

“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

- **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**
- **International Brunch – Saturday, 24 September – Main Campus Building – details coming soon!**

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

PLEASE NOTE: Our translated versions of this newsletter into Chinese and Korean will begin next week.

Director's Message: What a Great Start to our Year!

Dear QSI Parents and Students,

How excited I was last Wednesday night when over 500 parents and students came to the 2011-12 Parent Information Night! The attendance was far beyond what we were expecting. My sincere thanks to all of you for showing your interest and support. It was most apparent that you are interested in and committed to your child's school and education. Thank you, as well to our leadership team who was present and supported our efforts to impart important information. On Thursday, our very first day of school for the new year, we welcomed many new students to our four campuses. I was able to visit all four buildings and besides a few 2 y.o. tears, everything went extremely well and all of the staff seemed quite excited about the year to come.



As the new year gets rolling there are several things I would like to remind of.



First, please think about having your child participate in our school lunch program this year. It is new and improved and promises to be a great improvement over last year's offerings. Call our main school phone number and ask for Maggie Lagura, the accountant, if you want to purchase school lunches for your child.

Also, we would like to remind all of our parents to please update your cell phone numbers with the office if they have changed since you last registered your child. It is very important for the safety of your child.

Finally, I would like to let all of you know that we have some very important parent volunteer roles that we need to fill this year. Our Middle States Accreditation Steering Committee, the committee that oversees our school improvement program is in need of parent representatives. The time commitment for this role will be 5 – 7 meetings per

year of about one hour each. If you served on last year's committee and would like to continue again this year, please let me know by emailing me at shekou@qsi.org. Also, we are looking to fill two Advisory Board seats this year. The QSI Shekou Advisory Board helps oversee our scholarship program and share advice to the director regarding our school budget and general operations of the school. This valuable board also meets 5 – 7 times per year with meetings lasting approximately one hour. If interested please contact me as above.

Respectfully, Mr. Page

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 5th Floor PSG Room

TOPIC: New lunch program. How is it going?

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' Coffee on September 15, unless otherwise noted.

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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