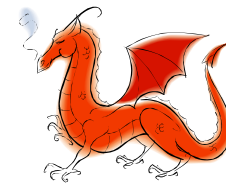


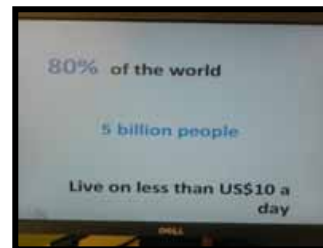
The Eye of the Dragon

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CONCERN FOR OTHERS

Captivating International sent a warm thank you to the Middle School Student Council for their gift of over \$1200 to help 6 families in a remote region of China to plant walnut



seedlings to provide a new income source. The new agricultural crop will help some of China's poorest families earn enough income to buy clothes and send their children to school and buy books. Ryan came in and showed a slide presentation to the student council so they could better understand the magnitude of their gift in terms of the farmers they are assisting. 80% of the world lives on less than \$10 a day!



Real children face years of opportunities thanks to the fund raising abilities of our student council. Each trip to the student store and the earlier MS Lock-In helped raise the majority of the funds. We give a big thank you to **Mr. Armstrong** and the Student Council



for being so giving.

GROUP INTERACTION

While students got in a little extra sleep last week, teachers put in two long days for the second round of QSI Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences. Levels 9 – 11 met in class rooms and specialists and 12 and 13 year old staff



met families in the gym. This was an opportunity for students to show their parents what they have been learning in every class. There were projects, videos, slide shows and of course lots of paper work as well. Teachers were also part of the learning group in this day and a half of meetings, because generally students took the lead in discussions of their own work and goals. From art to music to IE to



Chinese and French students sat down with their parents and teacher and let them know what they could do right and what might need a little more work. Though the days seemed rather long at times, teachers were rewarded with a day off on Friday to compensate for their extra time.



That is a Big COW!



AESTHETIC APPRECIATION

Shekou is a great place to live, but at times I yearn for the open spaces and the ability to interact with nature. Last Saturday I had the chance to be in a more rural setting at Guangming Farm.



Hanging gourds

Located about one and a half hours by bus (301 or M206) from school the farm is a great place to learn and get back to a more simple life. There are plenty of activities for younger students including: archery, obstacle

courses, walking around fishing, picking strawberries, riding horses, posing with huge imitation cows and, of course, eating ice cream and drinking fresh milk. It is a long trip but well worth the time for the whole



Hydroponics

Loom For Silk Weaving



family as it is easy to spend hours in the welcoming environment. There are also many agricultural displays of silk worms, hydroponics (growing veggies without

soil), mulberry trees, hanging gourds and many others. Most explanations are in Chinese, but many have English as well. It is a great way to remember there is more than just city life in this area and a wonderful opportunity for families to spend some time together in the open air.



Dairy treats



Feeding calves

INDEPENDENT ENDEAVOR

12 and 13 year old students hang out in the gym every morning until 8:20. Some just like to sit and relax with friends. Others take advantage of this time and place to get in a bit of extra practice. Amy Yu often sits and reads her English books with a dictionary to look up the words she has not mastered yet.



Yoon and Ashley can generally be found working to upgrade their skills in volleyball. These two were a big part of the reason that the Yellow team won first place, but they are continuing to challenge themselves with advanced drills to be even better next year.



Jessica and Candy are checking out the latest on the Pray for Japan fundraising. Vick, Sebastian, Keiffer and Bryan Favila work on their basketball shots. As the big quote in the lobby states, "...most people get ahead during the time others waste." How do you use those 10-30 minutes each day?



KINDNESS AND POLITENESS



The Men of OZ are some of the nicest characters you will ever see in a drama. The Tin Man, Scarecrow and the Wizard are some of Dorothy's best friends. Willing to give up their own wishes to help Dorothy they embody many of the traits we look for in our own students. They are loyal, sacrificing, sympathetic and courteous. The same can be said for the boys who are playing these parts. In fact I am not even sure if some of it can be called acting. **Henry, Rodney, Ricardo** and **Jher Qin** are some of the nicest boys in our school. They are also all very funny. **Henry** and **Rodney** played opposite each other as Cogsworth and Lumiere last year and gathered a fair share of the laughs in that drama. **Ricardo** is a very versatile actor and could easily have captured most of the roles in the play. **Jher Qin** has a great deep voice for Oz and the determination to see that he learns all his lines with enough time left over to put his own style into them. If I were to be sent on a quest and could choose my own companions, these guys would certainly be at the top of my list. Don't miss them in June. Follow the Yellow Brick Road!

RESPONSIBILITY

This week the following students were honored for their achievements at school as Students of the 3rd Quintile. Each received at least one E in Success Orientations, did something outstanding in their academics in class and participated in activities outside the classroom. We are proud to present this list of fine students and the teacher who nominated them:



Logan Cha – Mr. Braun 11 (absent)
Victoria Zhang – Ms. Zuckerman 9
Alitza Fisch – Mr. Mims 12
Samantha Rocher – Mr. Armstrong 11
Mia Fakhry – Mrs. Hammer 9
Meg Wang – Mrs. Hammer 9
Sammi Xu – Mrs. Rider 10
Leane Gaussorgues - Mrs. Rider 10
Tyler Colquhoun - Mr. Wood 9
Alex Rebiai – Mr. Woodhead 11
Sophia Kim – Mr. Hanson 12
Ashley Fraistat – Mr. DeWitt 12

More Concern for Others

Mr. Woodhead and **Mr. Smith** both listed several reasons NOT to put money in their bottles so they have to wear a dress Friday to raise money for the Japanese Red Cross. Thanks to all the men who volunteered!



Coordinator's Corner

TRUSTWORTHINESS

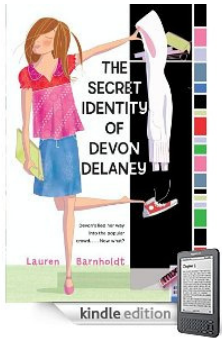
Harmless by Dana Reinhardt



Anna and Emma have been best friends since third grade and are completely inseparable. That is, until Mariah comes to town. With her wild ways and fast attitude, Mariah enters their school and turns their lives upside down. The girls get home late and tell a story about how they were attacked by some stranger – this leads to many problems (as most lies do). Check out their troubles in this book from the library. (Write-up from teenreads.com)

The Secret Identity of Devon Delaney

by Lauren Barnholt



Devon's mom says karma always comes around to get you, and I guess it's true. Because last summer she was told some lies, and now, right in the middle of math class, her whole world is about to come crashing down. That's because while Devon was living with her grandmother for the summer, she told her "summer friend," Lexi, that she was really popular back home and dating Jared Bentley, the most popular guy at school. Harmless lies, right? Wrong. Not when Lexi is standing at the front of Devon's class, having just moved to Devon's town. (Write-up from

Amazon.com)

These two books are on the libraries list of recommended reading for Trustworthiness, because each one deals with the consequences of telling lies and being untrustworthy. After seeing the problems these students face it may help us all value Trustworthiness more.

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.**
- **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.
- **ACAMIS MS Chess is scheduled for April 23**
- **10 year old Lock-in scheduled for April 15th**
- **No School Monday and Tuesday April 4-5**
- **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