

Eye of the Dragon



QSI International School of Shekou

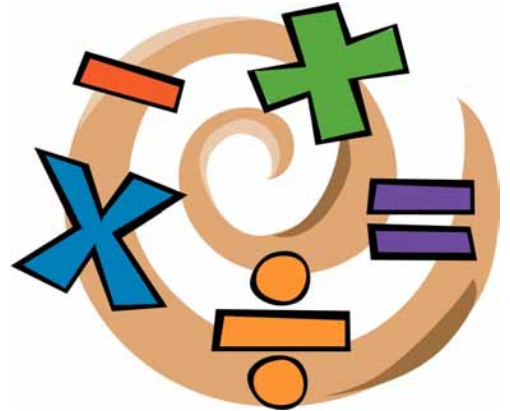
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MAP Spotlight—Mathematics

During the month of October, the students from the main campus all took the MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) test. This computerized test is designed to determine how students are performing against a set of curricular goals. MAP also sets substantial, measurable goals for students who are performing below grade level and then tracks whether or not they met their goals during the next round of testing. Below, you will find the students who either are performing on grade level in mathematics or meeting their MAP determined goals toward grade level fluency. Included in these numbers are all of our students who are non-native English speakers who have just started learning the language during the last academic year. When reading these numbers, it is important to remember that there is still room for growth and that our teachers are constantly working on how we might help all of our students achieve academic success.



9 year olds—95.3% are grade level proficient in mathematics or meeting goals.

10 year olds—92.6% are grade level proficient in mathematics or meeting goals.

11 year olds—100% are grade level proficient in mathematics or meeting goals.

12 year olds—96.4% are grade level proficient in mathematics or meeting goals.

13 year olds—98.0% are grade level proficient in mathematics or meeting goals.

New Teacher



Mrs. Cheri Carpenter has recently taken on two sections of 12 Reading/Language Arts/Cultural Studies. Mrs. Carpenter, a certified teacher and administrator, comes to us from Texas, where she was a full time English teacher for several years. Her areas of expertise include writing, ESL support in the class, and the library sciences.

Ask the Director

Question: Who do I contact if my child is sick and not coming to school?

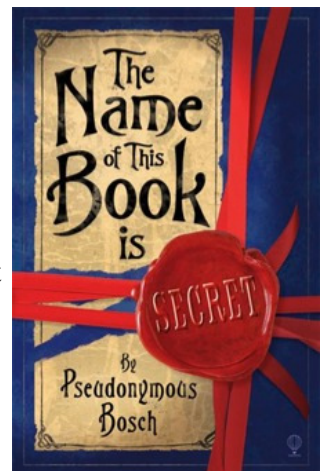
Answer: The best person to write in case of an illness is your child's homeroom teacher. When you communicate with him or her, please let them know the nature of the absence (visa renewal, out of town, specific illness, etc.). In addition, it is best if you write to them before the school day begins so that they may log the absence and reason into our school database.

Question: What do I do if my child needs to leave school during the day due to illness?

Answer: If you are coming to pick up your child, then you should go directly to the first floor office to sign him/her out of school. After this, you may go to the nurse's office (also located on the first floor) to collect your son or daughter.

New Book of the Week

This week's new book is *The Name of This Book is Secret*. The story is about two children who are investigating the mysterious disappearance of a magician in their hometown. As the title suggests, the entire story should be a secret, and yet the author keeps telling it, despite promises throughout the book to stop. Readers can look for clues in the book that point to a secret place on the internet where more information is revealed about the mysterious author and the next title in the series.



Calendar

November

14-15—Professional Teacher Days

No School

22—Main campus information night

December

6—Winter Concert



SDRC Success

From Ron DeWitt

QSI boys' and girls' soccer teams completed the season with the SDRC Tournament last Thursday through Saturday. Unfortunately the only teams the boys beat were each other and the girls managed only one tie. That does not mean they were not competitive. The girls' team came close, and did manage a tie with UIS, but simply did not score the goals they needed to win. The girls hustled and defended well. They had some great shots on goal, but none that went in. The boys' A Team faced similar results. The boys did score goals, but not enough to win. There was some great play and moments of flash and teamwork, but a missed shot here and a lucky shot there found the Dragons A Boys' Team with only a single win against their own B squad in the win column. The B team, made up of mostly younger players had a great attitude, but with mostly younger players they found competition difficult. However, they had two things to boast of in the end: first they beat their A team in the consolation final with Brian Ko scoring three goals in the first half from passes from Hyuk (John) Shin and Kenneth Falculan. John later put in another shot as did Bart Lee from the A squad to make it 4-1. It was that wonderful attitude of continuing to compete that gained the respect of other teams which voted the Boys' B Team and the Girls' Team as the best Sportsmanship for the tournament.



School Spirit Week

This week our students celebrated school spirit week by dressing up in various styles. Of course, the most interesting for the staff at school was when students dressed up like teachers! Enjoy the photos.



Hat Day



Dress Up Day



Dress Like a Teacher Day