

“Dragon Tales”
The Director's Newsletter



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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

- Autumn Fair – 29 October – see advertisement below
- Teacher Professional Development – 14 and 15 November – **No School for Students**
- Coffee with Mr. Page – 17 November 2011 – 9:30 a.m. – 5th floor PSG Room (see below)
- PSG Meeting – 17 November 2011 – right after Coffee with Mr. Page – (see below)
- Age Level Information Events – 22 – 25 November 2011: More to follow – stay tuned for details

(All events can be viewed on the QSI Shekou Website: <http://shekou.qsischool.org/index.htm> – click on the Calendar tab)

Director's Message: Teacher Professional Development – Why?

Dear Parents,

Each year, QSI provides for the training and professional development of its teachers in a variety of ways. One way is to build into their yearly contracted calendar extra days beyond student contact days. Usually this occurs four times during the year, before students arrive in August (six days for new staff and three days for returning staff), in November (two days), February (one day) and finally after the students finish in June (one day).

What do we do during teacher training and professional development, you might ask? First, the administrative team works closely with the teaching staff to come up with pertinent and timely topics. The topics must be designed to help teachers learn skills that will directly impact student learning. Often we call upon our own staff to lend their expertise in providing the instruction during these days, but occasionally we bring in experts from outside of QSI to help.



On Monday and Tuesday, November 14 and 15, we will be inviting all of our teaching staff and those from QSI Shenzhen in Futian and QSI Zhuhai to our school to conduct two days of professional development. During these two days we will be focusing on several topics, among them more effective communication through electronic resources (Moodle and our new data base), using assessment data to design better lessons for learning, effective age level techniques through job-alike sharing sessions and basic teaching techniques for our Chinese Language teachers, to name just a few. As mentioned above, these valuable learning opportunities for the staff of QSI Shekou will hopefully have a direct impact on your child's learning experiences.



Sincerely, Mr. Page – Director

Coffee with Mr. Page

Next Coffee Date: 17 November 2011, 9:30 a.m. – 5th Floor, Main
TOPIC: Spring 2011 - Parent Survey Results



PSG News!

The Parent Support Group (PSG) strives to stimulate interest in QSI and to provide support for the advancement of the school, its parents and students. We promote a sense of community by offering additional activities, events and volunteer opportunities.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Parent Support Group, all faculty, administration, administrative support staff and parents of QSI students are automatically members.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who serve as the governing body and liaisons for all PSG groups. We continually welcome new volunteers.



Everyone is welcome to attend PSG meetings. It is a great way to learn about QSI and make friends. These are general meetings where various PSG committees provide updates to the board, present funding requests, and discuss activities of interest. The first PSG meeting of 2011-12 will follow Mr. Page' Coffee on September 15, unless otherwise noted.

We wish you all a wonderful school year.

Our next PSG Meeting is 17 November 2011 right after Coffee with Mr. Page!

Please don't hesitate to contact the PSG if you are interested in volunteering!

PSG President: Peggy Morrison Peggymorrison123@gmail.com

Autumn Fair

Saturday, October 29th

1:00-4:00 pm

QSI Main Campus

Join us for games, activities and food! Don't Miss It!

Dear Parents: The School Needs Your Help!

If you haven't updated your email address, cell phone number or permanent address recently, please call or email the school to do so. (8675526676031 or shekou@qsi.org)

We need your family information to be accurate, so don't wait, let us know right away!

Please note that this newsletter is published weekly on our website (<http://shekou.qsischool.org/index.htm>) You can access it by clicking on "Newsletter" when you see the home page, or you can view it each weekend when it is emailed to you. We are.....Going Green!!