

“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

- December 19, 2011 – 6 January 2012 – Winter Break (No School)
- January 9 – First day of 2nd Term
- January 23 – 27, 2012 – Chinese New Year holiday (No School)
- January 18 – Chinese New Year Performance – Age 11 – 13 y.o – Main Campus – Gym – 1:30 p.m.
- January 19 - Chinese New Year Performance – Ages 5 – 10 y.o. – Old Shekou Theater – 1:30 p.m.

Director's Message: Happy Holidays and Best Wishes!

Dear Parents,



On behalf of all of the staff and students at QSI Shekou, I would like to extend to all of you and your loved ones best wishes for a very Happy Holiday!



Over the course of the last week we have had many fine performances by our talented students under the leadership of our music and drama professionals. A hearty thank you goes out to Kristin Hanson (LE Music), Grant Souder (Main Campus Music), Chris Haigh (Main Campus Music), Katie Hemphill (Secondary Music), Greg Sedmak (Secondary Drama), Jared King (Secondary Drama and Music) and, of course, all the teachers for the support and energy they contributed to these extraordinary performances.



The events that we have seen staged at various venues around the area have inspired us and made us extremely proud of our students and staff. As a leader in this fine organization, I am also extremely proud. Enjoy the photos I have provided for your enjoyment. (Sorry, don't have pictures of the secondary drama and choir – next time, I promise!)



Respectfully, Mr. Page

Parents – We can help if you need it!
Proper Supervision and Legal Guardianship is Required for all QSI Students

As with any school, it is important that students have a legal guardian that can be contacted at all times in the event of an emergency. This becomes all the more necessary as many of us count on access to Hong Kong for medical care for our families, or business requires parents to travel back to their home country. If you need to travel, or are going to your home country and leaving your children here, you must secure Power of Attorney for the person who is caring for your child in your absence and we need this information for our school records. This is for your peace of mind as well as your child's safety.

Unfortunately, if it is discovered that a student is living on their own, or is not under the proper supervision of a parent or legal guardian, we will not be able to allow the student to continue attending QSI Shekou until proper legal guardianship is restored. QSI does not allow independent or improperly supervised students, regardless of age, to attend its schools anywhere in the world. Even if the student is over the age of 18 years old, a legal guardian must be living in the home where the student resides and that person must be registered in our school database.

To find out more, please contact Talley Varney, QSI Admissions Coordinator at talley-varney@shk.qsi.org. She will be happy to assist you with this process of obtaining legal guardianship of your child, if needed.

DEAR PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE!

THE MAIN CAMPUS OFFICE WILL BE OPEN DURING THE WINTER BREAK FROM DECEMBER 19, 2011-
JANUARY 6, 2012, WITH THE EXCEPTIONS OF JANUARY 2 - 3, 2012.

OFFICE HOURS WILL BE 9 A.M. – 3 P.M.

THE LOWER ELEMENTARY AND FENGHUAL CAMPUSES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE BREAK.
ECC WILL BE HAVING A HOLIDAY CAMP WITH THE RECEPTION OFFICE BEING OPEN.

Coffee with Mr. Page

**Next Coffee Date: 19 January 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 5th Floor, Main
TOPIC: TBA**



***Our next PSG Meeting is 19 January, 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

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.

We wish you all a wonderful school year.



Dear Parents: The School Needs Your Help!

If you have a new email address, cell phone number or permanent address, we need you to call or email the school to give us the updates. (8675526676031, dream-meng@shk.qsi.org or shekou@qsi.org)

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



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