

“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

- **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: Transporting your child – safety first!

Dear Parents,

Recently, parents have expressed concern over the safety and reliability of our bus transportation services for students. As we have done with our food vending service, we are likewise interested in providing an upgraded, safer and more reliable transportation vendor. In order to do this, we recently sent out proposal calls to established transportation businesses and this week we interviewed many qualified local professional transportation companies who can provide us with a complete, full-service contract. The successful vendor will be required to provide safe and reliable transportation for each child to and from school and to school sponsored events, such as field trips and sporting contests. We must do this with fully equipped licensed and safety inspected buses.

I am quickly learning that there are very few companies in Shenzhen who have experience providing daily transportation for over 600 students, but we have identified several good, reputable companies who are experienced and capable of doing this. If all goes well, we should have a vendor selected and begin our new transportation service by mid-year. Next week I will go visit the headquarters and bus depots of the top three vendor candidates and receive from them a final proposal before selecting our new vendor.

Your child's safety, both while at school and on a bus is our number one concern!

Respectfully, Mr. Page - Director



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!

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. We wish you all a wonderful school year.

Our next PSG Meeting is 13 October 2011 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

International Brunch-TOMORROW, Sept. 24, Bring a dish to share with others.

Autumn Fair Planning Meeting-4:15 p.m., Thursday, September 29th at the main building.

We need parent volunteers for a variety of jobs including: **decorations, food preparation, food service, game creation, game monitoring, ticket sales, and more.** We need help before the event and at the event. So if you can help at either time it is appreciated. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help you can email:

Food/Food Service-Marika McCabe mccabechina@hotmail.com

All other Jobs-Peggy Morrison peggymorrison123@gmail.com

***Sports Boosters-Interested in Supporting the Middle School and Secondary Sports Programs? Contact peggymorrison123@gmail.com**

Remember these dates:

Sept. 24	International Brunch	11:00 a.m., main campus
Sept. 29	Autumn Fair Planning Meeting	4:15 p.m., main campus
Oct. 13	PSG Meeting	After Coffee with Mr. Page
Oct. 15	Sports Boosters helps at Tournament*	All day, Fengua
Oct. 22	Sports Boosters helps at Tournament*	All day, Fengua
Oct. 29	Autumn Fair	Main Campus

Attention Korean Parents!

Mr. Page will be conducting a meeting for interested Korean parents on Thursday, 13 October 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in the PSG room on the fifth floor.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – DON'T MISS OUT!

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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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.