



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

November 18, 2009

Dear JSIS Families,

At our last school spirit assembly, our student “Green Team” showcased the work that they are doing as global citizens to promote environmental stewardship at JSIS. They presented on the composting program that they have started in the lunchroom this year.

Through the collective composting efforts of the Green Team, Mr. Phuc, Barb Burrill (parent), Ms. Nani, Señorita Priscilla and the JSIS student body, we have managed to decrease the amount of garbage we are creating at JSIS enough that the garbage truck now only has to come every other week rather than every week as in the past. The school district has recently awarded our school with a \$1700 check in part for our Green Team’s work on recycling this past year (the money reflects total money saved in garbage, electricity and water usage). We expect to substantially increase that savings this year with the amount of garbage being saved by composting and recycling.

Congratulations and thanks to our outstanding Green Team Members for making a difference both locally and globally! Team members include: *Flannery Mullin, Marissa London, Alison Weber, Ciela Chavez-Gilbride, Raina Zacks, Alex Jones, Evelyn Reding, Ashia Dilawar, Hannah Silver-Fajardo, Lucia Minahan, Claire Tanaka, Julia Lober, Carolyn Lober, Louise Heller, Paris DeForrest, Sophia Alperovich, Alec Denny, Marina Gutierrez Bernal, Maddie Siniscalchi, Chiyo Aoki-Kramer, Chessa Casper, Mari Huff, Josie Hinke, Sakura Chino, Quintin Serrano, Sam Cook, Cole Rowley, Claire Hodges, Bailey Shigley, Kaia Roast, Francisco Vasquez, Gaya Trejo Mazzanti, Nataly Lara, Asiyah Herrero, Estrellita Alcaraz Castro, and Nicole Chavez Garcia.*

If you’d like to learn more about the “green” efforts at JSIS, please visit our website at www.jsisweb.com and click on “environmental stewardship”.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Conferences are coming!** Next week, November 23 – 25, is conferences! There is no school on those days. Please make sure you are signed up for a conference with your child’s morning teacher.
- **PE/Music/Library Conference Options** – Want to talk about your child’s health and fitness with Mrs. U? Interested in hearing from Mrs. Katie about your child’s musical ability and growth? Want to discuss with Ms. Kathleen how to enhance your child’s interests in reading? If so, they’d love to meet with you at conference time. To set up a conference with one of them, please feel to contact them:
 - Mrs. U (PE) jwuhlenkott@seattleschools.org
 - Ms. Katie (Music) karaschko@seattleschools.org

- Ms. Kathleen (Librarian) can be contacted at kmgillespie@seattleschools.org
- **Do You Pick Up Your Child From School?** – If you pick up your K-2 student from the second floor in the afternoons, you'd really help us out if you did the following:
 - 1) Please **wait quietly** outside the classroom doors for school to get out. Sometimes the volume in the hallway with all the parents distracts the end-of-day learning in the classrooms.
 - 2) Once you pick up your child, please **exit the second floor quickly**. Classes have to make their way down to the buses and are finding it difficult to navigate the crowded hallways. Thanks for your cooperation!

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 Holiday
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 Washington State Great Schools Award Recipients including JSIS!