



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

April 21, 2010

Dear JSIS Families,

We did it!! After counting all donations received during our **2010 Annual Fund Drive** including many donations that came in right at the last minute, we not only reached our Annual Fund goal of \$160,000, we exceeded it! With the support of an astounding 293 JSIS families (and relatives) who participated so generously during a tough economic year for so many, we were able to raise a grand total of \$173,000 to support our language immersion instructional assistants. What a tribute to our school community. In addition to thanking all of you in helping to reach our goal, please help me in thanking the Annual Fund leaders and volunteers who did such an outstanding job planning and implementing the fund drive. Those folks are: Anne Tillery, Molly Abbruzzese, Ann Fitzmaruice, Heidi Favour, Alison Parsons, Jill Blair, Andrea Iacolucci, Feliks Banal, Branson Veal, Lissa Poynter, Arlene Murray, Dan Druliner, Suzanne Harrison, Jane Petrich, Tracey Shigley, Laura Rodde, Caroline Coates, Julie Ziegler, Jenn Goupil, Anita Beck, Emma Le Du, Susan Schudie, Susan Glenn, Charlotte Trelease, Lynn Resnick, Jane Rowley, Mami Taniguchi, Jenna Ashley, Rebecca Pleasure, Regina Segura, Chuck Snavely, Tami Oki, and Trish Juhnke. And a very special debt of gratitude goes to the incredible head of this year's Annual Fund Drive, Regina Lyons. Her passion, determination and optimism was an inspiration to all of us. Thank you to all of these lead parents and to all of you for supporting our program!

And, as if that weren't good news on its own, we have also recently learned from the state legislature and school district that some of the education funds that were expected to be cut from our school and district budgets, have been spared. This means that our math specialist position held by Ms. Margreet which we couldn't originally fund for next year is once again funded. We will also be gaining additional reading support for our students who need extra reading support. And, because we moved funds around earlier in the budget process, we will also get to keep Mr. Dan here at JSIS next year as our school counselor.

Thanks again to all of you for your out-of-this-world support of our students and program. At JSIS, our mission is to nurture successful, compassionate global citizens. With your support, we are making this happen.

iMuchas, muchas gracias! どうも ありがとう ございます.

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

Announcements and Reminders:

- Student Data Sheets go home with all students today. Make necessary changes, or, if no changes, sign and date form and return it to school by April 28. If you have moved and have not sent documents to the district for your new address please go to: www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/forms/addresschangeform.pdf for the form.
- Safety Patrol Training (for 2010-2011) for interested 3rd and 4th graders will begin May 3. Permission slips are in today's packet.

PTSA Volunteer Opportunities & Appreciations:

- Thank you to everyone who came on Saturday and worked on landscaping and grounds clean up!

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Calendar of Events:	
April 19-May 6	Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) testing, grades K-5
April 22	6:30-7:30 PM 5 th grade Science Fair in Library – All families welcome.
May 1 (Saturday)	Math Olympiad
May 3	7:00 PM Spring Music Concert
May 6	7:00 PM International Arts Celebration at Lincoln High Auditorium
May 8 (Saturday)	Plant Sale
May 12	7:00 PM Instrumental Music Concert at Brighton Elem. – 6725 45 th Av. South
May 17-21	Measures of Student Progress (MSP) Testing (Replaces WASL)
May 19	1:30 Early Dismissal
May 28	7:00 PM Treasure Island Play (After-school theater group at JSIS)
May 31	No school – Memorial Day holiday