



# The Secondary Source



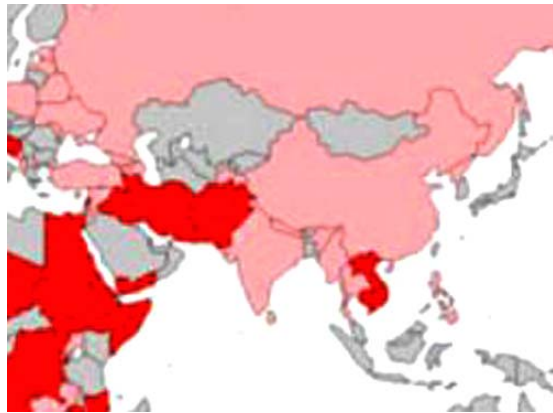
## MIN\_eD YOUR STEP

By: Staedtler

QSI's Global Issues class, as part of a unit entitled "Telling the World I Care," is trying to create awareness among the student body and the rest of the QSI community regarding land mines. The proliferation and infiltration of land mines is a big problem in regions like Southeast Asia and Eastern Europe.

Land mines remain dangerous after a conflict has ended, killing and injuring civilians and also rendering land impassable and unusable. To make matters worse, many factions have not kept accurate records of the exact locations of their minefields, making removal efforts slow. Because land mines are unaffected by cease-fires or peace, the only

way to deactivate them is by individual removal at a cost of \$US300-1000 per mine (mines cost between 3-75 dollars to produce). These facts pose seri-



*Red areas in the map are infected by land mines.*

ous difficulties in many developing nations where the presence of mines hampers resettlement, agriculture, and tourism.

The QSI students are showing that they are passionate about this issue and want to create awareness and raise money to

help the cause. The entire project will take place over the course of the next two months. To kick off the endeavor, one day of general announcements educating students about land mines last Monday had students announcing shocking and devastating facts about the explosive devices on the intercom every 22 minutes (for example, someone is killed or injured by one every 22 minutes). They had also held a bake sale on February 22, 2011. They have designed a bracelet that will be sold to raise awareness and use the money for de-mining. "Our goal is to help resolve the problem. Every little bit counts," said teacher of the class Mrs. Sedmak.

Every student should support this project to help make a better world.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

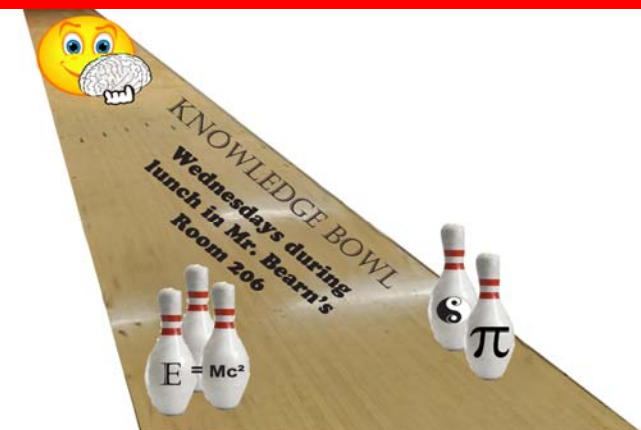
#### February

24-26~MUN Int. School Conference

#### March

- 2~ HS Soccer CGS @ QSI
- 4-5 ~ Overnight Open Studio Art
- 9~ Soccer QSI @ CIS
- 10~ Badminton QSI @ SIS
- 12~ Badminton Tournament@CIS
- 14~ Soccer QSI @ UISZC
- 15~ Secondary Career Fair
- 17~ Badminton ACAMIS @ UISG
- 23-24~ Parent / Teacher Conference
- 24~ QSI Tennis Starts
- 25 ~NO SCHOOL
- 25 ~ Soccer CDNIS @ QSI

## DEMINEING ASIA 2011



# The Great VW Experiment

By: D-Bex

Mr. Van Winkle came to



China this year from Houston, Texas. He went to Elk City High, and later studied Chemistry and Science Education at the University of Central Oklahoma. His love for science was inspired by his own phenomenal Chemistry teacher.

While working as a lab tech at the forensics center at his university, he soon realized that life was not what he wanted. So, he instead turned to teaching. His motivations for becoming a teacher was that teaching in itself provides a new aspect of everyday life (with a bonus of long vacations). He decided to venture to China because he had never been outside of the USA and he thought it would be an interesting culture to study.

At QSI he teaches Chemistry, Discovery Science, and Health.

His educational philosophy is "Every issue is not a nail, so you need more tools than a hammer."

His interests are playing his PS3, exploring his surroundings, and writing. His music taste varies from classical to heavy metal, just as his interests from science to writing literature. He is currently writing a

satirical book about the "experiences of a first-year teacher in a poverty stricken school."

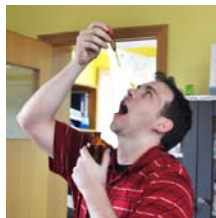
Chemistry student Madeleine Paugh says, "His class is the best because it's always fun!

And he has cool shoes."

Mr. Van Winkle's personal hero is Mr. Peters because "he has a great work ethic, does a great job at organizing athletic events, and is the only one that I know brave enough to walk around without hair. One day I hope to have hair like him."



Experiment gone awry.



# HALLWAYHOLLA

Do you know why February is the shortest month?

"People wanted something special."

Eun Jin Kim, Sec III



"Because March is such an awesome month, they have to shorten February to expand March."

Adelaide Nguyen, Sec II



"There's only so much love you can give."

Michele Huynh, Sec IV



"Because it has less days than other months."

Daniel Egilsson, Sec III



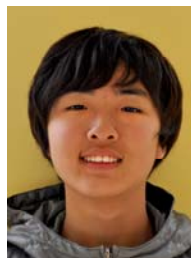
"February was originally part of the seven dwarves, making him the eighth, but he was kicked out on account of his name not being an adjective."

Simon Sedmak, Sec IV



"It is?????????????"

Dong Hoon Shin, Sec I



## Dr. Fuzzenstein's Advice Corner



Dr. Fuzzenstein, I'm having a ginormous crisis! I used to be the most popular girl and now no one wants to talk to me. WHAT DO I DO! HELP!! -Sincerely, my life failz

Dear F, Have you perhaps hurt any of your friends? If not, then your mind might be playing tricks on you. Even when friends are close, they don't always express their concerns, so you could try to clear the air by asking some of your mates if anything is amiss. You may find they still care about you a lot. OR.. maybe you do have a problem and it's all your fault, in which case you should try to be nicer and more polite. The best way is still trying to talk to them about it; they will hopefully give you a second chance if they are truly good friends. After all, popularity is not the most important thing in life. Take a look at the Success Orientations, and try to accomplish these traits, and everything should work out. And in any case, you will be out of school soon and then you can get a whole new set of friends in college. -Good Luck, Dr. F



Athlete of the Week: Seung Yeon Han