



Thư của Hiệu trưởng Warqad ka socota Maamulaha  
*From the Principal* 校长的信  
Liham mula sa Principal  
*Carta del Director*

March 14, 2013

**Happy Classified Staff Appreciation Week!  
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Congratulations, Mr. Aramaki!  
Washington State 2013 Elementary Principal of the Year**

Dear Beacon Hill International School Families,

At our school, in addition to your child's classroom teachers, we have so many incredible and caring people who support your students learning. This week is **Classified Staff Appreciation Week** and I'd like to give a shout out to our incredible instructional assistants, office staff and other support staff.

A BIG Thank you to:

**Diana Furuta** – Main Office Secretary  
**Linda Kesselring & Shannon Ratner** – Long-term Substitute Secretaries  
**Natalie Long** – Family Support Worker  
**Jane Finger** – Special Education Instructional Assistant  
**Rene Charoni** – Special Education Instructional Assistant  
**Viginia Calvo** – Library Assistant  
**Celeste Bunnel** – Tagalog Instructional Assistant  
**Peggy Lee** – Chinese Instructional Assistant  
**Agnes Wong** – Chinese Instructional Assistant  
**Feng Yan Tang** – Chinese Immersion Instructional Assistant  
**Chilo Granizo** – Spanish Instructional Assistant  
**Ranann Taylor** – Spanish Instructional Assistant  
**Margarita Halverson** – Spanish Immersion Instructional Assistant  
**Lorena Norris** – Spanish Instructional Assistant  
**Nga Le** – Vietnamese Instructional Assistant  
**Maria Rico** – El Centro de la Raza Community Partner  
**Nancy Fujimoto** – Volunteer Coordinator  
**Marion Ortiz & Cory Overall** – Crossing Guards  
**Nancy Renn** – Sound Partner Tutor  
**John Shaw** – Powerful Schools Coordinator & Playground Supervisor  
**Tuyet Dao** – Lunchroom Manager  
**Kathy Hardin & Mary Strange** – Assistant Lunchroom Managers  
**Valerie Stephenson** – Custodial Engineer  
**Luckner Valcin** – Night Custodian

We could not do what we do without the support of these incredible educators. And, of course, I'd like to take this opportunity to again acknowledge **Ms. Lisa Williams** who was such a wonderful secretary and a great advocate for children, families and staff. Thanks to Ms. Williams AND our classified staff team.

Second, you have probably heard by now that I was chosen as the **Washington State Elementary Principal of the Year**. What a crazy thing. I appreciate the acknowledgment, and I am so thankful for all of your kind words. I love this school community very much and am proud to serve as your principal. You may also have heard from your child that the award announcement was made at an assembly on Monday and that instead of giving a speech, I sang to your kids. You most likely won't have the opportunity to hear me

do my best Bruno Mars impersonation, so instead, here are the lyrics of the song I sang for your kids and for the amazing staff who teach them each day:

Just the Way You Are

Bruno Mars (with a little lyrical assistance from Mr. Aramaki)

\* *Bold denotes down beat or vocal emphasis (basically, it helped me remember how to sing it)*

<p>Beacon <b>Hill</b> students I appreciate how much <b>you</b> support me I'm <b>thankful for</b> Every <b>child</b> sitting right <b>here</b> before me You're all <b>incredible</b> just the way you are</p> <p>You <b>work</b> so <b>hard</b> You <b>come</b> to school and try your <b>best</b> each day You <b>make</b> me <b>proud</b> You are <b>all</b> so special in <b>your own</b> way You're <b>incredible</b> just the way <b>you</b> are</p> <p>When I see you each day There's always just <b>one</b> thing that I want to say You're amazing just the way you are</p> <p>My staff and teachers <b>I'm</b> in <b>awe</b> of everything you do Your <b>heart</b> for <b>kids</b>, You <b>deserve</b> all the recognition too Ustedes son increible – Ni mun hun ban</p> <p>When you <b>come</b> to work The whole world <b>stops</b> to take a look <b>You're</b> innovative, just the way you are</p>	<p>My wife and daughter You <b>love</b> me un<b>conditionally</b> What <b>can</b> I say, you <b>help</b> me to <b>be</b> the man I want <b>to be</b> Aishiteru, Sarang he yo.</p> <p>At the end of each day When I'm <b>tired</b>, the only thing <b>I</b> can say I <b>love</b> you, just the way you are</p> <p>Oh, I know I know <b>you</b> know I know This is not about me But it <b>is</b> about the team work of our <b>whole</b> school family So, if you want to know how I really feel about this award, hear me say:</p> <p>This award is <b>for</b> you For <b>all</b> the <b>inspiring</b> things that <b>you</b> all do You're amazing just the way you are 'Cause when <b>you</b> shine <b>All</b> the <b>joy</b> in the world <b>is</b> mine You're amazing just the way you are The way you are The way you are You're all amazing just the way you are</p> <p>Kids . . . this award is for you For all the <b>great</b> things in life that you're <b>gonna</b> do You're all amazing just the way you are</p>
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Thank you for all your support of me, of the staff, and of our school. BHIS is truly an incredible place to learn and work. Have a great three-day weekend!

*Mr. Aramaki* – 校長荒牧 - Gg. Aramaki - *Sr. Aramaki*

*Announcements*   *Avisos*   公告   Paunawa   **Thông báo**   *Ogagsiis*

- **It's Not Magic – it's Physics!** – Please join us on **Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-7pm** in the gym for an afternoon of science fun and exploration. **Pacific Science Center** is bringing a mini science center to BHIS. They'll have exhibit sets, experiments and activities for the whole family.
- **Home and Cell Phone Numbers** – Please remember to let the School Office know if your home or cell phone number changes. This way the office has a way of contacting you if your child becomes sick or hurt during the school day.
- **NO SCHOOL TOMORROW** – Tomorrow is a non-student day. BHIS teachers are joining staffs from the other international schools in Seattle for the 2nd Annual SPS International School Symposium – a day of collaboration and learning about how to globalize our curriculum and instruction.

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March 15	<b>NO SCHOOL TOMORROW</b> – Professional Development Day
March 21	<b>Pacific Science Center @ BHIS</b> - All are invited. 3-7pm in the gym