

“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: Mr. Scott D’Alterio – New Director coming in August 2012

Dear QSI Patrons,



This week’s feature letter will be a biographical sketch of Mr. Scott D’Alterio, the incoming Director of QSI International School of Shekou beginning August 2012. Mr. D’Alterio sent this information to me and I am pleased to share it with all of you.

“It is with great pleasure that I introduce myself to the QSI International School of Shekou community. I look forward to August when I will be accompanied to China by my wife Lori, who will be teaching 5 year olds, my son Kristopher who will be in Secondary III and my daughter Nicole who will be in Secondary I.

I have been a Director of two different QSI schools the past 8 years; spending 4 years in Albania and 4 years in Kyiv. I have a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Leadership from SUNY Cortland. I am also pursuing a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership through Nova Southeastern University.

Prior to becoming a school administrator I was a school Counselor for 15 years. I also have a Masters Degree in Counseling and I served as a school counselor in Upstate New York, Norway, the Dominican Republic and in Dubai in the UAE. I have attained faculty status with the William Glasser Institute, which is known for its effective counseling approach and Mastery Learning. I am very interested in motivation, personal growth and communication that bring people closer together.

I look forward carrying on the strong commitment to students, parents, and staff at QSI International School of Shekou. Our efforts will continue to focus on providing an excellent learning environment for your children following the QSI success-oriented model of education.

As stated in the QSI model, we have three foundational beliefs:

1. All students can experience success in their learning including critical thinking, problem solving, and creativity.
2. Success breeds success.
3. It is the school's responsibility is to provide the conditions for success.

It is also important to learn more than just “academics.” We feel it is equally important that the often hidden part of the curriculum, what QSI calls Success Orientations, be a vital part of the entire QSI school experience.

I am also committed to the importance of extracurricular activities and athletics. Later this spring I will be visiting Shekou and welcome the opportunity to meet with you.” – Scott D’Alterio

Mr. D’Alterio will be in Shekou during the week of 9 – 13 April 2012 when he will tour all four campuses, meet our staff, students, Advisory Board members and our Parent Support Group. I am sure you are all looking forward to meeting our new director. Stay tuned for more on Mr. D’Alterio’s visit.

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: 16 February 2012, 9:00 a.m. – 5th Floor, Main
TOPIC: Open Discussion – Any 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!*

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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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