



THE PETERSON SCHOOLS

October 30, 2009

Dear Parents:

I am proud to announce that this month we began our celebration of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Peterson Schools with events at both Tlalpan and Cuajimalpa. We will be celebrating this anniversary throughout the year in all of our events.

Last Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, we celebrated UN Day at the Cuajimalpa Campus. Our keynote speaker was Ms. Gioconda Úbeda Rivera, Ambassador from Costa Rica. She shared with us her vision regarding the importance of multiculturalism and the United Nations. This was followed by the traditional ceremony celebrating each country represented, and by student performances of music and theatre acts. Dr. Marvin Peterson announced our 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the need to support the schools in order to provide our students with the best services possible. Mr. Jose Luis Navarro, President of the Parents Association, unveiled the campaign "*Cimentando Sueños*" to equip the campus with a new Library and Laboratory Wing for the Elementary Building, as well as the project of changing the grass on the football field with artificial turf. Victor Valdez, President of the Campaign, spoke recognizing those families that have already contributed to the Campaign. Then the first stone of the new wing of the Elementary Building was unveiled. Finally, most of the participants enjoyed the wonderful variety of food from many countries, provided by our very active Parent Association.

On Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup>, Flags Day was celebrated at the Tlalpan Campus. Dr. Jorge López, Rector of the Anáhuac University-Southern Campus, was the keynote speaker. He shared with us his reflections on the international aspects of education. Once again, Dr. Peterson announced the start of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. The ceremony honoring each of the countries represented was held, followed by dynamic student performances by each section of the campus, including wonderful dances and exhibitions. Following the formal ceremony, our visitors had the opportunity to visit student booths representing different countries of the Americas, learn about each country and sample their food.

The 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon and renew many key aspects of the school. The last week of November will be our "Feedback Week" in which we will provide opportunities for both, on-line and face to face feedback from you, our students and faculty, to help us in this process of making Peterson the best bilingual school in Mexico.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Peterson  
Director General