



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

November 12, 2009

Dear JSIS Families,

During World War II, one of my great-uncles fought in the 442nd Infantry. While the rest of his family was placed in internment camps here in the United States, he signed up to fight for the country that he loves. As many of you know, the 442nd Infantry, composed of mostly of Japanese Americans, became the most highly decorated military unit in the history of the United States Armed Forces, including 21 Medal of Honor recipients. Because of my great-uncle and many, many others like him who have fought for our country or are fighting for our country right now, we are able to celebrate the freedoms that we have here in the United States.

Happy Veteran's Day. Thank you to all the veterans who have sacrificed so much to not only keep us safe here in the United States but for standing for freedom and justice around the world.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Building Leadership Team Update Regarding the New Student Assignment Plan**
Thanks to all the families who have e-mailed their JSIS BLT representatives with their thoughts and opinions regarding the new student assignment plan and the BLT's official position (posted on our website under the *legislation* tab). The BLT is having ongoing conversations regarding parent input and will be submitting a second position to the district especially in light of recent changes to our boundaries.
- **Flu Prevention Tips**
To help minimize the spread of the flu at JSIS, you can help with the following: 1) remind your child about coughing into their sleeve, 2) practice the 20-second hand wash (about the length of the alphabet song or "Happy Birthday"), 3) keep kids at home that have had a fever within the past 24 hours, and 4) encourage your child not to share food at lunch time. We will remind the students of these things at school as well, but your help would be appreciated!

Calendar of Events:

November 18	Final School Board Vote on Attendance Area Maps
Nov. 23, 24, 25	NO SCHOOL – Parent-Teacher Conferences
Nov. 26, 27	NO SCHOOL – THANKSGIVING VACATION
December 4	End of First Trimester
December 8	7:00 PM Evening Choir Concert – daytime presentation at 1:00
December 9	School Board Meeting to Celebrate Great Schools Award Recipients incl. JSIS!