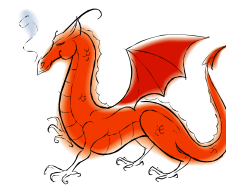


The Eye of the Dragon

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Visiting Artist at the Main Campus!



The beautiful artwork of **Mrs. Yuan Man Jun** is on display at the Main Campus' Fifth Floor Art Gallery May 5 – 13, 2011. Mrs. Yuan is a traditional Chinese paper cut artist and currently teaches at the University of Shenzhen. May 9 – 13 Mrs. Yuan will visit our campus to instruct the 12 and 13 year old students in the art of paper cutting. Most artwork on display is available for sale. Please contact **Mr. Adam Laughlin** at Adam-Laughlin@shk.qsi.org if you are interested in purchasing her work. Commissioned artwork is available.



Student Work Everywhere During Art Week



Drop by and check out the loads of student work displayed around the Main Campus this week. 9-10 year old students have some great items on display in the 2nd floor atrium. Some is from class work and others from Art class. You can also find some great 12 and 13 year old work up at the school.



There are artists coming in to show techniques and also show off their own work (some is on sale as well).



Dance Fever Hits QSI

Once again Mr. Kenealy has accomplished the impossible. We saw dozens



of students finish up work early in classes so they could be released to attend the Sock Hop in the gym last Friday afternoon. Often it is hard to get students to join in when a dance unit is taught, but Mr.



Kenealy has worked his magic and transformed reluctant students into budding dance enthusiasts. Some of the steps may

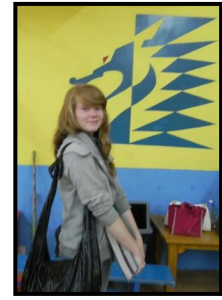


be off beat or slightly out of order, but the fun and the good humor more than make up for the entry level of talent. Thanks as well to Asuka for her hours spent showing the girls' steps to 12 and 13 year old classes.

Kudos to Some Special Students



Have you met **Amy**, or **John** or **Edda** or **Gabi**? These are just a few of the students who may get overlooked at times who are doing so many things right. **Amy** is a new student and yet she has already been named a Student of the Quintile in just her first quintile! She is responsible and kind and hard working and eager to catch up on her community service



hours volunteering for many extra times. **John** is a boy who is seldom seen without a smile and all his work done. He recently moved up a level in IE and is always the first to complete an assignment. He has also been earning mastery level grades in science and cultural studies even when he was in Introductory IE! Think you can top that? Edda has been around for several months now and if you don't know her it isn't her fault. She is

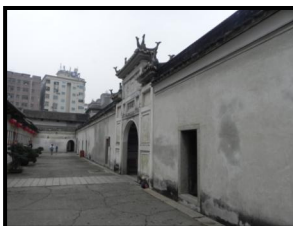


really involved with school and community service and can often be found caring for dogs at the rescue center across from school. **Gabi** – which one? All three! **Gabi Strachman** is one of the most social girls I know, in a good way. She is eager to supervise younger students and volunteers for Lock-Ins and ECC Play Dates where she amazes us all by learning

more names than anyone (except Nadya). **Gabi Galicia** – she is a superstar in sports starting on the secondary soccer team that finished 2nd at ACAMIS last week. She also finds time to be the Cowardly Lion in MS Drama and to be one of the nicest girls in Middle School, welcoming everyone and always being positive. **Gabi Braga** – she is also one of the sweetest girls in school and one who has never put anyone down and always brings a positive attitude to every sport she joins (that is pretty much all of them) whether in class or on her own, **Gabi** has been a good friend to all here for years.



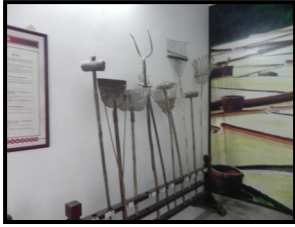
Hakka Walled Community



About an hour outside of Shekou on the outskirts of Shenzhen is a little piece of Hakka History. A large 300 room structure with intact walls is being renovated to give everyone a look at some of the contributions and



culture of early Hakka settlers. There are a number of sites, but this one holds a gallery of Hakka “who’s who” and a wide range of cultural exhibits to show what life was like for the families who dwelt there. Information is



given in Chinese and English so it is easy to get an idea of what each exhibit is about and why it is important. Tools, building methods, marriage customs, famous people, important crops and innovations are all depicted in this well laid out spacious museum. Small living quarters inside a self-contained community make the walled dwellings seem more recognizable. It may be a long ride, but it is definitely a trip worth taking to learn more about this type of life.



Si Hai Park – Near Secondary



Directly across from the secondary campus is a nice park that offers a small lake, plenty of trees, nice pathways and a living glimpse of current Chinese culture. On a hot day the park is at least 10 degrees cooler than the streets and it is impossible to navigate the shaded paths without hearing traditional Chinese musical instruments, singing and laughter. Families often spend the day with children trying to net fish in the lake, roller skate or blow bubbles to chase and pop. Adults dance, play badminton or cards and generally you can catch a number of people practicing Tai Chi or other martial arts. The huge statue of the Ox, one of the Chinese Zodiac figures, dominates one corner of the park. An hour of easy walking will take you through every path of the park, or you can rent a paddle boat and spend more time zipping around the lake.

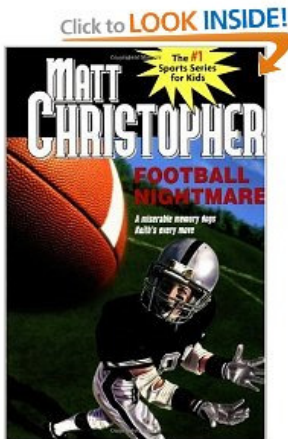


11s Are Off Again!

11 year old students and teachers are off campus Thursday and Friday to enjoy the wonders of the beach. Every year 11s take an overnight adventure to the beach. **Mr. Armstrong** and **Mr. Braun**, in their 3rd year, are old hands at this trip. Some say it is so teachers can work on their tans, however, the real reason is unity and Group Interaction. This provides a fun (and for many the first) experience away from home where students are with peers for hours at a time and in a less structured situation. If the weather holds out, the 11s will have a great time. If it starts raining, the 11s will still have a great time because they are in this together and whatever happens memories will be made! Good luck and fair winds 11s.



Coordinator's Corner.
Football Nightmare
By Matt Christopher



Do you like sports? Do you find it hard to get into a book because it just doesn't interest you? If the answer to both of these questions is yes you ought to try reading some of Matt Christopher's books in the library. He has books on swimming, hockey and football as well as other stories. This book is about a boy who made a mistake in a big game and the failure just won't go away. Should he drop out of football or stick with it despite the teasing?

Whatever sport you choose if you are into sports, give Matt Christopher's books a shot!

Announcements

- **Students who ride the late bus must be registered in the office ahead of time or they will not be allowed to ride the bus. Sign up in 1st floor Office.**
- **May 28th from 2:00 to 5:00 will be a Charity Sale of belongings by those leaving and anyone else who would like to sell. Drop by for some bargains.**
- **Students who wish to use the gym after school must be supervised by an adult.**
- **The Main Campus Library is open after school for students to study. Students must remember to sign up for the late bus before 1:00 if they are bus riders. Students 9 – 11 need a signed permission slip to attend.**
- **If any student wants to receive his/her own copy of the Eye of the Dragon every week please drop by the 3rd floor office and tell Joy who will sign you up or email her at joy-yang@shk.qsi.org and you will get every copy sent right to your email.**
- **Every edition of the Eye of the Dragon is also available on the school website. Contact Mr. DeWitt for any photos or input for the Newsletter @ ron-dewitt@shk.qsi.org**