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Eye of the Dragon



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Chinese New Year Celebration

On January 18 from 1:30—3:30, the QSI main campus students will hold a celebration for Chinese New Year. Chinese teachers, learning from past experiences of working with middle school students, decided to this year create a temple fair at which visitors will play games, make traditional crafts, and sample local foods. Each of the booths was created and will be run by students. At 2:30, there will be a special treat as the 9 and 10 year old students take to the stage to sing and dance while dressed in costume. Parents are welcome to attend this very special event.



Learning to make some local food...



Dumplings, anyone?



Paper firecrackers are more safe than the real ones!



Picking up marbles with chopsticks



Can the parents defeat the kids at Chinese board games?

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Middle School Awards Assembly January 20



On January 20th QSI Main Campus will host an Awards Assembly for Fall Sports and ACAMIS Activities. Any student who participated for an entire season in Soccer, Touch Rugby and Math Olympiad will be receiving an award at the assembly (for 11 – 13 year old students and their guests). The assembly will begin at 12:00 and run until lunch. This is the first time we have hosted such an event and we would love to have parents come by to see their children honored. These students put in many extra hours of effort and now it is our turn to give them a little time in the spotlight.

Ask the Director of Instruction



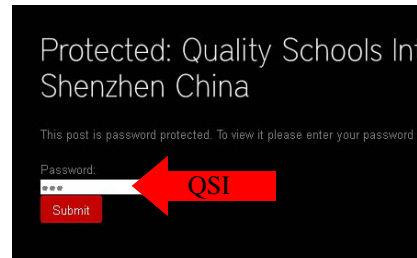
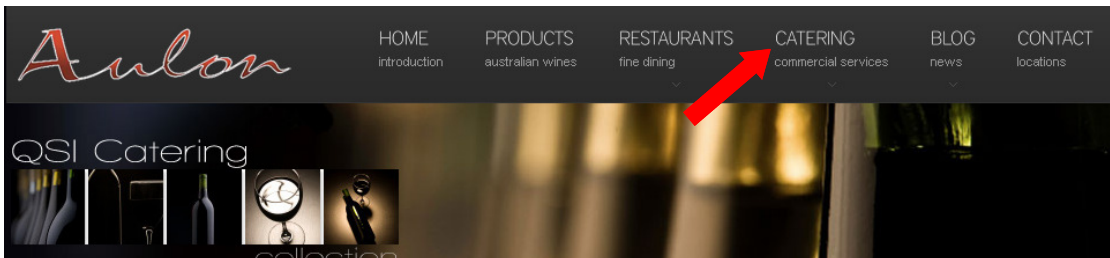
Question: We have some comments and suggestions for the school lunch program. Whom do we talk to about these ideas?

Answer: This year, we are very fortunate to have Aulon Catering as our school lunch provider. In most international schools, an outside vender like ours is contracted to provide fresh, quality meals that meet the needs of our student population. Over the last 6 months, Aulon has been very receptive to student and parent concerns. These thoughts have led to adding some foods and taking others off of the menu completely. If you would like to comment on the cafeteria food, then please log into the vender website at www.aulon.cn. Once there, click on the catering tab and enter the password QSI to log into the site.

Parenting Book Study

Parents, ever have one of those days (or weeks) with your pre-teen/teenager? We have some help available for you. Join two of our QSI school counselors Mrs. Kenealy and Mr. Anfinson as we read and discuss the book **Parenting Teens with Love and Logic**. The Love and Logic program is a well respected and "...provides simple and practical techniques to help parents have less stress and more fun while raising responsible kids". We will meet for seven weeks on Thursdays, starting February 2, 2012. If you have questions or are interested in joining us please RSVP with Mr. Anfinson at eric-anfinson@shk.qsi.org.

www.loveandlogic.com



Visiting Author Delights

Author Courtney Campbell visited QSI main campus on January 9, much to the delight of the student body. During the day, she held two general performances, at which she sang songs and encouraged students to take to the stage. The creative exercises had students tell stories, interpret writing, and have a good



laugh. After school, Courtney held a writer's workshop for 16 potential authors from our main campus. These students, nominated by their home-room teacher, worked on the basics of writing and creativity. Mostly, though, the students were able to sit down and write their own ideas.

Book of the Week

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak tells the story of a young girl and her foster parents. Set in Germany during the early 1940's, the narrator explains how the little girl steals books that reflect her feelings and the time in which she lives. Over the years, she learns to read and eventually writes her own book, including the lines, "I have hated the words and I have loved them, and I hope I have made them right."

