

## "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

- **12 March** – MS/Sec PRC Cross Country – Co-hosted by SIS and QSI Shekou – Shekou International School - Jingshan Village – 8:30 a.m.
- **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
- **30 March** – Secondary Career Fair – see below

#### Director's Message: Special Student Services and QSI Shekou

Dear Parents,

Quality Schools International, the parent non-profit company of QSI Shekou, does not provide special education services nor do we suggest that we have functioning special education programs at our schools. What we do have are small class sizes with a model of teaching that can potentially support most children with mild to moderate learning challenges and disorders. We are not unlike most international schools in that we do not hire staff required to provide formal Special Education programming. We have found at times there is a misunderstanding with many parents that go overseas for the first time whereby they expect to find a wide array of special education specialist teachers, occupational therapists, physical therapists, school psychologists, and speech therapists with active programs in the schools. In QSI Shekou this is not the case.

QSI Shekou requests that parents provide the school with information regarding any special needs services previously received and requires a permission form to contact leaders in the institutions where the services were provided. (A "Release of Information" form is provided in our Application Packet for this purpose.) Parents must realize that this does not mean we will provide the same past services, but rather utilize the information to learn about the needs of their children and modify our program to help the student be successful, if possible. There are times, however when the services we have available in our school are not adequate to provide these educational services.

If, after we have implemented modifications to a student's learning program, and it is determined by our instructional leaders that QSI Shekou is not able to provide adequate services for a student, the following options will be presented to a parent.

**Option 1:** The parent may seek additional services outside the curricular, physical boundaries and time parameters of the school. If this option is selected the parent will be responsible for the costs of such a program. If possible, QSI Shekou will assist the parent in locating such programs.

**Option 2:** The parent may request a reduction of the daily schedule to access additional educational services outside the curricular and physical boundaries of the school, but still within the school day to seek help from other services. If this option is selected the student will still be held responsible for completion of the core academic program at QSI Shekou. In other words, students may not be pulled from their Reading, Literature, Writing, and Mathematics, Cultural Studies or Science curricular areas. In rare cases students may be pulled from their Physical Education, Technology, World Language or classes related to the Visual and Performing Arts. However, this will be strictly limited to very special cases and determined by the schools leadership team. In order to graduate and earn a diploma, all QSI students must complete the requirements to do so. In most cases, the reduction of schedule will be limited to release from school time devoted to extra curricular activities, such as non-credit music, arts/crafts or sports activities. This option does allow for a student to be pulled from his/her regular school day for special instruction, but only for brief periods of time. (See note below)

**Option 3:** The parent may suggest that a one-on-one assistant be arranged to help a child during the school day. The recruiting, hiring and cost of the one-on-one assistant will be the responsibility of the parent. School leadership reserves the right to review the qualifications and must approve any adult working in the school. A criminal background check will be required of any such personnel.

**Option 4:** The parent is free to seek educational services elsewhere.

**Note: At no time may parents pull a child from regular classes and tutor the child themselves on school premises. This is reserved for home-schooling situations outside of the school day and school program.**

In all cases, there will be no reduction of fees. For all outside services beyond the scope of the QSI educational system, all costs for special need services in addition to the fess outlined in the school handbook are the responsibility of the parent. QSI does not have a part-time attendance policy or part-time fee structure. If this special tutoring has to do with special learning needs and it is determined by the parents and school leadership that the student would be better served if the school set this up, this may be allowed. This might include pull-out time and/or in-classroom assistance. The school reserves the right to interview anyone considered to provide such services doing so on school property. As mentioned above, the parent is responsible for all related costs. The school does not accept the liability of parent sponsored assistants or specialists. In all cases the parent accepts the responsibility of checking the background of anyone working with their child. Parents requesting such services will complete a facility use form and abide by the terms of the facility use policy.

QSI tuition scholarships will not be granted based solely for the purpose of providing special needs services. If, however, a parent wishes to apply for a scholarship based on the ability to pay for QSI services, only, they are free to do so by contacting the director.

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!**

**CONGRATULATIONS DRAGONS!**

**QSI Fairs Well in SDRC Tournament**

Our boys and girls volleyball teams performed very well in last weekend's tournament.

## GIRLS

Girls Yellow Dragons -- FIRST PLACE!!!

Girls Blue Dragons -- THIRD PLACE!!

GIRLS SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD -- QSI BLUE DRAGONS !!!

### Girls All Tournament Team Selections

Yellow Dragons-- Rosiline Org and Yoon Hua Kim

Blue Dragons-- Alice Lee and Audrey Paugh

## BOYS

Boys Yellow Dragons -- SECOND PLACE!!!

### Boys All Tournament Team Selections

Yellow Dragons-- Luke Kipfer and Saren Westrop

Blue Dragons-- Brian Ko and Jing Sen Goh

Congratulations to all of our players and to Boys Tournament Coaches, Karl Braun, Mike Woodhead and Matt Smith and Girls Tournament Coaches Frank Galicia and Amy Hunt!!! A very special thanks to Mr. John Kenealy, QSI Shekou Middle School Athletics/Activities Director for all those countless hours spent organizing and managing the tournament. Thanks John!!!



## Career Fair!

### CHANGE OF DATE!

The Secondary Career Fair date has been changed to will be happening this year on Wednesday, **March 30**. 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 presentations to groups of students. The time 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 floor 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](mailto:peggymorrison123@gmail.com)

### **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 Thursday. 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](mailto: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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