATION |
| December 5 | End of First Trimester |