

"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

- **25 March – NO SCHOOL**
- **24 – 26 March – ACAMIS Badminton Tournament**
- **29 March – Swimming season starts – swim meet (SIS and QSI) TBA**
- **30 March – Secondary Career Fair – call the Fenghua campus for details**
- **4 - 5 April – Ching Ming Holiday – NO SCHOOL**
- **9 April – SYSP Soccer – First Day**
- **14 – 15 April – ACAMIS Secondary Soccer**
- **19 April – End of 4th Quintile – Status Reports go Home**
- **23 April – ACAMIS Swim Meet**
- **28 April – 1st Annual Secondary Science Fair**

Director's Message: *Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools (MSA) – What is it? What does it Mean?*

Dear Parents,

QSI Schools, like many international schools throughout the world, must be accredited (approved to operate as a college preparatory program) by an international organization. For QSI Shekou that organization is the **Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools**, more commonly known here as **MSA**. MSA is based in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA and is the accrediting organization for high schools and colleges in several states in the United States as well as many international schools throughout the world.

To be accredited by MSA there are many requirements a school must demonstrate. This includes, but is not limited to hiring teachers and administrators who have a high level of education and are certified in their respective fields/subject areas, making sure the buildings and facilities are safe for students and employees and providing a curriculum and instructional program that, if properly implemented, that will allow its graduates a chance to attain a secondary (high school) diploma recognized in the United States and elsewhere around the world.

QSI Shekou became accredited in 2006 after more than one year of preparation and an evaluation visit by members of MSA. We are now accredited to operate as an MSA approved school until 2013. Recently we submitted our mid-term review report to MSA and we are proud to say that we received a glowing report from the MSA review team. The next step for QSI Shekou will be a visitation from one or more members of MSA. This will happen in the fall of 2011. One of the main reasons MSA will be visiting us in the fall is our rapid growth since 2006. We have more than doubled our student population!

A major component of the MSA accreditation is what is called an **Accreditation For Growth (AFG)** plan. This plan is created by the school and involves all constituencies in the school community – teachers, administrators, students and parents. An MSA Planning Team serves as the steering committee that leads the school in the continuous growth and improvement process. This team analyzes student performance data and

sets goals for improvement. During the current accreditation period, four (4) subcommittees were formed to address four (4) goal areas – writing, reading, success orientations and technology.

Next week I will share with you the particular goals and objectives/activities in each of these four subcommittee areas. Hopefully this week's Director's message and the information in next week's message will help give you a clear picture of how we continually strive to improve our services to our students and families.

Respectfully,

Mr. Russell Page - Director

HELP JAPAN? YES WE CAN!

The catastrophic earthquake and ensuing tsunami continues to affect the citizens of Japan. QSI Shekou is rallying to help!

Mrs. Reiko Yokota has organized 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 EVERY OTHER THURSDAY! (NOTE: NO LONGER ON WEDNESDAYS)

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

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!!!

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Going Green!!



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