

“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. You can now access them easily on our website!



Upcoming Events

- **2 - 3 May** – May Holiday – **NO SCHOOL**
- **4 – 6 May** - Art Festival/Scavenger Hunt – Main Campus
- **7 May (Saturday)** – Strawberry Tea , 1 – 5 p.m. – Main Campus (see below)
- **9 – 27 May** – Spring MAP testing (watch for more information on this from your child’s campus leadership team.)
- **19 and 20 May** – Secondary Drama Production (see below)

Director’s Message: Languages Other Than English at QSI Shekou

Dear Parents,

At QSI Shekou, we offer students the opportunity to learn a language other than English, the language of use in our school. Students ages 6 - 11 years old take the host country language (Chinese). Beginning at age 12 years old, students may choose to take French as their choice of Language Other Than English. Beginning at age 14 years old, students may also choose Spanish or German, giving students four Languages Other Than English to choose from at the secondary level.

For the past few years we have also offered a “heritage language” program for students who are native Chinese or French speakers. However, beginning in 2012-13, the French for French Speakers program offered at the 6 – 11 year old levels, will no longer be offered, only French as a Language Other Than English, beginning at age 12 years old. If we are able to find adequate staff and the student interest remains high we will offer the French for French Speakers program for one more year – through 2011-12. **QSI Administration reserves the right to cease offering a second language program if the numbers of interested students does not warrant the costs of providing such a program.**

Note: Starting in 2011-12 there will be no Language Other Than English program offerings, but only for the ages 6 – 13 years old.

In summary:

Languages Other Than English Programs at QSI through the 2012-13 school year will be...

- 2011-12 Chinese (ages 6 – 18 years of age including AP and IB at the Secondary level); French (ages 12 - 18 years of age); Spanish (ages 14 – 18 years of age); German (ages 14-18 years of age)
- 2012 – 13 (same as 2011-12)

Native (Heritage) Speaker Language Programs at QSI through the 2012-13 year will be...

- 2011-12 French for French Speakers (ages 6 – 11 years of age); Heritage Chinese (ages 6 – 18 years of age)

- 2012-13 Heritage Chinese (ages 6 – 18 years of age) only

Respectfully, Mr. Page

Attention Parents!
Would you like to save \$1,000 U.S. on next year's tuition fees?
READ ON!

Discount Policy

Discounts are available provided the entity responsible for the fees has completed the discount policy form requesting the discount. (***Contact Maggie Lagura, maggie-lagura@qsi.org, to receive your discount policy form.***)

Standard Policy: Discounts of \$100 each will be given for full term payments made on or before the due dates. An additional discount of \$200 will be given if the full annual payment is completed on or before the first of October 2011. Thus, a total discount of \$500 is possible for students enrolled in the 5 year-old class and above. However, if the first term payment is not received before the first term due date, but the entire year payment is made by 1 October 2011, the maximum discount is \$400. There is no discount available for the 2, 3, and 4 year-old classes or scholarship students.

If the full payment of tuition for the 2011-12 school year is paid in U.S. dollars by wiring it to our U.S. bank by June 1, 2011, an additional \$500 discount will be given. This applies to students in the five year old full day program and above, only, and is not available for scholarship students or preschool students.

Organizations or parents are encouraged to donate their timely payment discounts. The school's Advisory Board, with recommendations from the Director, will decide how these funds will be utilized. If you wish to donate your discounts, please let Maggie Lagura know (see above.)

Note: If the full payment is made by the required date, and the discount is not taken, the discount will automatically be allocated to use chosen by the Advisory Board with recommendations from the Director.

For further questions regarding this great opportunity and information on how to donate your discount to the school, please contact Maggie.

Don't miss this chance to save your hard earned money!!!

Strawberry Tea!

I'm sure that you've seen the posters announcing the upcoming Strawberry Tea in the hallways of our Main and Elementary Campus'. **The Strawberry Tea is a talent show/dessert fundraiser that has happened in the QSI gymnasium for several years now.** Students ages 5-13 **who pass the auditions** will perform on stage while people sit at nicely decorated tables, enjoy a nice piece of vanilla cake with pink frosting and ice cream – all for a simple donation of 50 rmb. Middle school student volunteers wait on each table. All proceeds go to various charities such as the Children's Cancer Centre in HK, Captivating International, and Japan relief. We will also have a silent auction of themed baskets in the main campus cafeteria to help raise even more money! Our PSG will be running this Silent Auction this year. ☺

The main event will be on Saturday, May 7th in the QSI Main Campus building.

First Show: 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Silent Auction – Multipurpose Room

Second Show: 3:30 – 5 p.m.

We know that many QSI students are talented, so this is a perfect opportunity to shine. Bands, singing combos, soloists, instrument players, poetry readers, dancers, actors, jugglers, magic tricks, stand-up comics, gymnasts, and so much more!

Jessica Paugh - For the Strawberry Tea Committee

Cake Donations for Strawberry Tea

We are asking parents to donate a cake or cakes for the Strawberry Tea on May 7th.

-The cake should be yellow or white with or without frosting. If you preferred to frost the cake, please use a pink vanilla frosting.



-Drop in for cakes will be at the main campus rm. 202, on May 7th between 11:00am to 1:00pm.



If you are donating a cake or have any questions, please email Alma Diaz at alma-diaz@shk.qsi.org

QSI Secondary Drama Presents, the 2005 Tony Award Winning Musical
The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

A group of 12 year old misfits participate in a county Spelling Bee in which only one will be crowned the champion and go onto the famous National Spelling Bee. Music, dancing, and definitely comedy, ensue as character vie for first place. The show includes some elements of improvisation and audience participation as some spellers are chosen from our very own teaching staff (*ahead of time of course*) to become a part of **The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee** - *One of the funniest musicals to hit Broadway in years and winner of the prestigious 2005 Tony Award for musicals.* This is sure to be a great drama production for the whole family.

May 19th and 20th, 7:00 pm
Fenghua Theater (connected to the high school campus)
35 RMB

The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre: The Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong



The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Center was established in 1995. It is the first cancer centre in HK to specialize in the diagnosis and treatment of childhood cancer. As is true in many medical centers, The Lady Pao Children's Cancer Centre is lacking appropriate funding in maintaining up-to-date and/or innovative equipment, medication and rehabilitation equipment. The Center is close to our hearts having provided first class treatment

for over a year to the Oliver Rodrigues-Hesketh, 2 year old brother to Pascale of Lower Elementary Student. All proceeds raised at the bake sale will go to help future funding of much needed medical treatment and equipment in recognition of the hospital and its staff's dedication to this particular patient.



Coffee with Mr. Page

THURSDAY, 12 May 2011
9:00 am, 5th floor PSG Room

PSG Meeting

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

PSG President: Peggy Morrison peggymorrison123@gmail.com

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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