

“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

- **Wed, 18 Jan 1:30 – 3: 30pm - Main Campus Gym - Chinese New Year Performance (11-13yo)**
- **Wed, 18 Jan 2:30 – 3: 00pm - Main Campus Gym - Chinese New Year Performance (9-10yo)**
- **Thu, 19 Jan 1:30pm - Old Shekou Theater - Chinese New Year Performance (5–8yo)**
- **Fri, 20 Jan 1:30pm - Main Campus - Middle School Awards**
- **23 - 27 Jan 2012 – Chinese New Year Holiday (No School)**

***HAPPY NEW YEAR!
WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!
WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A WONDERFUL VACATION!***

Director’s Message: *Update on our lunch program...*

Dear Parents,



Our lunch vendor, Aulon, and QSI Shekou have been working together to continually improve our lunch program. After hearing valuable input from a variety of community members, we have decided to try an exciting new lunch menu idea. Right after the Chinese New Year vacation we will be providing what is called an "International Menu". These new menus from around the world will rotate each month and will be from North America, South America, Europe and Asia. The list looks wonderful! When I first saw it my mouth actually started to water!

Another exciting thing will be happening, too. As soon as the students have a chance to try the new menus they will be able to immediately give their input about the food through a nice, kid oriented, online interface system in our libraries and tech labs. The results of the student ratings and comments will then be sent to Aulon so their chefs can help provide more of what the kids are asking for. However, we want to make sure we continue to offer the high quality nutritional value that parents want for their children, so...



Very soon, parents and staff members will have additional chances to give feedback to Aulon. We will soon be surveying staff and parents electronically and our parent support group is putting together a parent committee that will work with Aulon to sample the food and menu selections. They, too, will then get to immediately give feedback to the Aulon folks. Within a month or two we

will hopefully be providing our students with lunches that will be nutritious and tasty while giving them an "international" culinary experience.

Respectfully, Mr. Page

A New Year and New Buses...

On Monday, 9 January 2012, we began transportation services with a new bus company. The company's name is "JOCEN", a large, licensed and reputable transportation company in Shenzhen. The new buses are a bright shiny orange color with blue and white stripes on the sides and the name "JOCEN" printed in large letters. The bus routes won't change, and the numbers of the buses will remain the same. Look for the bright yellow and blue QSI Logo and bus number in the front window of each bus. The familiar faces of our wonderful bus monitors will greet the students and help them on and off the bus, just like in the past.

A special note: Recently there has been a new law passed that requires all buses transporting children for schools must provide seat belts for each student. All students, regardless of age, must wear a seat belt. Please share this with your children, especially if they are one of our older students (ages 9 - 18) who may have not have been buckling up. It is now the law and the bus monitors will be requiring all students to buckle their belts and remain seated for the entire ride.

Thank you...and we hope you find our our new bus service clean, professionally managed and safe for your children.

Coffee with Mr. Page

**Next Coffee Date: 19 January 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 5th Floor, Main
TOPIC: Technology updates - what's new for our school.**



***Our next PSG Meeting is 19 January, right after Coffee with Mr. Page.
Please don't hesitate to contact the PSG if you are interested in
volunteering!***

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PSG News!

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.



Dear Parents: The School Needs Your Help!

If you have a new email address, cell phone number or permanent address, we need you to call or email the school to give us the updates. (8675526676031, dream-meng@shk.qsi.org or shekou@qsi.org)

We need your family information to be accurate, so don't wait, let us know right away!



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