

"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

- **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
- **4 - 5 April** – Ching Ming Holiday – NO SCHOOL

Director's Message: Summer School at QSI Shekou

Dear Parents,

Summer school is a tradition here at QSI Shekou and we will be offering a program again this summer.

There will be three different options for our families to choose from during the summer. All programs will begin 13 June and end 20 July. Students will begin on Tuesday, 14 June and end on Tuesday, 19 July. This will give our teachers one day before to set up the classroom and one day after to close down. This will be a morning program, from 9 a.m - 12 noon. All options are open **only to currently enrolled QSI students**. Students not enrolled for the 2011-12 school year will not be allowed to choose an option.

Option 1: We will be offering a program at our ECC campus for our QSI Early Childhood Center students who will be entering our 3, 4 or 5 year old program in August 2011. (In other words, our currently enrolled 2, 3 and 4 year olds plus any new students enrolled for the 2011-12 school year.) This program will continue to focus on QSI's English reading readiness, beginning reading, and mathematics curriculum.

Option 2: We will be offering a program at our Main Campus for our students who are entering our 6 - 13 year old program in August 2011-12 plus any new students enrolled for the 2011-12 school year.) This program will focus on two areas:

- a continuation of the QSI Curriculum areas in which the student needs additional time to complete units not completed during the 2010-11 school year or is in need of extra time to master particular TSWs and course units (this includes Chinese language); or....
- a continuation of the Intensive English program in which the student was progressing at the end of the 2010-11 school year. New students who are enrolled for the 2011-12 school year will be assessed to determine where their English instruction will begin.

Option 3: We will be offering a program at our Fenghua Campus for our students who are entering our Secondary 1 through Secondary 3 program. This program will focus on three areas....

- a continuation of the QSI Curriculum areas in which the student needs additional time to complete courses not completed during the 2010-11 school year in Literature, Writing, Cultural Studies, World Languages or Science;
- extra time to complete units in any course that is required for graduation from QSI; or...
- a continuation of the Intensive English program in which the student was progressing at the end of the 2010-11 school year. New students who are enrolled for the 2011-12 school year will be assessed to determine where their English instruction will begin.

In addition to our morning program, we will offer an afternoon sports/activities option in our Main Campus for our elementary and middle schools students. This will basically be a drop-in for our QSI Shekou students only. This will be held in the Main Campus gym from 12:30 P.M. - 3:30 p.m., 14 June – 19 July 2011. The charge will be 50 rmb for each daily open gym activity time. The gym supervisor will collect the fees from each child daily.

Look for a sign up form coming soon.

Respectfully, Mr. Russell Page – Director

Shenzhen Deputy Mayor Visit QSI Shekou



On Wednesday of this week Shenzhen deputy mayor Ms. Wu Yi Huan along with officials from the Shenzhen Education Bureau and the Nanshan Education Bureau visited QSI Shekou, met with Mr. Page and toured the main campus building. Ms. Wu and her colleagues visited with teachers and students as they asked Mr. Page questions about the school, QSI curriculum and western instructional practices.

It quickly became evident that local officials are very interested in forming a positive relationship with QSI Shekou that will last well into the future. Mr. Page shared with the officials plans for opening a new school in the next two years and invited the guests to visit the school upon its completion. We always love showing off our wonderful school!

TRAGEDY IN JAPAN DEEPLY CONCERNS PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD – WE CAN HELP!

Last week's catastrophic earthquake and ensuing tsunami will continue to affect the citizens of Japan for months and years to come. QSI Shekou is rallying to help! Mrs. Reiko Yokota, one of our Japanese patrons, is interested in organizing fund raising events in each of our campuses. Mrs. Yokota has graciously volunteered to also send collected funds to the Japan Red Cross in the name of QSI Shekou. Thank you, very much, Mrs. Yokota!

More specific information will be coming to you soon.

WHEN YOU SEE COLLECTION OPPORTUNITIES IN OUR CAMPUS RECEPTION AREAS OR OTHER PLACES AROUND OUR SCHOOL, PLEASE GIVE WHAT YOU CAN TO HELP THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SO GRAVELY STRICKEN BY THIS TRAGEDY.

ATTENTION PARENTS!
COFFEE WITH MR. PAGE and QSI PSG MEETINGS WILL BE CHANGED TO THURSDAYS!

Coffee with Mr. Page

THURSDAY, 31 March 2011

9:00 am, 5th floor PSG Room

Topic: Summer School at QSI Shekou (Notice: Change of Topic)

PSG Meeting

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

Please plan to attend both meetings!

PSG President: Peggy Morrison 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 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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