



# From the Principal

John Stanford International School

January 20, 2010

Dear JSIS Families,

I'd like to highlight two important upcoming events:

**LA FIESTA LATINA (all school event)** – What better way to kick off 2010 than by celebrating Latin American Culture at JSIS' annual Fiesta Latina. Please join us Friday, January 22nd 6:30- 8:30 pm in the JSIS Gymnasium/Cafeteria for this All-School event. Please bring your favorite Latin dish to share and join us for an evening of Food, Music, a Tango Puppet Show, Dancing and Salsa instruction from our very own Raymond Serrano as we celebrate Latino culture and the many JSIS families that hail from these beautiful nations. \*Please contact Sarah Suhadolnik at [sarahsuhadolnik@gmail.com](mailto:sarahsuhadolnik@gmail.com) or Norma Candia at [normacnd@mac.com](mailto:normacnd@mac.com) for day-of volunteer opportunities.

**Come to the Upcoming PTSA Meeting on Jan. 26 from 7:00 – 8:30** – At the upcoming PTSA meeting, we will take time to reflect on the JSIS program from 2000 – 2010. Expecting some changes to our program in relation to the new assignment plan, this is a great opportunity for you to share what you love about JSIS and want to see remain as well as what you think we could make improvements on during this time of transition. At this meeting, you will also hear about the proposed *school levies* as well as the *Transition Plan for the New Student Assignment Plan* which will be voted on by the board tonight (Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>).

Sincerely,

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

## Announcements and Reminders:

- **Open House/Information Night at JSIS** – For the first time, in addition to school tours in March, we will be holding an information night for families new to JSIS on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. During this evening session, families will hear about our school and program from Mr. Aramaki. They will also get to meet some teachers, parents, and watch student performances by the JSIS choir and ribbon dance team.

## Calendar of Events:

Jan. 22	Fiesta Latina – see announcement above
Jan. 26	7:00 – 8:30 PTSA Meeting (Reflecting on the last 10 years at JSIS)
Jan. 29	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Day Between Semesters
Feb. 3	<b>2-hour Early Dismissal</b> – Teacher Professional Development 6:30 – 8:30 JSIS Open House/ Information Night for New Families
Feb. 5	6:00 – 8:30 Japan Night
Feb. 11	5:30 – 7:30 PTSA en Español Meeting
Feb. 15 – 19	<b>NO SCHOOL</b> – Mid-Winter Vacation
Feb. 25	Literacy Night at JSIS