

**“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**

- **1 Mar 2012** – End of Quintile 3
- **2 Mar 2012** – Status Reports sent home
- **21, 22 Mar 2012** – Parent Teacher Conferences (Full day of school on Wednesday, March 21 - No School on Thursday and Friday, March 22 and 23)
- **15 March** – Coffee with Mr. Page – 9 a.m. – Main Campus – PSG room – 5<sup>th</sup> floor
- **30 Mar 2012** – End of Term 2 – third term school fees due

**Director’s Message: QSI Shekou – Success Orientations continues to guide our learning program for students...**

Dear QSI Parents,

Recently I had the opportunity to attend the annual Association for the Advancement of International Education (AAIE) conference in Boston, Massachusetts, USA. The conference focused on the concept of global ethics in a time of unrest in our world, emphasizing how important it will be for companies and organizations to work hard at building work environments based on **responsibility, fairness, honesty and respect**. A long-term research project recently conducted by Dr. Rushworth Kidder, the keynote speaker at the conference, established these four values as common throughout global societies. Regardless of race, language or religion, these four values were commonly considered as important to positive continued development of the human character.

As I listened to Dr. Kidder speak, my mind continually went to the QSI Success Orientations. I soon realized that the four values that rose to the surface of Dr. Kidder’s research are firmly embedded in the seven Success Orientations that has been part of Quality Schools International for over 25 years. Just think about it...

Success Orientation

Responsibility  
Trustworthiness  
Group Interaction  
Aesthetic Appreciation  
Kindness and Politeness  
Independent Endeavor  
Concern for Others

Dr. Kidder’s four core values

**Responsibility**  
**Honesty**  
**Respect** for others and **Fairness** for those in the community  
**Respect** for our surroundings and the environment  
**Respect** and compassion for others  
**Responsibility**  
**Respect** and **Fairness**

At QSI Shekou, I find it quite interesting that the founders and leaders of our organization, Quality Schools International, realized long ago what Dr. Kidder confirmed in his research. I am also extremely proud to be associated with staff, students and parents who embrace the Success Orientations as a set of core values in our school community. These core values continue to be one of the main reasons parents choose QSI Shekou as the school for their children.

Respectfully, Mr. Page

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT!

The new QSI Shekou School Calendar for 2012-13 is now available!  
Please visit our website and click on “Calendar”

### 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: 15 March 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 5th Floor, Main  
TOPIC: Open Discussion – Any topic



*Our next PSG Meeting is 15 March 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.



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