

“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

- **13 – 15 Feb 2012**– ERB Writing tests
- **1 Mar 2012** – End of Quintile 3
- **21, 22 Mar 2012** – Parent Teacher Conferences (No School on Friday, March 23)
- **30 Mar 2012** – End of Term 2 – third term school fees due

Director's Message: intensive English at QSI Shekou – Students soaring!

Dear Parents,

At QSI Shekou we value and enjoy working with our diverse, multi-cultural student population. Over 800 students from non-English speaking countries are enrolled in our school and over 400 students are in our Intensive English (IE) classes striving to learn enough English to participate fully in our mainstream core curriculum. We are working very hard as a staff to help all of our students be successful and reach the goal of graduation from high school with a strong transcript and graduation diploma.

Beginning as early as 6 years old, our students who need additional help with English language development receive many hours of instruction each week by qualified Intensive English teachers. Many other professionals also help us in our efforts to keep these students progressing toward a “transition” into the mainstream program. Transition is a form of “graduation” for our IE students and each one knows how important it is to reach this level. One extremely important milestone for an IE student to look forward to is the transition to the mainstream instructional program at the secondary campus. Our 12 and 13 year old students, especially, know how important and how difficult it is to reach a level of English proficiency that will insure they are ready for the secondary program.

Beginning in March 2012, all 13 year olds will be “screened” in regards to their English reading, language usage and writingskills to determine how much additional work they well need to continue their progress. We will use a writing sample, a reading assessment and the MAP standardized scores in reading and language usage for this screening.

We are proud to report that the vast majority of our 13 year old students are ready now or will be ready when they finish their 13 year old experience at QSI Shekou. We will have a few students who will need to be strongly guided in their English development program in order to move forward to the S1 program. During our parent/teacher conference, 21 – 22 March, parents of our 13 year old students who will need this special attention will be meeting with our Intensive English Coordinator, Mrs. Christensen and our Main Campus Director of Instruction, Mr. Jackson. These parents will be contacted to arrange an appointment. We hope all of our 13 year old students are successful in their transition to the secondary learning program. However, if,

after extensive intervention strategies and further assessment and a student does not meet the criteria, he/she may not be enrolled in our secondary program.

As was announced in our current Parent Information Packet, we will continue to phase out the secondary Intensive English program.

Respectfully, Mr. Page

Don't Forget!

You can make a difference. If you haven't already done so, please click the link below to give your input into our new lunch program.

We need your help to make our lunch program the best in Shenzhen, maybe even the best in all of China. It will only take you 5 minutes to complete!



Click here >>>>> [lunch menu survey](#)

Lunch Menu Survivor game!

Ask your Main Campus or Secondary Campus child about it!
It's our way of honoring student opinions about our new International Menu lunch program.

Coffee with Mr. Page

Next Coffee Date: 16 February 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 5th Floor, Main
TOPIC:



*Our next PSG Meeting is 16 February, right after Coffee with Mr. Page.
Please don't hesitate to contact the PSG if you are interested in volunteering!*

PSG President: Peggy Morrison Peggy Morrison Peggy Morrison

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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