



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

April 7, 2010

Dear JSIS Families,

In the two weeks leading up to spring break, JSIS students had an incredible time learning how to dance in the style of Bollywood and Bhangra. As part of our international artist-in-residence program, Shub-chintan Gill, a director and choreographer from Rhythms of Indian Dance School here in Seattle, worked with our students during their regular PE times to teach them this fun and energizing cultural dance style. Even some of your children's teachers and principal were caught learning how to dance Bollywood-style.

Students in grades K, 2, and 4 will be performing some of these dances at our upcoming International Arts Celebration with Beacon Hill International School and Hamilton International Middle School on the evening of May 6th at the former Lincoln High School building – 4400 Interlake Av. North. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details about this event.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements and Reminders:

- If you want to order a class photo be sure to return the envelope and check made to **Herff Jones**. Each student needs their own envelope and check – or exact amount of cash.
- *The Japanese classes (K-5th) are participating in Sakura Matsuri, the annual Japanese cultural festival at Seattle Center again this year. It will be on April 18, Sunday from 12:45- 1:00pm on the big stage at Center House (where the food court is). K-4th graders will sing a song and the 5th graders will do Soran bushi dance. On top of that, I asked the Shorecrest High School who came to perform Soran bushi in February to join us and they accepted it. So we will perform back to back on the stage and it will be fun! Most of the kids remember the high school kids' cool dance. We would like to encourage many families to come and join us (including the Spanish Class families and the staff ☺) .

Calendar of Events:

April 15	Group photo day 5 th grade family night
April 18 (Sun.)	12:45-1:00 K-5 Japanese classes performing at Sakura Matsuri Japanese Cultural Festival – big stage at Center House.
April 22	6:00-8:30 PM – 5 th grade Science Fair
May 3	7:00 PM Spring Concert
May 6	International Arts Celebration
May 8 (Sat.)	Plant Sale
May 17-21	MSP Testing (MSP replaces WASL)
May 19	2 hour early dismissal – school is out at 1:30
May 28	7:00 PM Treasure Island play
May 31	No School – Memorial Day