

**“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

- **Wednesday, 24 August 2011, 7 p.m. -Main Campus Gym – Parent Information Night (see below for more details)**
  - **First Day of School , Thursday, 25 August – half day, dismissal at 12 noon**
  - **Open House – September 5 – 8 (ECC – Sept 5, Lower Elementary – Sept 6, Main Campus – Sept 7, Secondary – Sept 8) – watch for more details in next week's newsletters**
  - **Mid-Autumn Festival – Government Holiday – Monday, 12 September 2011 – NO SCHOOL**
- (All events can also be viewed on the QSI Shekou Website: <http://shekou.qsischool.org/index.htm> - Just click on the Calendar tab)**

**Director's Message: Welcome back!**

Dear QSI Parents and Students,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you all to the new 2011-12 school year. August 25<sup>th</sup> marks the start of the tenth year of existence for QSI International School of Shekou. The entire staff, new and returning, are busy preparing for the arrival of the students.

This year we welcome 44 new staff members to QSI Shekou. This is the largest number of new staff members ever welcomed at the school and they are all settling into their homes and will be training and working hard throughout the next ten days to make sure they and the 160+ returning staff members are ready to serve you and your children. We invite all of our parents to attend an **Information Night on Wednesday, 24 August 2011 at 7 p.m. in the Main Campus Gym.** There you will hear all about the school from the Administrators, the QSI Parent Support Group and our Athletic Directors. You will hear about our school safety program (including bus safety and our cell phone emergency warning system), our new school resource system database, how we intend to improve our communications with parents, graduation requirements and, of course, Mastery Learning and the Success Orientations. Come learn about your school – new and returning families are all certainly welcome. We will be posting class lists before the meeting!

As many of you know, we are implementing a new school lunch service this year. Mr. Marcus Maher, owner of **Aulon, Inc.**, is our new vendor and he has been a pleasure to work with over the last several months as we prepare for this new opportunity. Lunch prices have risen from 25 rmb to 30 rmb per meal and we are certain the quality of the food and care that goes into its preparation will be worthy of this increase. Each student will have a chance to choose from three menu styles – Asian (Chinese, Thai, Japanese, etc.), Western (North American, Mexican, South American, European) and Korean. Aulon will launch a parent interactive website on which monthly menus can be viewed so as to give the parent and child a good idea of the choices. Marcus will join us on the evening of 24 August to tell you more about this new program.

I wish you all a wonderful school year!

Respectfully, Mr. Page

**QSI PARENTS – NEW AND RETURNING – PLEASE ATTEND OUR INFORMATION NIGHT!**

**Wednesday, 24 August 2011, 7 p.m.**

**Main Campus Gym**

**Learn all about QSI Shekou – Meet the Administrative Team**

**Learn about your Parent Support Group (PSG)**

**Coffee with Mr. Page**

**(Back by popular demand!)**

**THANK YOU PARENTS FOR YOUR VALUABLE INPUT THROUGHOUT LAST YEAR.**

**This year, the coffee gatherings will again be on the third Thursday of each month (or close to this day if there is a conflict). A major topic will be announced, but much of the gathering will be devoted to open discussion time.**

**Our first Coffee will be Thursday, September 15, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. in the 5<sup>th</sup> Floor PSG Room**

**(The main topic will be announced in a subsequent newsletter.)**

***PSG Meetings will continue this school year.***

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's Coffee on September 15.

We wish you all a wonderful school year.

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

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**PARENTS!!!**

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

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