

## “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*

### Upcoming Events

- **2 – 3 December** – Secondary Drama Productions – Fenghua Campus – Theater in the Round – 3<sup>rd</sup> floor – 7 p.m.
- **7 December (Tuesday)** – Annual QSI Shekou “Winter Concerts” – All performances will be in the Fenghua Theater – on the Secondary Campus (Details upcoming) (Note: this is change in date announcement from last week – sorry!) ECC performs at 4:00 p.m, Elementary and Middle School perform at 5:30 p.m., Secondary performs at 7:30 p.m. **DON'T MISS THIS FUN EVENT!**
- **10 December** – Last Day of School before winter break
- **4 January** – School resumes – full day

### Director's Message: Information Nights Informative and Successful

Dear Parents,

Earlier this week I attended the Information Nights at the ECC, Lower Elementary and Main campuses and I must say, I was impressed with what I saw. From tasty bead (fruit loop) necklaces and creative games at the ECC to Viking shields and boats at the Lower Elementary to the Reformation and “Geology Rocks” at the Main campus, I got the feeling that not only are students learning valuable knowledge and curriculum, but it was obvious they are having lots of fun doing it.



Parents who attended were engaged in the some of the same learning activities their children experienced and on some occasions the students themselves were teaching their parents about what they had learned. What a wonderful thing to see!

I am very proud of our teaching staff for the way they work with the students and I am proud of the efforts the students make to be successful. I hope you had a chance to visit during your child's Information Night.

Respectfully, Mr. Page – Director

### **Traffic at Lower Elementary – Problematic!**

Parents of Lower Elementary Students (ages 5 – 8 years),

Recently, the Shekou police department has begun to step up its surveillance of the corner adjacent to the Lower Elementary building. Cars and buses parked illegally may now run the risk of being fined on the spot or photographed and fined later. The street crossing has no traffic control lights. It does not have adequate parking for the volume of cars we get during school drop-off in the mornings or school pick-up in the afternoons.

We are now providing security guards and other staff members to help parents quickly drop off students by escorting the young ones into the building. Parents or drivers can then be on their way and not impede traffic. Please do not “double” park your car on the street – it blocks traffic flow.

## **New Cell Phone Emergency Service for QSI Shekou Families and Staff!!**

**We are now able to communicate to our QSI Shekou parents via a new emergency cell phone text message system. In the event we need to contact you because of an emergency school closure – inclement weather, power and plumbing outage, etc., we will now be able to do that with ease.**

*China Mobile* phone users will receive the text message from this number: **106571090607046666**

*China Unicom* cell phone users will receive the text message from this number: **1655057291689999**

*China Telecom* cell phone users will receive the text message from this number: **10659020010178888**

In the messages, we will specify the text message is sent by “QSI Shekou” so you can quickly recognize it.

**It is very important that you inform the school if your cell phone number has changed!**

**Don't wait, call Stella Lee at 2667-6031 or email her at [stella-lee@shk.qsi.org](mailto:stella-lee@shk.qsi.org)**

## **ATTENTION ALL PATRONS!**

QSI Shekou has changed the school calendar!

Occasionally the Chinese Government establishes its government holidays late in the year which poses problems for our school calendar.

With this in mind we are changing some of our school holidays to more closely align with the Chinese government holiday. **We are not able to match perfectly with the government's holiday schedule, but it is better than before.** This effects only the holidays from January through June of 2011.

PLEASE NOTE AND RECORD THE FOLLOWING!

### **■ Second Term ■**

- ✿ First Day: 4 January (Tuesday)
- ✿ Last Day: 25 March (Friday)
- ✿ Holidays: 31 January – 4 February (Monday – Friday) Chinese New Year  
26 February (Saturday) Professional Development

Quintile 3: 8 December - 24 February

Quintile 4: 25 February – 19 April

### **■ Third Term ■**

- ✿ First Day: 28 March (Monday)
- ✿ Last Day: 10 June (Friday)
- ✿ Holidays: 4 April – 5 April (Monday – Tuesday) Ching Ming Festival  
2 May – 3 May (Monday - Tuesday) May Day Holiday

Quintile 5: 20 April – 10 June

## **Coffee with Mr. Page**

**WEDNESDAY, 8 December 2010**

**8:30 – 9:30 am, 5th floor MPR**

Topic: Professional Development – How we are working to provide better service for your children.

## **PSG Meeting**

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

Topic: Lunches at QSI Shekou – What can we do?

Please plan to attend both meetings!

## Elementary and Middle School Needs Special Volunteers

PSG is looking for Parent Liaisons for the Age 5 through Age 13 Classrooms. The primary responsibility of the Parent Liaison is to facilitate communication between the teacher and parents. Please email Peggy Morrison at [peggymorrison123@gmail.com](mailto:peggymorrison123@gmail.com) if you are interested.

### AVIAN FLU AWARENESS

Dear Parents,

With the recent reports regarding Avian flu (H5N1) we would like to reassure you that we are monitoring and taking all precautions recommended by the health department. The global health organizations are closely tracking any suspected cases of the flu and taking preventative measures.

Avian flu (H5N1) is endemic, consistently present, among Chinese poultry. It can only spread from human to human if the virus undergoes genetic changes. The virus can be killed by good hand washing technique, thorough cleaning of cooking surfaces, and avoiding raw or undercooked meat and other foods.

To reduce your risk of exposure please:

- Avoid live animal markets, poultry and pig farms
- Wash hands frequently and thoroughly
- Wash hands before and after handling food
- Cook foods thoroughly

If you or a member of your family develops any flu like symptoms (cough, diarrhea, fever, headache, muscle aches, runny nose, sore throat, difficulty breathing), please consult with your physician.

### MEDICATION POLICY FOR PARENTS

**If your child needs to take medication during the school day, you must see the nurse.**

- **The nurse will obtain information regarding the medication, reason for the prescription, side effects and proper dispensing of**
- **All medication will be dispensed by the nurse only**
- **All medication must be clearly labeled and in an appropriate container**
- **No medication should be sent with your child in their backpack**
- **You must have a doctor's note stating the need for the medication**
- **You must sign a Medication Permission Form obtained from the nurse**

**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sarah W. Kenealy RN, LCMHC at the Lower Elementary Building – 26680522 Thank you for your cooperation!**

### 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 13724359384 IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE IT OR ANY NEW FAMILY INFORMATION.)  
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