



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

April 14, 2010

Dear JSIS Families,

¡Muchas Gracias! ありがとうございます。 Thank you all so much for your generous support of our Annual Fund Campaign this year. What a tremendous accomplishment we have made as a community to support our school. Our latest count shows us as having raised an astounding \$154,000 toward supporting instructional assistants in the classrooms. And, just as importantly, we had nearly 240 families contribute! This illustrates the impact we can have when we come together as a whole community. Donations have still been trickling in this week. As the final number changes, I will post updates in my newsletter.

Thanks again to all of you for your incredible support of our program.

Sincerely,

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

Announcements and Reminders:

- **Seattle Cherry Blossom and Japanese Cultural Festival This Sunday!** The annual Sakura Matsuri (Cherry Blossom Festival) is coming up this weekend. This festival celebrates the beauty of spring and the Japanese cultural traditions in Seattle. This is a wonderful opportunity for your family to enjoy and enhance your knowledge of Japanese culture. There will be many culture-related activity booths, art exhibitions, performances, food and more. AND, the Japanese immersion students will be performing on the Center House State on Sunday, April 18th, sometime between 12:45 and 1:15. Come and show your support of JSIS students!
- **Hiring Team Training** – JSIS needs parents who are willing to serve on hiring committees this summer in the event that we need to hire teachers for the 2010 – 2011 school year. All interested parents need to take a 1-hour hiring training session sponsored by the Seattle Public Schools and the Seattle Education Association (SEA). There are two trainings coming up before school gets out for the summer – May 13th from 4-5pm and June 8th from 4-5pm in room 2700 at the John Stanford Center. To register for hiring training call Richard Fisher at the SEA at 206.283.8443 or email him at rfisher@washingtonea.org. Once you've taken the training, please call Chris in our main office (252-6080) to let her know.
- **Survey of Programs and Communications**
The PTSA is evaluating programs in preparation for the coming year and is seeking your input. Your feedback will help us fine-tune our communications, sort funding priorities, and shape future programs. We value your input. Thank you very much.

The survey is available in English and Español. A few paper copies will be available at the front desk if you are not able to take the survey electronically.

Survey in English: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/H25BGBS>

Encuesta en Español: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/W7K86KL>

Calendar of Events:	
April 15	Class Photo Day 6:30-8:00 PM 5 th grade Family Night
April 17 (Saturday)	10:00-2:00 Spring Clean – garden fix-up. Bring your yard tools and join in.
April 18 (Sunday)	Japanese classes at Cherry Blossom Festival at Seattle Center
April 22	5 th grade Science Fair
May 1 (Saturday)	Math Olympiad
May 3	7:00 PM Spring Concert
May 17-21	MSP Testing (MSP replaces WASL)
May 19	1:30 Early Dismissal – Staff Development
May 28	7:00 PM – All-school play – Treasure Island
May 31	No school – Memorial Day holiday