



From the Principal

John Stanford International School

June 16, 2010

Dear JSIS Families,

Can you believe it? This is the final Principal Letter of the year – the final letter of our first decade as a school! Thank you all for helping to make this year and the past 10 years such an incredible success for our school, our students, and our community. Thank you to PTSA President Ann Weber and the PTSA leadership for your hard work and dedication this year. Thank you to Regina Lyons and the Annual Fund Leadership Team for your tremendous work in planning and running our most successful Annual Fund Drive in history. Thank you to our BLT Parent Leaders for your leadership in the visioning and running of our school. Thank you to all of you who have come in to volunteer your valuable time and talents in the classrooms, on field trips, and for the many great after-school activities. JSIS Year 10 can be recorded in the books as another incredible school year.

This year also marks the culmination of two incredible careers in education. Jill Bjerke, who has faithfully given hope, opportunity, and a strong academic foundation to students in the Bilingual Orientation Center for many years, will be retiring. And Mattie Shaw, who has been providing invaluable support for students in reading, math and technology, is also retiring. Thank you to both of these incredible teachers for your many years of sacrifice and service to students. Job well done.

Also, we want to thank Tamayo Sensei and Heidi Byrnes-Cloet for all that they've contributed to our school. Over the past five years, Tamayo Sensei has set an incredible foundation for our Japanese immersion students. Ms. Heidi, who came to us this past January, quickly blended into our school and has made such a positive impact on students, families and staff. Both are leaving us at the end of this year. We wish them all the best as they continue to impact the lives of children.

Have a wonderful summer. See you this fall!

Sincerely,

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

Announcements and Reminders:

- **\$0.26 for a Measles Vaccines in Ghana** - This week, the fourth grade Spanish class is collecting money for the Red Cross to take to Ghana to provide measles vaccines to 2 villages. Although no one dies of measles in the Americas, half a million children die of measles in Africa every year. The 4th grade class is trying to raise \$800 by the end of the summer to completely vaccinate 2 villages in Ghana. One vaccine costs 26 cents (one quarter and one penny). They presented this fundraising project to classes on Friday so your child may be searching around for change to donate to this project. There are envelopes in each classroom to put donations in. Thanks for your support and compassion during this busy time of year! ~Nicole Silver
- **Going Above and Beyond to Show Compassion & Kindness** – In celebration of compassion, we have 14 students who go above and beyond to show kindness and compassion to

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others. They are being recognized as our Seymour Kaplan nominees for 2009 – 2010. These students have received letters in the mail and will be recognized at our awards assembly. At the assembly, two fifth grade students will be selected as our official Seymour Kaplan Award recipients. Each year, the JSIS staff nominates students who they believe exemplify the memory of Mr. Kaplan, a person described as warm, sensitive and understanding with a genuine compassion, concern and love for people. Mr. Kaplan was accepting of differences among people and worked against discrimination and bigotry. The following students are nominated for this prestigious award: *Anna Goddu, Roan Chadsey, Eleanor Rodde, Li Mei Spivey, Misaki Taniguchi, Grady Spors, Teya Heidenreich, Diego Roberts-Buceta, Leyla Bevis-Mast, Ileana Quintero-Perez, Maggie Brown, Brigitte Young, Owen Oliver, Clara Resnick, Adrian Gervassi, Chessa Casper, Bailey Shigley, Alison Weber, and Ada Bowles.* Congratulations!

- **Awards Assembly on June 22** – At this assembly which starts at 9:45, we will hand out awards for academics, athletics, music, and more.
- **5th Grade Promotion & Celebration on June 22** – From 1:00 – 2:30, Families of 5th graders are welcome to this celebration to recognize the incredible work done by our fifth graders in their time at JSIS.
- **Staffing Update** – We have a number of teaching positions currently unstaffed. As teachers are hired over the summer, updates will go out via all-school e-mail.

Calendar of Events:	
June 21	6:30-8:30 PM – PTSA Ice Cream Social – on the playground.
June 22	9:45-10:45 Awards Assembly 1:00-2:30 5 th grade promotion and celebration Report Cards go home 2:30 Dismissal – Last day of school
June 24-July 2	Summer Language Camp 9:00 -12:00