



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

December 2, 2009

Dear JSIS Families,

A week from today at the Seattle School Board meeting, John Stanford Int'l School will be one of ten Seattle Schools receiving the Phi Delta Kappa International, 2009 "Great School" Award. Formerly called the *School of Distinction Award*, this award recognizes the top 5% highest improving schools in the state over the past seven years in the combined areas of reading and math. The school board presentation will occur on December 9th from 6:00 – 6:30 pm.

Congratulations to our staff, students and families!

Sincerely,

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

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Parents Needed on Interview Teams** – Whenever we have to hire a new staff member for our school, we encourage parents to participate on the interview team. If you are interested in participating on an interview team sometime in the future for when we need to hire a teacher or IA, there is a one-time, one-hour training that all participants (parents and staff) are required to take. For training dates, times and how to sign up, please visit <http://www.seattlewea.org/index.php/hiring-training-schedule>. Once you've taken the training, please let the office know so that we know to invite you to participate in an upcoming interview.
- **Early Kindergarten Registration** – Early registration for students who will be new to Seattle Public Schools in September 2010 (including kindergarteners) has been extended until January 15, 2010. Early Registration will not have any impact on a child's school assignment for next year; however, we encourage families who will have a new student entering SPS next year to participate in the early registration. New students who register by January 15 will receive information in February about

assignments for 2010-11. More information can be found at:

<http://www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/earlyreg.html>

Calendar of Events:

December 4	End of First Trimester
December 8	7:00 PM Evening Choir Concert – Daytime presentation at 1:00
December 9	6:00 PM School Board Meeting to Celebrate “Great Schools” winners
December 21 –	Winter Vacation

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