



Dear TIS Parents,

As your PTO President, I would like to welcome you to the 2009-2010 TIS school year. I and the other PTO officers are here to support you and the rest of the parent community at the school.

The year is already off to an exciting start with the arrival of our new Head of School, Dr. Alfonso Orsini. Dr. Orsini possesses a wealth of hands-on experience directing International programs at other leading schools, most recently in Shanghai, China. That broad-based expertise, coupled with his vision-of-excellence, will continue to strengthen TIS's position as the leading language-immersion school in the Pacific Northwest.

A special welcome to the new families!

We have a very unique, diverse and wonderful community at TIS and are happy to have so many new families joining TIS this year. All of our new TIS families are encouraged to be actively involved in your child's education and the school through volunteerism. Participating in the large variety of school events over the past two years, for me, has been tremendously rewarding.

Watching your child make new friends, speak a new language, and appreciate other cultures brings a lifetime of benefits. I encourage both new and returning Pre-K, Low-K and Kindergarten parents to seek out and connect with parents of children in the 4th and 5th grade. Learn first-hand how their time at TIS has enriched their child's educational and life experiences. We'll also provide a number of opportunities for you to talk to TIS graduates and their parents. Those interactions and conversations will cement your understanding of the gift and advantages you are giving your child with their TIS education.

Welcome back to familiar friends.

For returning families, welcome back. I've missed many of the faces I was accustomed to seeing daily during the last two school years. I strongly urge you to stay involved and connected to the school through volunteerism. It is the participation across our entire TIS community that makes TIS the magical place that it is. It helps our children, strengthens our school and builds our community leadership.

Again, welcome to the new TIS school year. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of your other PTO representatives with any questions, suggestions or concerns you have. Together, we'll make this the most rewarding year yet. See you on campus!

Regards,
Kathy Guilfoyle
TIS PTO President