

Creativity in a Nutshell

By: Spiro

This past Tuesday, QSI had the honor of having the talented author/singer/songwriter

Courtney Campbell

come to the secondary campus to conduct a writing workshop in the library.

This visit was an opportunity for students to learn about the essentials of writing, the concept of spontaneous creativity, and careers in literature overall.

The workshop started with Campbell calling out people from the surrounding tables for some improvisation exercises. Why improv? She explained that having to create interesting dialogue on the spot is great creative practice. Participants were given a sentence or a phrase and asked to recite it with as much character as possible. That certainly warmed things up. "It was fun and a great way to learn how to express yourself," said Jaya Dehart (Sec I).

Next, a different group of students told parts of a story. After one was done with his/her segment, the story was moved on to the next "writer," creating a mashed up disarray of phrases. Many fictional characters died during the making of these tales (a moment of silence for them).

Another activity involved each table as a group assigned with coming up with a noun, an adjective, an adverb,



Ms. Campbell instructs students in creative thinking.

and a pronoun. Using all the grammatical components, the groups then wrote stories. The products ranged from feel-good tales to

works that would even terrify Stephen King.

The mere 45 minutes that she had to share with our students wasn't enough for at least one. After the lecture, Bruce Yeo proved that, in the words of Stephen Hawking, "The quietest people have the loudest minds" when he conversed with the author about what writing means to him, sharing with her a book that he wrote and is donating to our school library.

Courtney Campbell continues to travel the world working with teachers and performing for children, while maintaining a TV show in Canada called *Mustard Pancakes*. The talented Campbell left some words of wisdom: "There is no such thing as a bad idea, except for jumping in front of a truck. That, of course, is a bad idea."



Who knows? The next Mark Twain among us?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

January

- 14~Basketball
AISG @ QSI
- 16~MUN Meeting
- 20~Sec II IB
Applications Due
- 23-27~Chinese New
Year Holiday
- 30~Science Fair
Papers Due

February

- 9-11~ACAMIS
Basketball@ WAB
- 13-16~ERB Writing
- 16~Science Fair
- 22~HS Soccer
UISGZ @ QSI
- 24~Status Reports
- 24-25~Cultural
Convention
- 27~HS Soccer
CIS @ QSI

March

- 1~End of 3rd Quintile
- 2-3~ACAMIS Chess
@ HK Academy
- 7~HS Soccer
QSI @ CIS
- 15~HS Soccer
QSI @ CIS
- 19~HS Soccer
USIFZ @ QSI
- 21-23~Parent Teacher
Student Conf.
- 23~No School
- 30~End of Term 2



Time to Make a Decision

By: Viper

On Wednesday, January 11, the Secondary II students were introduced to the **International Baccalaureate** program. The IB coordinator, Ms. Baker, led two separate presentations in the morning and evening to ensure the students have a thorough understanding of the program. This is the third year QSI is offering the IB program; the school successfully graduated the students of the class of 2011, and is currently preparing the class of 2012 students for their final exam.

The program is relatively new to QSI. It is only available to students who are in their third and fourth year in high school. The program requires a large amount



Ms. Baker explains the characteristics and responsibilities of an IB learner.

of commitment and effort from the students who choose to dedicate themselves to two years of vigorous studying. Each IB student must choose a minimum of 6 courses, and among these courses, 3 of them must be higher level and the other 3 standard. A 4,000-word mandatory extended essay and various internal assessments (papers, projects) are also required in order to receive the IB diploma. After the two years of the strenuous courses, students will encounter the external assessments,

which are the final exams concluding the two year IB program. These tests are graded by independent examiners appointed by the IB department. The scores of this final exam are the most important things students will need in the process of applying for college and university.

Aside from the intensive school work, IB students also need to achieve 150 hours of CAS hours. "CAS" stands for Creativity, Action and Service, which involves creative thinking, athletics, and unpaid service to the community.

If you want to be part of the IB program, you must turn in a 2-page essay explaining how you are a viable candidate and turn in the application form along with the essay before January 20 to Ms. Baker in room 303. Start the process now!

IB Applications Due

Class of 2014, this means YOU! Get your application to Ms. Baker's mailbox by 4:00 on January 20 to be considered.

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February 14th

Science Fair
Papers Due

January 30

All Assignments Due

Fisch & Chips

Dear Chips,

I love you. There I said it. You make me crazy, the way you laugh, the way you smell. I wish you lived with me so I could smell you anytime. I'll kidnap you and hide you under my bed.

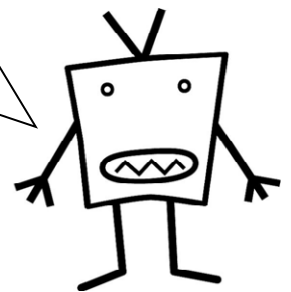
Yours Forever,
-Broken-hearted Boo



Whoa, calm down Broken-hearted. If you lost your rationality then this will become a serious problem. Uhm... let me help you. First, you have to...

Actually, you know ... this kind of situation really makes me mad. I'm the big fish in this pond, but why do you love a minor character like Chips more than me? This makes me feel humiliated. Yes, I'm a jealous fish and you make me feel as lonely as a cactus in the desert. So please, don't take my chips from my heart. I beseech you! However, if you introduce me to some of your pretty friends I'll give up my Chips with pleasure. Maybe a cute little shrimp or a mollusk with a gorgeous personality? What do you think, Chips? Isn't it a nice idea?

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HALLWAYHOLLA

“Since there are only two weeks left until the Chinese New Year holiday, why did you even come to school??”

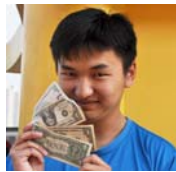


“Students shouldn't come to school during winter. Students should go into hibernation!”

– Sabrina, Sec III

“Because we already paid for it.”

– Cyrus, Sec III



“Because I made my kids go to school too.”

– Mr. Wilkens

“Because I can avoid other homework crushing down on me.”

– Meredith, Sec III



“Cause my love for education has absolutely no limit, because learning is my passion, because I love Mr. Hemphill.”

– Florent, Sec IV

“IB needing to finish my work!”

– Romzy, Sec IV



“I like being paid. It's my job, and I have to be here.”

– Mr. Lewis

Setting Sail

By: Jasper

Our beloved math teacher and IB Coordinator, Ms. Jocelyn Baker, currently teaches pre-calculus and IB Higher-Level Math at QSI Shekou.



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Born in the city of

Phoenix, Arizona, USA, into a family of three sons, she spent a portion of her childhood in different European countries including England and Germany. Her exploration and discovery of the world had only opened a window. Years later she would go on to obtain a Bachelor's Degree of Science in Mathematics Education and a minor in Spanish at the University of Arizona.

She had several part-time jobs before becoming a teacher, including being an undergraduate Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant at the University of Arizona. Her curiosity mixed with a tinge of pure chance brought her to China. While living in Chongqing, she was amazed by the kindness of the population. The way the people there treated her motivated Ms. Baker to dedicate her summer to volunteer for social work for refugees in the United States, she wished others to feel as welcome as she had felt. This led her to the realization that the world is constantly diversifying. Eager to teach, she was offered a job in an international school in Chongqing. Soon enough, she was drawn in by the atmosphere of education. However, she longed to spread knowledge at a larger school, which brought her to QSI Shekou.

Her ability to be independent and down-to-earth easily carried her through her first year at QSI. Being accustomed to the community provided a strong start to her second year as she boldly took the position of IB Coor-

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dinator. To her, one of the biggest challenges of being the IB Coordinator is that there are simply “so many deadlines!” She states that motivation, and exploration brought her to QSI Shekou, as well as a passion for education and travel – the amalgamation of these has opened a whole new chapter in her life.

Everyone needs a break from work, and her favorite pastimes are drinking chocolate milk tea, reading her horoscope, despite how inaccurate it may be, and hitting the gym (a part of her New Year’s resolution.) Ambitious and still thirsting for knowledge, she started her masters online at Arizona State University this autumn and has already managed to complete her first six credits!

Her favorite quote? “A boat in its harbor is safe – but that is not what boats are built for!”

MODEL UNITED NATIONS

MARCH 30-31 IN XIAMEN

*MEETING ON MONDAY,
JANUARY 16, AFTER SCHOOL
IN ROOM 305

SIGN UP NOW

(NO LIMIT ON SPOTS AVAILABLE)

When Over a Certain Extent...

By: Samurai



New feature for *Dragon Flyer* >> Fill out the below logic puzzle, write your name, rip off this page, and hand into Jukebox during lunch. First student to submit a correct puzzle will receive a 50 RMB punch card. Brought to you by StuCo.

Don't you love that awesome feeling you get when there's something good on TV, and you're eating your favorite food? Of the five people listed, determine the movie that each one wants to watch, and which movie snack to accompany it. You may use X's and O's to represent connections on the grid.

Clues

- Jenna is a big Martin Sheen fan.
- The person who likes Ice Cream prefers witty crime comedies.
- The person who likes *Toy Story* doesn't like Oreos and is not Toby.
- Chandler already saw *Poltergeist*.
- Megan is easily scared.
- Roy likes Popcorn.
- Roy or the person who likes Salted Peanuts like *Poltergeist*.
- Toby doesn't enjoy black and white films(he says they bore him).
- Of Chandler and the person who likes Oreos, one likes *Rush Hour* and the other *Apocalypse Now*.
- The person who likes *Toy Story* is not Roy.

	Chandler	Roy	Jenna	Megan	Toby	Nachos and Cheese	Popcorn	Salted Peanuts	Oreos	Ice Cream
Casablanca										
Apocalypse Now										
Rush Hour										
Poltergeist										
Toy Story										
Nachos and Cheese										
Popcorn										
Salted Peanuts										
Oreos										
Ice Cream										

Answers



	NAME	MOVIE	SNACK
1)	_____	_____	_____
2)	_____	_____	_____
3)	_____	_____	_____
4)	_____	_____	_____
5)	_____	_____	_____