

**“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, Main Campus – Sept 6, Lower Elementary – Sept 7, Secondary – Sept 8) All times are 6 – 7 p.m.**
- **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)**

**Director's Message: Lunch Program – Working out the bugs...**

Dear QSI Parents,

We are boldly moving forward with our new lunch service at QSI Shekou and it is growing rapidly. As of Thursday morning of this week we had nearly 600 students signed up to daily receive nutritious, hot lunches. As the program continues to grow we are discovering just how challenging such a program is to manage, but we have already seen great improvement over last year and it promises to keep getting better.

Many students have not signed up for the lunch program, yet, so if your child comes home and asks to try it, you can simply call or email Asuka Tang in our accounting office and she will help you. (26676031 – ask for accounting office; or [asuka-tang@shk.qsi.org](mailto:asuka-tang@shk.qsi.org))

When you pay for the lunch service it is very important that you inform the accounting office of your choice of menu style – Western, Asian or Korean. You may direct any of your questions regarding our lunch program to our accounting office. Please don't try to sign up for the lunch program at any other campus office. They will direct you back to our accounting office.

To view the menu selections for the month of September, simply go to **www.aulon.cn** and click on the Catering button at the top of the home page. When the Catering Services page comes up, read down the page to "Access QSI Lunch Program Portal" and click on the bold type "LOGIN". When the QSI Catering page comes up, enter the password "QSI" in the password box. You will then be able to view the monthly menu selections by clicking on the campus of choice and then click a day of the month. This will help you and your child decide which style of menu to try. Also, you can click on the Lunch Discussion Forum button "**QSI Catering Forum**" and give constructive feedback regarding the lunch service. Please note that this is not a place to actually sign up for the lunch service, but simply a website where you can view the menus and provide valuable input to help the program grow and improve.



As we have announced, we will provide each student with an ID card. For those students who have signed up for the lunch program, we will load credit on their card and they can use it to get a lunch each day. We kindly ask for your patience as we work to complete these identification cards. The production of over 1,000 cards has proven to be quite a challenge for our accounting office, but they are working frantically to complete the process. The secondary and main campus students should have their cards very soon

## Safety at QSI Shekou

At Quality School International School of Shekou, we strive to help your child learn in a safe environment. Each year at QSI Shekou we review our safety program and strive to improve our services to help keep your child safe at all times while at the school or traveling to a school sponsored event. Following is an outline of our school-wide safety program:



**School Accident Insurance:** We provide each student who is enrolled at QSI Shekou with accident insurance. If your child is hurt while at school or is participating in a school sponsored event, he/she is insured. This means your child can receive emergency medical attention immediately and get primary response health care. We intend to increase this coverage soon so the care your child receives increases.



**School Bus Insurance:** Our transportation service provider supplies accident insurance for all passengers, child or adult, while riding a school bus to or from school and while on field trips, sporting events or other school sponsored functions requiring transportation.

**School Safety Evacuation Program:** While your child is in school, we teach them proper precautions and building evacuation procedures in the event of fire or earthquake. Each teacher will instruct their students in each of their classrooms or instructional areas (gym, music room, etc.) on proper "duck and cover" procedures and evacuation procedures specific to the age level campus. These procedures are practiced regularly in each campus so that in the event of a real fire or earthquake the students will be prepared to take proper action to remain as safe as possible.



**Typhoon Warning System:** The school follows the following warning advisory system. <http://www.hko.gov.hk/wxinfo/currwx/tc.htm> As a rule, school closings will occur when the warning level is T3 or higher. Families will be notified via a cell phone text message within 12 hours of the anticipated arrival of a typhoon. This will give us ample time to either close school and get students home or cancel the school day prior to students arriving.

**Campus Primary Care:** Each school campus is staffed with a trained school nurse who provides immediate, on site primary care to injured students. If a student is injured while playing or being involved in a school activity, the school nurse is summoned to give "primary care" to the student. If the injury is of a minor nature, medical attention is administered and the child is kept in the nurse's office until ready to return to class or, if needed, until a parent is notified. In any case, parents will be informed of the child's accident and a report will be filed in the nurses office with a copy sent to the Director of Instruction. If a child is injured more seriously and requires immediate care beyond what the school can provide, the school will act with the child's immediate health condition in mind. If a parent and given the school permission to transport a child to the nearest medical clinic or hospital, the school will call an ambulance. In any case the parent will be called as soon as the child is stable and ready for transport so the parent is aware of the incident and can make plans to meet the child, either at school or at the medical services facility destination.



It is extremely important that each family has up-to-date contact information in our school data base system. If you change your phone number or move to a different location, please make sure to contact our school at 26676031. Your child's safety is our primary concern. Thank you for your cooperation.

## MEDICATION POLICY FOR PARENTS

If your child needs to take medication during the school day, you must see the nurse.

- The nurse will obtain information regarding the medication, reason for the prescription, side effects and proper dispensing of medication



- All medication will be dispensed by the nurse only
- All medication must be clearly labeled and in an appropriate container
- No medication should be sent with your child in their backpack
- You must have a doctor's note stating the need for the medication
- You must sign a Medication Permission Form obtained from the nurse

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact...  
 Sarah W. Kenealy RN, LCMHC 2667-6031

### 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

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>) 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!!

DO YOU HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS REGISTERED WITH US? CALL DREAM MENG AT 26029896 IF YOU NEED TO UPDATE IT OR TO PROVIDE US WITH ANY NEW FAMILY INFORMATION.

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