

“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

- **Peace One Day – 22 September - Success Orientation of Group Interaction – various school activities**
- **International Brunch – Saturday, 24 September – Main Campus Building – see ad below**
- **Chinese National Holiday – 3 – 7 October – NO SCHOOL**
- **Coffee with Mr. Page – 13 October 2011 – 5th Floor Main Campus**
- **PSG Meeting – 13 October 2011 – right after Coffee with Mr. Page**
- **Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences – 19 – 21 October (No School for students 21 October)**

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

Director's Message: QSI Shekou Helps All Children Succeed

Dear Parents,

QSI Shekou now serves over 1,000 students from nearly 50 nations around the world, most of which are non-English speaking countries. Indeed, about 80-85% of our students do not speak English in their homes. However, the great majority of these non-English speaking students, well over 60% of them, are fully fluent and proficient in the English language and are studying right along with their native English speaking peers. In many cases they are out-performing them. There appears to be a perception among some of our patrons that QSI Shekou does not challenge the native English speakers because we spend so many of our resources on the non-native speaking population. This just isn't so.

We hire approximately 20 staff members who specifically, or in tandem with the mainstream teachers, serve our non-English speaking students. This is less than 20% of the entire instructional staff. More than 80% of our staff are certified, highly qualified professional teachers who impart the QSI curriculum to our students. We supply our students with textbooks that come from the United States and equipment and materials that are designed as tools for all students. Our resources are well balanced and we strive to help all students be the best they can be.

One of the best measures of student success is their actual performance. In the end, a student who graduates from QSI Shekou will most likely attend a reputable college or university before entering the global work force. Graduates in the past have attend such institutions as Boston University, New York University, Stanford, Oxford, Cambridge and several excellent colleges in Canada, Korea and Japan, not to mention China's Shenzhen University. But it is not the "name" of the college attended that is most important to us at QSI Shekou. What we enjoy seeing more than successful enrollment in a prestigious university is the personal pride, satisfaction and happiness a student obtains as a result of their hard work in our school. QSI Shekou helps students learn much more than academics and high test scores. It helps students learn the skills to be successful in life – working together as a team, thinking outside the box, respecting and caring for their peers and being responsible and trustworthy – all skills that corporate CEOs, government officials and business executives want in a working.

At QSI Shekou we can assure all of you that we have your child's best interest in mind and will work very hard to help your child be successful, no matter where they are from or what language they speak at home.

Respectfully, Mr. Page - Director

International Brunch

Saturday, 24 September 2011

11am to 1:30pm

Main Campus



Taste of the World!

- QSI Shekou's most favorite tradition
- Enjoy the world's foods all in one place
- Wear your country's traditional clothing
- Bring food from your home country for all to share. (Enough for 20 people)
- Provide serving spoons for the food you bring.
- The school will provide plates, napkins and eating utensils.
- Drinks will be provided by our sponsor, Uni-Group

Moving Company

- We will be on the first three floors of the main campus

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!

THANKS!

SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS NEEDED AT QSI SHEKOU!

Parents, if you know someone who is good with children, can manage a classroom of enthusiastic learners and wants some additional income, we are in need of substitute teachers. Please email shekou@qsi.org and share contact information (phone and email address) of interested parties and we will find time to meet with them as soon as possible.

Thanks!

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.

Next Coffee Date: 13 October 2011, 9 a.m. – 5th Floor, Main

TOPIC: Student Performance – How is it measured?



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!

PSG President: Peggy Morrison Peggymorrison123@gmail.com

DON'T FORGET TO SIGN YOU CHILD UP FOR THE NEW LUNCH PROGRAM!

Call or stop by and see Ms. Asuka Tang in the Accounting Office if you would like to pre-pay for your child's lunches. You can't sign up for lunches on the Aulon website, but you can view the menus there and join the parent forum to give feedback about the lunch program.

Asuka Tang: 26806397 or asuka-tang@shk.qsi.org

Aulon Website: aulon.cn

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...

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