

“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

- Teacher Professional Development – 14 and 15 November – **No School for Students**
- Coffee with Mr. Page – 17 November 2011 – 9 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 – see below for details (note: Secondary will hold College Night in lieu of an Information Event)

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

Director's Message: The Whole Child – How we help your child grow and develop unique talents

Dear Parents,

Child development specialists have long been aware of the benefits of programs that enhance artistic and physical development. Children who are actively learning through visual arts, performing arts and kinesthetic activity (sports, dance, etc.) do much better in their academic endeavors than children who don't get such stimulation.



At QSI Shekou, we want to help your child develop academically, socially and artistically. In education we call this educating the whole child. Learning goes far beyond the classroom and academic learning. In fact, when we look at how many hours our students spend in the classroom it is far less than the child spends in other learning environments. Students spend far more time at home, at social gatherings or engaged in non-academic activities than they do at school. Unfortunately, many times the activities are quite sedentary, filled with “input” stimulation with little valuable interaction – TV., video games, etc.

All QSI schools throughout the world offer after school activities for students. Many of the activities provided are designed to help students build their skills in the arts or athletics. QSI Shekou is a very special place in this sense because it offers a wide variety of activities that help develop the whole child. We have sports and physical play activities for all ages, drama practices and performances, music and art clubs, to name just a few. A substantial portion of the resources we have available in our school goes toward supporting these programs. Indeed, it is one of the main reasons why QSI is so popular, here and around the globe. - Sincerely, Mr. Page – Director



AGE LEVEL INFORMATION EVENTS!

Every year QSI Shekou holds Information Events for our parents. These informative events that showcase student successes and projects are staged twice each year in each campus on separate dates. Here are the dates and times for this year's Information Events:

Main Campus - Tuesday, November 22, 2011, 6 – 7 p.m.

Lower Elementary - Wednesday, November 23, 2011, 6 – 7 p.m.

ECC - Friday, November 25, 2011, 9 am – noon – Fantastic Friday

Secondary – Thursday, December 1, 2011 – College Night

Coffee with Mr. Page

Next Coffee Date: 17 November 2011, 9:00 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!***

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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!