

**“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**

- Chinese National Holiday – 3 – 7 October – NO SCHOOL
- Coffee with Mr. Page – 13 October 2011 – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Main Campus – see below
- PSG Meeting – 13 October 2011 – right after Coffee with Mr. Page – see below
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – 19 – 21 October (No School for students 20 and 21 October) – see below for a detailed schedule and how to set an appointment...
- Teacher Professional Development – 14 and 15 November – No School for Students

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

**Director's Message: International Brunch a Whopping Success!**

Dear Parents,

This year's International Brunch on Saturday, 24 September, was very well attended and it seemed all who came had a great time and loved the yummy food provided by our gracious families. Not only did our patrons cook up a storm for the event, but many people came dressed in their traditional home country attire and provided interesting facts about their country. The atmosphere was absolutely exciting.



Behind the scenes, working very hard to put on a great community event was our International Brunch Committee spearheaded by Mrs. Eileen Rider. Mrs. Rider, her wonderful crew of teachers and many dedicated volunteer parents worked very hard to plan, set up and manage this huge annual. On behalf of everyone at QSI Shekou, thank you Mrs. Rider and all those who made this a day to remember.



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I am sure many of us who were fortunate enough to attend the event can close our eyes and remember the savory dishes we ate, see the colors that were so bright and cheerful and marvel at the fabulous traditional dress. Being part of the festivities was such a pleasure.

Sincerely, Mr. Page – Director

### Parent/Teacher Conferences – Scheduling your child’s conference

This fall, we will be holding conferences over a two-day period. Following is the schedule for conferences:

Wednesday, 19 October 2011, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Thursday, 20 October 2011, 8:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
(Friday, 21 October 2011, **NO SCHOOL**)

If your child is 2 – 11 years of age, please call 26676031 and choose the campus to schedule the appointment.

Parents of all Middle School (12 and 13 year olds) and Secondary (14 – 18 years of age) may simply show up at the appropriate campus to visit with their child’s teachers – no appointment needed – during the times listed above.

Note: On Thursday morning, 20 October 2011, between the times of 8:30 and 10:00 a.m., some teachers may not be available for conferencing as they might be attending their own child’s conference. Our office staff will help you schedule a good time for you and your child’s teacher.

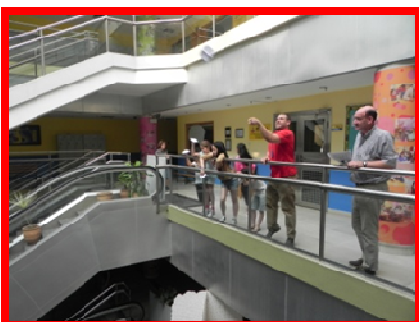
Thank you!

### Cell Phone Emergency Texting System Works Well

Earlier this week we tested our Emergency Cell Phone Texting System when Typhoon Nesat came through our area. For the most part, parents received the message canceling school in plenty of time, but a small number did not. We would like to remind you that it is so important to make sure your cell phone number is updated and entered into our system so you receive these important messages. Please stop by, call, or email the school to update your family information so we can safely serve you.  
**THANKS!**

### Off They Go...

Mr. Smith loves Tuesday and Thursday activities because he gets another chance to be a kid. His class designs and makes airplanes and best of all goes out into the Atrium to fly them.



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Tuesday's class had some impressive hang time with planes that dipped, dived and rose in impressive spirals that kept the planes aloft for several seconds. Mr. Page joined the class, helped time some flights and looked like he wished he could have had a plane in flight himself. - Photos and blurb by Mr. DeWitt

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

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. – 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Main  
TOPIC: Student Performance – How is it measured?



## Your PSG!

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, unless otherwise noted.

We wish you all a wonderful school year.

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***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](mailto:Peggymorrison123@gmail.com)

## **Autumn Fair - Planning Meeting - at the main building – 4: 15 pm on Oct 10**

There are two important dates the week we return from vacation:

Monday, October 10th-Autumn Fair planning meeting at 4:15 p.m. main campus (rescheduled from Sept. 29)

Thursday, October 13th-at 9:00a.m., Coffee with Mr. Page and PSG Meeting immediately following

Each year the PSG works with the teachers and students to create a wonderful Autumn Fair that includes games, food, activities and prizes. We are in the process of forming committees to make this event a success. We need parent volunteers for a variety of jobs including: decorations, food preparation, food service, game creation, game monitoring, ticket sales, and more. Please come to the planning meeting at 4:15 p.m., Monday, October 10th in the main building. 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](mailto:mccabechina@hotmail.com)

All other Jobs-Peggy Morrison [peggymorrison123@gmail.com](mailto:peggymorrison123@gmail.com).

***\*Sports Boosters-Interested in Supporting the Middle School and Secondary Sports Programs? Contact [peggymorrison123@gmail.com](mailto:peggymorrison123@gmail.com)***

Remember these dates:

Oct. 13	PSG Meeting	After Coffee with Mr. Page
Oct. 15	Sports Boosters help at Tournament*	All day, Fenghua
Oct. 22	Sports Boosters help at Tournament*	All day, Fenghua
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 from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. in the PSG room on the fifth floor. Come share your thoughts and ideas!**



Stefan and AJ made hitting a hard job for SIS

### **WAY TO GO DRAGONS!**

Saturday morning at 9:00 the QSI Dragons faced off against the Geckos of SIS at the small Jingshan gym. The boys won in straight sets 25 – 13, 25 – 14 and then SIS won a practice set against the substitutes in a close game. Once again Stefan Riemens led the way with dominating power at the net as the entire team played great defense. In an earlier match SIS had managed to come within 3 points of the Boys' team,

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but after the experience the boys picked up in Hong Kong they are a tighter and more confident team. Allen set a good game and also showed his athleticism in blocking and tipping for key points.



The girls' team also won in straight sets 25- 14, 25-21 and then 25-16 in a third set. Nancy once again dominated with her powerful serve and Raina was the best person from either team at the net, hitting winners repeatedly. Nandita served well to score repeatedly and the whole team played well to show they have come far from the early season game with SIS where they only managed two and three point wins. Newcomer to the team, Helen Hemphill, had her best game of the season with great serving and strong net play. The Lady Dragons have found confidence and consistency of late and looked ready to head into the second half of the season as a strong team ready to return to the ACAMIS finals for the 4<sup>th</sup> time in a row.

### **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.**

Talent runs deep in the Girls' team with everyone contributing