



"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.

This newsletter is translated into Chinese and Korean each week. You can access these versions on our website. They are sent to your email every Friday.



Upcoming Events

- **31 January – 4 February – Chinese New Year Holiday – School Closed**
- **16 February – Coffee with Mr. Page and PSG Meeting – see below**
- **15 - 18 February – ERB Writing Tests (more to come after the holidays)**
- **18 February – Korean Parents meeting – see below**
- **23 February – Status Reports sent home**

Director's Message: Happy New Year, Again! Chinese Spring Festival – New Year

Dear QSI Shekou Community Members,

I would like to wish all of you a very happy Chinese New Year, sometimes known as the Lunar New Year and often referred to as Spring Festival. Chinese New Year is the longest and most important festivity in the Chinese Lunar Calendar. The festival traditionally begins on the first day of the first month in the Chinese calendar and ends with Lantern Festival which is on the 15th day.

In ancient times, the lanterns were fairly simple, for only the emperor and noblemen had large ornate ones. In modern times, lanterns have been embellished with many complex designs. For example, lanterns are now often made in shapes of animals. In some regions and countries, this festival is also regarded as the Chinese version of St. Valentine's Day, a day celebrating love and affection between lovers in Chinese tradition and culture.

As we move into the Chinese New Year, a tradition of giving is also celebrated through Red Envelopes or Red Packets. Red envelopes are mainly presented at social and family gatherings such as weddings or on holidays such as the Lunar New Year. The red color of the envelope symbolizes good luck.

It is typical among expatriates living in China to give red envelopes to service workers such as house-keepers (ayis) and security guards in apartment complexes. The amount inside an envelope is not really what is important, it is the recognition and giving from the heart that is more respected.

Respectfully, Mr. Page – Director
(Content adapted from the internet.)

ACAMIS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT A GREAT SUCCESS!

The 2011 ACAMIS Orange Basketball Tournament is complete and a heart felt congratulations goes out to our boys and girls who performed admirably and came away with third place medals and trophies.

A huge thank-you to all our players, coaches, administrators,





teachers, support staff and leadership students who put countless hours of preparation and work needed to pull off a great tournament.

GO DRAGONS!

Coffee with Mr. Page

WEDNESDAY, 16 February, 2010

8:30 – 9:30 am, 5th flr PSG Room

Topic: Open Discussion

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!

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.)
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