

"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

- **3,4 and 5 March** – SDRC Volleyball Championships – hosted by QSI Shekou
- **7 – 8 March** – Class Photos (see below)
- **7 March** – MS Boys and Girls Basketball practice begins – sign up now!
- **12 March** – MS/Sec PRC Cross Country – Co-hosted by SIS and QSI Shekou
- **15 March** – Secondary Career Fair – see below
- **19 March** – Sec PRC Badminton – @ Clifford Intl. School
- **23 – 24 March** – Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences (Students are asked to accompany their parents and be involved in the conferences. – see below)
- **25 March** – NO SCHOOL
- **24 – 26 March** – ACAMIS Badminton Tournament
- **29 March** – MS and Sec Swim Meet – SIS vs. QSI

Director's Message: Staff Changes for 2011-12

Dear Parents,

It is time that an official announcement be made regarding QSI Shekou teaching assignments for the 2011-12 school year.

To begin with, I would like to announce that QSI Shekou will move to a model of having our Elementary, Middle School and Secondary instructional programs supervised by Directors of Instruction. With the exception of the Early Childhood Center, Building Coordinator positions at the Elementary and Middle School levels will be discontinued after this school year. The instructional program at QSI Shekou will be supervised by one Elementary Director of Instruction, one Middle School Director of Instruction and one Secondary Director of Instruction.

Cliff Geis-Poage will become the Elementary Director of Instruction and supervise the Lower Elementary building and Early Childhood Center along with Lisa Kipfer who will remain as ECC Program Coordinator. I am confident Cliff will do a great job.

Ron DeWitt has requested to direct Athletics and Student Activities for our middle school students in the main building. Ron may also help out with some teaching responsibilities yet to be determined. I am sure that Ron, with his experience and skills, will do a fantastic job.

John Kenealy will direct Secondary Athletic and Activities at the Fenghua campus. John may take on some teaching responsibilities, as well. I am sure John will do a fantastic job leading the Secondary (ages 14 - 18 y.o.) Athletics/Activities Program.

New to our administrative team next year will be **Robert Jackson**, a transfer assignment from Kiev, Ukraine. Robert will complete his masters and certification program this spring. He, his wife Lena, and their two children will join us in August. Robert will be the Middle School Director of Instruction at the Main campus. We warmly welcome the Jacksons to our staff.

Linda Christensen will move from 10 year olds to become the Intensive English Program Coordinator. Linda will help lead the Intensive English teacher team and assist our Directors of Instruction with professional development efforts.

Linda brings many years of teacher training to our staff and we welcome the opportunity of having her in a teacher leadership role for next year.

Mike DeHart will become our IT Coordinator to help lead us in our improvement efforts in the areas of IT systems, using technology in classrooms and school information systems. Mike will work closely with the technology teaching team, the administrative team and key office staff to keep QSI Shekou growing in a positive direction technologically.

New to our counseling team will be **Eric Afinson**. He will be serving students 9 - 13 years old in the Main campus building. Eric comes to us from Minnesota.

Other in-Building Transfers are:

Abbe DeWitt - From 7 year olds to LE Intensive English
Jacqueline Smyth - From 9 year olds to 8 year olds
Leah Souder - from 8 y.o. (maternity leave) to part time LE Intensive English
Kelsey Hyatt - from 5 year olds to LE PE/Intensive English
Shannon King - from 6 year olds to 8 year olds
Precila Mathieu - from UE/MS French/IE to full time IE
Deana Beers - from MS teacher to 9 year olds
Rob Desormeau - from Intensive English to 11 year olds
Mike Woodhead - from 11 year olds to MS P.E.
Katie Warner - from IE to UE/MS Library
Tim Oliver - from MS IE to MS LA/Read/CS
Katie Hemphill - from IE to Secondary Library and Sec Music
Erin Kenealy - from IE to Secondary Art
Jocelyn Baker - from Sec Math to IB Coordinator/Math
Natasha Van Winkle - from Sec Library to Sec IE

New to our teaching staff:

Kristi Lochala - 2 year olds (Arkansas, USA)
Jessica Surface - 2 year olds (USA - spouse of Brian Surface - Sec P.E. - QSI Kazakhstan)
Paula Welsh - 4 year olds (from Oshawa, Canada)
Leo Steinberg - 5 year olds (Ottawa, Canada)
Shelley Thomas - 6 year olds (Washington, USA)
Cathy Raabe - 7 year olds (Montreal, Canada – From QSI Kazakhstan)
Susan Webster - 8 year olds (New Zealand)
Emily Tower - 9 year olds (Vermont, USA – From QSI Chengdu)
Evan Tarleton - 10 year olds (Ontario, Canada)
Brock Raabe - 10 year olds (Wisconsin, USA – From QSI Kazakhstan))
David Lamweres - 12 year olds (Minnesota, USA)
Brittan Aebischer - MS Art (Idaho, USA)
James Ramey - 9 - 11 P.E. (from Tennessee, USA)
Lindsay Lamwers - UE/MS Technology (Minnesota, USA)
Grant Welsh - MS Sci/Math (from Oshawa, Canada)
Nareyda Alonzo-Ramey - Secondary Spanish/IE (from Tennessee, USA)
Scott Carpenter - Secondary Technology (Texas, USA)
Matthew Storey - Secondary Science (Washington, USA)
Robert Webster - Secondary Science (New Zealand)
Jason Montgomery - Secondary Science (Tennessee, USA)
Sarah Penney - Secondary Humanities (Nova Scotia, Canada - QSI Albania)
Jane Tarleton - LE Intensive English (Ontario, Canada)
Jessica Fox - LE Intensive English (Washington, USA)
Cheri Carpenter - UE Intensive English (Texas, USA)
Amy Steigberg - UE Intensive English (Ottawa, Canada)
Kayla Briseno - MS Intensive English (Texas, USA)
Nathan Lochala - MS Intensive English (Arkansas, USA)
Stephen Briseno - MS Intensive English (Texas, USA)
Sarrah Carr - MS Intensive English (Colorado, USA)
Zhanna Montgomery - MS Intensive English (Tennessee, USA)
Jeff Thomas - MS Intensive English (Washington, USA)
Michael Wilkins - Sec Math (Ohio, USA)
Kristie Wilkins - 5 year olds (Ohio, USA)

I am sure you will join me in welcoming these new hires to QSI Shekou. We look forward to meeting them in August.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to the following staff members: (desinations)

Brad and Karla Goth - Saudi Arabia
Shannon and Lindsay Haggard – Saudi Arabia
Patti Hammer – United States
Karl and Irene Braun – Saudi Arabia
Adam Laughlin – United States
Kari and Sean LePouttre – Slovakia (QSI Bratislava)
Rob Peters – Kuwait
Carla and Randall Friesen – Saudi Arabia
Dan and Mirka Blaho – Ukraine (QSI Kiev)
Frank and Debbie Galicia – Slovakia (QSI Bratislava)
Jack and Coree Rundell – Saudi Arabia
Jeff Walden – elsewhere in China
Rick Heeg – elsewhere in China

We will miss all of these fabulous people and the contributions they have made to our school. I hope you get a chance to wish them all the best before they leave.

All other staff members not listed above will remain in their current positions.

Respectfully, Mr. Russell Page – Director

GOOD NEWS!
The 2011-12 School Calendar is now available for viewing on our
website. (<http://shekou.qsischool.org/index.htm>)
Click on Calendar!

More About Flu Season...

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your cooperation as we take the necessary steps to prevent the spread of illness in our schools.

The office staff / nurses will request a doctor's note from you, if your child has been ill with:

- An elevated temperature (over 37.5C) **WITH**
- A cough and / or sore throat **WITH**
- Extreme fatigue and body aches

We ask that you remind your child to stop by the office with the doctor's note before returning to their classroom.

Please encourage all members of your family to:

- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly
- Use tissues to cover nose / mouth if sneeze or cough
- Stay home if not feeling well

Does my child have the Flu or the Common Cold? Refer to chart below:

QUESTION?	FLU	COMMON COLD
ONSET OF ILLNESS	SUDDEN	SLOW
DO YOU HAVE A	HIGH FEVER (37.5+)	NO/MILD FEVER
EXHAUSION LEVEL?	SEVERE	MILD
IS YOUR HEAD?	ACHY	HEADACHE-FREE
IS YOUR APPETITE	DECREASED	NORMAL

ARE YOUR MUSCLES	ACHY	FINE
DO YOU HAVE	CHILLS	NO CHILLS

If your answers fall under the first category, chances are you are dealing with the flu. If they fall under the second category you probably have a cold. Either one-take care of yourself! Lots of rest, fluids, medicate as needed and see your doctor if symptoms progress.

We will continue to monitor temperatures through 15 March 2011.

Thank you – QSI Shekou Administration

SDRC Volleyball Championships

March 3,4 & 5, 2011 – Hosted here at QSI Shekou

Opening ceremonies will be held for on athletes on Thursday morning, March 3, at the Main Campus
Competition to follow over the next 3 days at the Fenghua Sports Center (Secondary Campus)



Career Fair!

The Secondary Career Fair will be happening this year on Tuesday, March 15. It will be from 8:30am to 12:00 noon. We are seeking participants who are willing to attend and speak on their career(s). This opportunity is simple and has great meaning for our students – share your professional background so that our students will have insight into career opportunities and the path that led to make each happen.

You will make 3 or 4 short presentations to groups of students. The estimated time for each presentation will be less than 30 minutes and will include ample time for questions and any display (optional) you may like to present. Your presentation outline may look like this:

- Introduction
- Current career
 - Length of career
 - Duties
 - Education background
 - Career “ladder”
 - Past careers
- Questions

I hope you will consider this gift of time to our school. ***If you have a spouse and/or colleague who would like to join the fun, please extend them an invitation on our behalf!***

David Lewis (david-lewis@shk.qsi.org) will be your contact point. Please indicate your interest and participation as soon as it is possible. Thank you for your participation.

Coffee with Mr. Page

WEDNESDAY, 16 March 2011

9:00 am, 5th flr PSG Room

Topic: World Languages at QSI Shekou

PSG Meeting

...to follow immediately after Coffee with Mr. Page
Please plan to attend both meetings!

PSG President: Peggy Morrison peggymorrison123@gmail.com

Class Photos

Monday, March 7 – 9 a.m. – 12 noon – Ages 5 – 13

Tuesday, March 8 – 10 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – Ages 2 - 4

Tuesday, March 8 – 12 noon – 3 p.m. – Ages 14 - 18

Student, Parent, Teacher Conferences

23 and 24 March 2011

Wednesday 1pm to 8:30pm

Thursday 8:30am to 8:30pm

Teachers will take lunch and dinner breaks

Students are dismissed at 12pm on Wednesday. Student will not eat lunch in school.

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 25 MARCH 2011

- For students age 2 – 11 years old: By appointment only – **parents must call** the office to arrange a conference time. **We will not be calling parents from the school – please call the school building your child attends!! Simply call 2667-6031 and be prepared to give your child's name, age and the name of your child's teacher.**
- For students age 12 – Secondary 4:
We are going to conduct **arena conferences** for our middle school and secondary students again this time. Arena conferences require **no appointments**. If you are a parent of a middle school student (age 12 – 13) or a secondary student (age 14 – 18) all you need to do is come to the Main Building (12 -13 year olds) or the Fenghua Building (14 – 18 year olds) and you will be directed to a general meeting area for conferences.

Third Term Tuition Fees due to Accounting Office

It is time to start thinking about paying third term fees if you haven't done so already.

The due date is 25 March 2011! (This is a correction!)

Please make sure to contact the Accounting Office (2667-6031) or maggie-lagura@shk.qsi.org if you have any questions or concerns regarding your invoice.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter.

First Annual QSI Science Fair coming this spring!

Middle School and Secondary students are currently being instructed on the requirements.

Projects will be judged and displayed in April.

STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS from your child's science teachers.

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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