

“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

- **7 December (Tuesday)** – Annual QSI Shekou “Winter Concerts” (See below)
- **10 December** – ECC 2 yo Winter Concert – 10 a.m. – What fun!
- **10 December** – Last Day of School before winter break
- **4 January** – School resumes – full day

Director’s Message: Emergency Text Message System Successful!

Dear Parents,

As you may know, on Wednesday afternoon, a main water line near the ferry terminal and the campus of the QSI Lower Elementary school broke and the school was nearly flooded. The city maintenance was able to turn the water off, but this caused three of our four campuses to be without water for a few hours. The decision was made to cancel school activities and we attempted to notify parents via our new cell phone emergency text message system. (We also sent an email message to all parents.)

We are pleased to announce that nearly all of our parents successfully received the cell phone text message announcement! It proved to be quite effective, but there were a few families that did not receive the message.

We are working hard to update our data base of cell phone numbers. If you did not receive a text message last Wednesday, please call or stop by the office at your child’s school and one of the office assistants will help you update your family information.

It is easy to recognize the messages as they will always come to you beginning with “QSI Shekou -” We will keep the message short (60 character maximum) but easy to understand. Below is additional information reprinted from last week’s newsletter.

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

Respectfully, Mr. Page – Director

QSI International School Winter Concert
Tuesday December 7, 2010
All Performances at the Fenghua Theater – Near the Secondary Campus

Ages 3 - 4 years old – Concert beginning promptly at 4:00 p.m.
(Please bring you student to the theater by 3:45 p.m.)

Ages 5 - 8 years old - Concert beginning promptly at 5:30 p.m.
(Please bring your student to the theater by 5:15 p.m.)

Ages 9 - 13 years old - Concert beginning promptly at 7:30 p.m.
(Please bring your student to the theater between 7:00 p.m. and 7:15 p.m.)

COME SHARE THIS WONDERFUL EVENING WITH US!

ATTENTION PARENTS!
Exchange rate is changing for Term 2!
Dear Parents, please note:

**A NEW EXCHANGE RATE IS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY ALL QSI CHINA REGIONAL SCHOOLS
EFFECTIVE BEGINNING TERM 2**

THE NEW EXCHANGE RATE GRANTED FROM THE SCHOOL WILL BE: RMB 6.7 = US\$ 1

**NOTE: ALL UNPAID TERM 1 FEES WILL
STILL BE UNDER RMB 6.9 = US\$ 1.**

REGARDS: QSI ACCOUNTING OFFICE

ALSO NOTE:

The deadline for payment of Term 2 is **10 December, 2010**

Traffic at Lower Elementary – Problematic!

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

Recently, the Shekou police department has begun to step up surveillance of the corner adjacent to the Lower Elementary building. Cars 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. We do 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 and you might get fined.

However – possible help is available.....

The New Times Plaza – across the street from the Main Campus building offers parking for a small fee. It is free for the first 14 minutes. Parking for 15 – 60 minutes is 10 rmb with each additional hour and extra 3 rmb. If you are willing to park in the New Times Plaza lot and walk your child to the Lower Elementary building it may help us reduce the traffic and save you a fine.

Earthquake!

Recently, we witnessed a small earthquake with its center near Shenzhen. It was a 2.8 on the Richter Scale which is a relatively small quake. However, it has reminded us of our responsibility to prepare our staff and students on what to do should a stronger earthquake occur.

First I would like to outline what we do in our school. Teachers are responsible for teaching the children they have in their instructional areas what to do when earthquake tremors occur unexpectedly. This assures us that our staff and students know what to do at any time. Each instructional area may require slightly different action, but for the most part, students are taught how to “duck and cover” properly in their classrooms and common areas. After the tremors have passed, we evacuate the building to our normal fire drill areas. The administrative team and security staff in each building then supervise the students and staff until it is deemed safe to re-enter the building.

At QSI Shekou we store enough non-perishable food to feed our students and staff for 24 hours should we need to hold them at or near the school until rescue can respond. We will notify our parents via the cell phone emergency text system and, if internet is available via email. We will hold the children at the school safely until parents are able to retrieve them even if communications systems or not operating.

The Chinese municipal, provincial and national government branches have response plans depending on the severity of the quake. The information below is from the Chinese government:

Earthquake Emergency Plan in Guangdong Province

Earthquake Disaster Scale Classification

- Great Earthquake - quake of magnitude 7.0 or above
- Major Earthquake - quake of magnitude 6.5-7.0.
- Strong Earthquake - quake of magnitude 6.0-6.5.
- Moderate Earthquake - quake of magnitude 5.0-6.0

Earthquake emergency response conditions

- Respond to a Great Earthquake disaster, the government starts I level response. The State Ministry will lead, command and coordinate the provincial government’s action on the disaster emergency rescue work.
- Respond to a Major Earthquake disaster, the government starts II level response. The provincial government along with China Earthquake Administration organize and coordinate the disaster emergency rescue work.
- Respond to a Strong Earthquake, the government starts III level response. The municipal government, along with Provincial Earthquake Administration organizes and coordinates the disaster emergency rescue work.
- Respond to a Moderate Earthquake, the government starts IV level response. The municipal government, (county or district) government along with Provincial Earthquake Administration organizes and coordinates the disaster emergency rescue work.

Coffee with Mr. Page

WEDNESDAY, 8 December 2010

8:30 – 9:30 am, 5th flr PSG Room

Topic: Professional Development at QSI Shekou – We are working to be better professionals for your child.

PSG Meeting

...to follow immediately after Coffee with Mr. Page
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 if you are interested.

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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