

“Dragon Tales”



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"QSI Shekou maintains a rigorous academic program, in a warm and nurturing environment - the preferred school for expatriates in Shenzhen" – QSI parents

Please note: Each of our campuses (ECC, Lower Elementary, Main and Fenghua) also publish weekly newsletters with additional information relevant to their operations and schedules.



Upcoming Events

- **21 January** – School Picture order forms due (see below)
- **23 – 25 January** – ACAMIS Basketball Tournament – Fenghua Gym (see below)
- **28 January** – Chinese New Year Concert – ECC – Old Shekou Theatre (see below)
- **31 January – 4 February** – Chinese New Year Holiday – School Closed
- **18 February** – Korean Parents Meeting in 5/F PSG Room (see below)

Director's Message: Security at QSI Shekou

Dear Parents,

Recently, I was asked to share with the community how security is provided for our school children from busing to building. It is with pleasure that I share this with you.

Transportation services are contracted with a local busing company. This company is responsible for the hiring, training and performance of their drivers. One of the things we ask of the company is to require all drivers to be certified as competent drivers at the appropriate vehicle class level and that they have a criminal background check prior to hiring. As of the new school year, these practices are in place. An additional requirement is to have a bus monitor/supervisor on the bus to monitor the loading and unloading of passengers as well as to monitor the behavior of the students on the bus. This allows the bus driver to concentrate more fully on the road conditions and traffic.

Security of our school buildings is a challenge, but I believe we have a system in place that will help us keep your children safe. However, due to some facility rental situations, we are not able to provide the level of security one might expect in capital cities where schools are assisted by the representative Embassies. In Shekou, only our Early Childhood Center (ECC) has full fencing surrounding the building which makes it easier to keep secure. The other three facilities share buildings with other establishments (stores, theaters, hotels, etc.) and our landlords will not allow us to put a security fence around them. In any case, we strive to provide adequate, trained security personnel in each building with a minimum of two guards during the day and one guard overnight with more in larger areas. Security cameras are installed in each building with monitoring devices near the main entrances of each building. Over the winter holiday, we installed an additional fifteen (15) security cameras to cover areas not previously covered.

Safety is always emphasized in our instructional program and teachers cover fire and earthquake safety in their instructional programs. Fire and earthquake drills are conducted regularly in all buildings. Teachers instruct students on safety in the rooms, playgrounds and common areas.

In the United States and most other foreign countries, employees who are in regular contact with students must have a criminal background check in order to work in a school. Our certified teachers must have such a security check in order to receive their certificates. We are requiring all of our support staff (paraprofessionals, office staff, security, etc.) to provide us with documents that prove they have a clear criminal history. It is possible to do so in China, but may take a few months to ensure that this happens.

We continue to place the safety of your child at the top of our priority list.

Respectfully, Mr. Page – Director

SCHOOL DIRECTORY – DO YOU HAVE YOURS!

Our school office personnel and the PSG have produced a useful phone and email directory.

A directory was sent home LAST week – one per family - with the students. We have tried our best to update family information, but his publication may not be completely accurate. If you find that your family information is incorrect please call the school to report necessary changes for future publications.

If you don't have a directory and want one, first check with your child to see if it might be in his/her backpack. If not, contact the school office for your copy.

Student Picture Order Forms Due 21 January 2011!!!

Parents, don't forget – if you want copies of your child's school pictures, please get the order forms turned in to your child's homeroom teacher or school office by **21 January 2011**.

If you need another order form, please call the office in the building where your child attends.

Please note – we are providing each child with one free student photo ID card. ID cards for students ages 2 – 11 years old will come with a lanyard and will be kept in the classroom with the homeroom teacher and used for field trips and school outings. Students ages 12 and up will be issued an ID card without a lanyard. If lost, students may purchase another card for 20 rmb at the local Kodak shop – (for directions, please call the school office).

ACAMIS Basketball Tournament

2011 ACAMIS Division Orange Basketball Schedule

Game Schedule		
Sunday, January 23		
Opening Ceremony 13:00		
Time	Girls	Boys
13:30	SCIS v QSI	DCB v UIS
14:30	UIS v DCB	DCS v WAB
15:30	DCS v WAB	SCIS v QSI
16:30	SCIS v UIS	DCB v WAB
17:30	DCB v WAB	QSI v DCS
18:30	QSI v DCS	SCIS v UIS
Monday, January 24		
8:30	SCIS v DCB	DCS v DCB
9:30	WAB v QSI	QSI v UIS
10:30	UIS v DCS	SCIS v DCS
11:30	WAB v SCIS	WAB v QSI
12:30	DCS v DCB	UIS v DCS
13:30	QSI v UIS	SCIS v DCB
14:30	SCIS v DCS	UIS v WAB
15:30	QSI v DCB	QSI v DCB

16:30	UIS v WAB	WAB v SCIS
Tuesday, January 25		
Playoffs		
8:30	1 v 4	2 v 3
9:30	2 v 3	1 v 4
5th/6th Place Game		
10:30	5 v 6	5 v 6
Consolidation Round 3 rd v 4 th		
11:30	3 v 4	3 v 4
Championship Final		
12:30	1 v 2	1 v 2
13:30 Awards and lunch/dinner		
15:00 Bus depart for home and airport		

CHINESE NEW YEAR



Chinese New Year Concert-ECC

on Friday, January 28, 2011

at 10:00 am at Old Shekou Theater.

(see the last page for map)



Coffee with Mr. Page

WEDNESDAY, 26 January

8:30 – 9:30 am, 5th flr PSG Room

Topic: Security at QSI Shekou and the Chinese World Language Program

PSG Meeting

...to follow immediately after Coffee with Mr. Page

Please plan to attend both meetings!

PSG President: Peggy Morrison peggymorrison123@gmail.com

Korean Parents Meeting

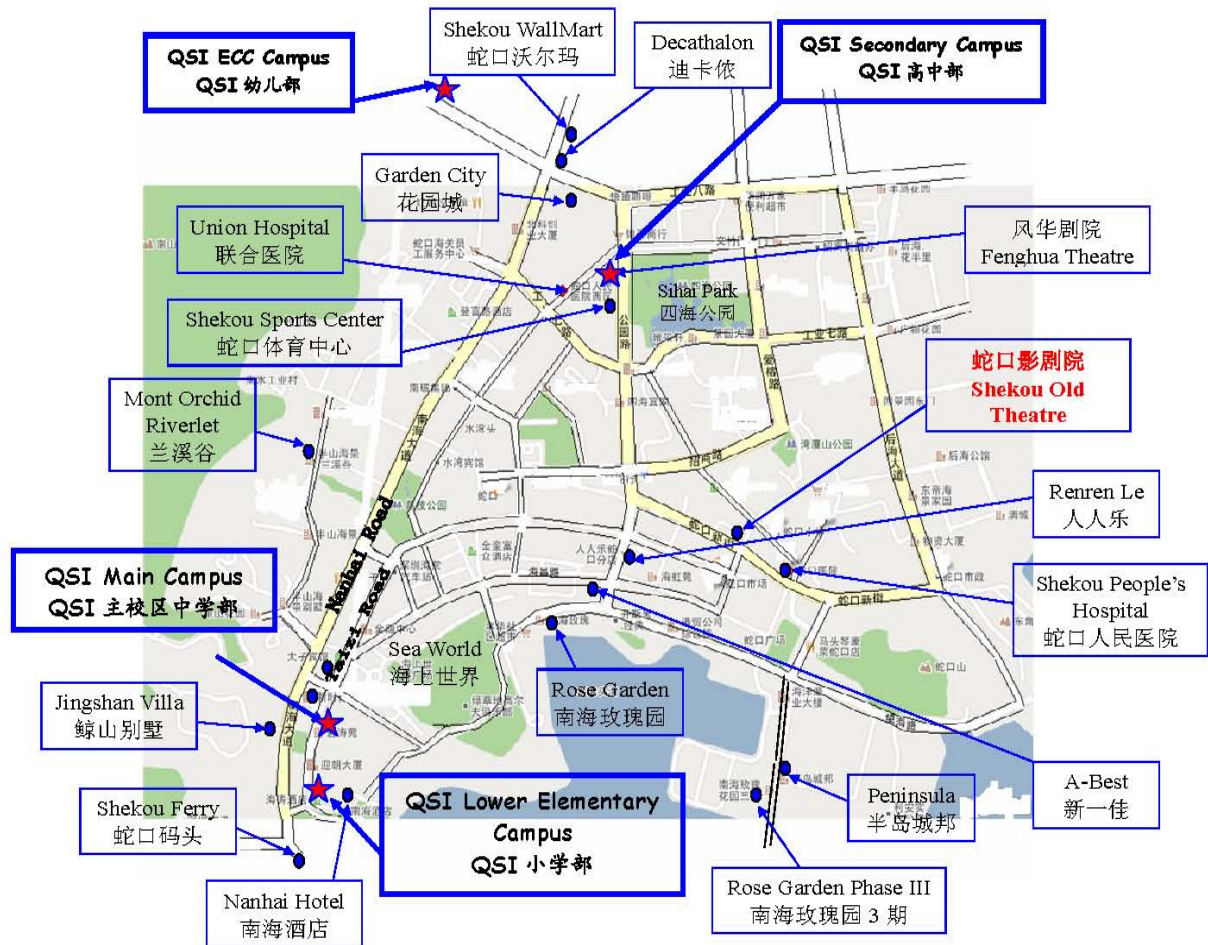
Friday, 18 February

2:30 – 3:30pm, 5/F PSG Room

Geology Rocks! – T Shirst for Sale!

T-shirts are still available for 55 rmb in each building office. Supplies while they last! They are really cool!

Map of Shekou Old Theatre



PARENTS!!!

Please note that this newsletter is published weekly on our website (<http://shekou.qsischool.org/index.htm>) by clicking on "Friday Letter" when you see the home page, or you can view it each Friday afternoon when it is emailed to you. (DO YOU HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS REGISTERED WITH US? CALL STELLA LEE AT 26029896 IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE IT OR ANY NEW FAMILY INFORMATION.)
Going Green!!!

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