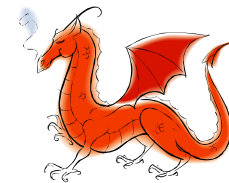


The Eye of the Dragon

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Aesthetic Appreciation

Do you have another weekend with nothing to do? Near Coco Park is a nice little Park that can provide a nice day of walking, checking out some pretty flowers and blossoms, and a few not too strenuous activities. The park is

called **Lianhua** and it is short trip from Shekou mostly by bus (K105) or Metro (Shao Nian Gong on the #4 Long Hua Line). The paths are gently sloped and there are no rugged demands on stamina here. The main

attraction seems to be kite flying. Hundreds of families were trying to get them aloft to watch them float on the air currents and prove their skill as kite masters. There are ample areas to sit and eat or nap in the shade and of

course smack around a badminton birdie. Likewise making bubbles can bring an opportunity to meet a whole bunch of strangers as they vie to pop them. Trees are filled with blossoms and flowers and every turn in the path brings some beautiful new flowers. At the top of the park is a famous statue of **Deng Xiao Ping**, Modern

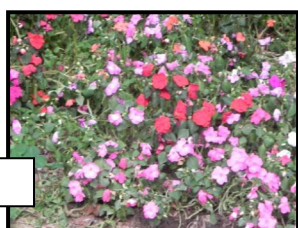
China's second leader. Many pause for a photo with the leader in the back drop. There are not many chances to buy snacks, so you may want to bring your own, but be sure to pick up all your litter so other guests can enjoy the park later as well.



Kites



Map of Lianhua



Color



Mr. D



Private spot



Deng Xiao Ping

Birthday Celebrations

To the left are the March birthdays and to the right those born in April. Both received treats and a song to help them remember how special each one of them is.



March Birthdays



April Birthdays

May Holiday

QSI will observe the May Holiday from **Saturday, April 30 – Wednesday, May 3**. There will be no school on that Monday and Tuesday. Make plans to enjoy the holiday together.

Concern for Others



Mr. Woodhead 'won' the honor of wearing a dress all day Friday by having the highest amount of money placed in his bottle. He wore it proudly as the contest raised 1634 RMB for Japan. At the assembly Wednesday the Dress Candidates played a short scrimmage with the boys and girls' basketball teams. The men won in a close contest.



This brought the total of funds raised by the Main Campus to over **13000 RMB** to show we care for Japan. **Mrs. Yokota** dropped by the assembly to express her gratitude on behalf of the Japanese families from QSI. The four QSI campuses have brought in over **40,000RMB** combined for Japan. This month the **Dragon Mentors** are hosting a Walk-A-Thon as another fund raiser. We add our thanks to that of the

Saren sets up



Japanese community for all you have done these past few months to raise the money and show how much you care.

Yoon shoots



Group Interaction

Back in October, **Mrs. Beers'** Intensive English class completed a unit on Friendly Letters. Since she wanted her students to have a purpose behind their letters, she decided to find some pen pals from the United States. There were 15 letters sent out from Room 404 explaining QSI students' cultural backgrounds, a typical school day at QSI, hobbies, and what living in China is like. Now, on April 6, 2011, the class has received the return letters to hear from students across the globe and how their lives compare with each other. **Mrs. Beers** hopes that her students keep these worldwide relationships for many years to come!

Justin and others wish they had a letter

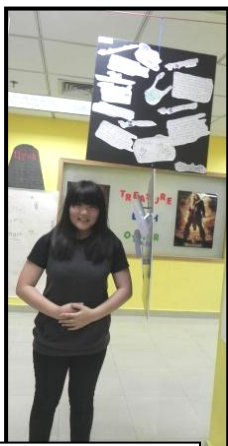


Francis and Hyun Ho Got their letters the 6th



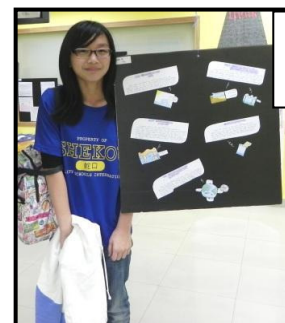
Responsibility

Mrs. Beers also teaches Earth Science and she tries to find some interesting and creative ways for her students to demonstrate the mastery of outcomes. One of the projects she created for students in a recent oceanography unit unites five of the ten TSWs into a colorful bulletin board. Two of the best were done by **Elizabeth** and **Denise** who were hesitantly persuaded to pose with their projects. Though shy, it was easy to see both girls are proud of their great work. They were able to use their artistic talent to highlight their academic knowledge and the result was a beautiful and well done project.



Elizabeth Cha

Denise Huang



Congratulations



Ms. Rachel Gong, one of our Chinese teachers, shared a few special wedding treats at school to celebrate her recent wedding. She was married over the holiday and is thrilled to begin her life with her new husband. She certainly looks happy with her new prospects and the beautiful traditional candy in the gift box was great. Be sure to offer your own congratulations and check out her wide smile when she tells you about her husband! All the best to **Mrs. Gong!**

Group Interaction



Once again **Mr. Kenealy** is preparing to work his magic. As a fellow PE teacher I am amazed at his ability to get students to **enjoy** square dancing in Middle School.



Golden Dragon to Mr. Kenealy for all his extra efforts

Each track starts out with the same groans of 'DANCING'! However, in no time at all **Mr. Kenealy** changes that groan to a cheer as students find out how challenging and how fun learning these different dances can be. For three years **Mr. K** has transformed the culture of these classes with his 'no nonsense you can do it' approach to the point that students work hard in other classes to be able to free themselves for a special day of dancing at the end of the unit. Hats off to you **Mr. Kenealy!**



Independent Endeavor



Looking for a little inspiration for your reading or writing? Check out the special assembly Monday. **Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen** will be visiting the Main Campus **Monday April 11th** from 12:55 – 1:45 for 9-10 year old classes and from 1:55 – 2:50 for 11 – 13 year old classes. Known primarily as a children's author, she has also written a young adult book featured in the newsletter two weeks ago **The Compound**. She will share her experiences and advice with students to help them find more purpose to their reading and writing. April 11-15 is Literacy Week at QSI.



Award-Winning Children's Author
Stephanie Stuve-Bodeen (S.A. Bodeen)



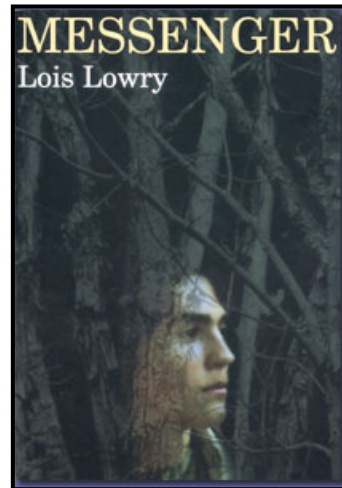
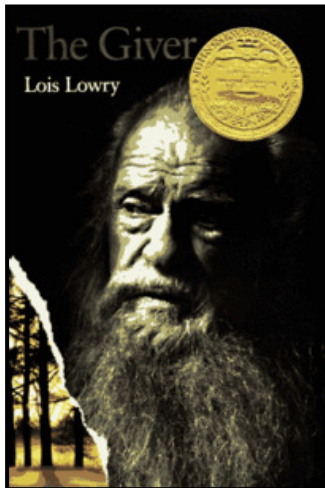
**The Worst Way to Lose Your Crown
by Mr. Braun**

Mr. Braun's 11yo Cultural Studies class put on a student written play on the French Revolution. Students presented in front of the other 11year old classes on the excesses of the French Monarchy, the Estates General, the Storming of the Bastille, and the Reign of Terror. Students gained knowledge about the causes and outcomes of this

period of European History. Andre Huang showed a high degree of Independent Endeavour with his contribution of a homemade guillotine to the performance. Mr. Dehart guest starred as Napoleon who helped end the chaos in France (and start chaos in other parts of Europe).

In the photo French peasant Jeffrey Wang joyfully pulls the recently guillotined head from French King Kang Min Park.

Coordinator's Corner



**The Giver, Gathering Blue and Messenger
Lois Lowry**

This Newberry book which became a popular trilogy is a favorite of many middle school age readers and is on most reading lists. This fantasy world is set in a future time and deals with ideas and ideals that challenge its readers to think objectively to appreciate them. It is a harsh world and there is a lot of suffering involved, but along with the pain comes a depth of character and love.

Check out more game pictures!



Mr. Souder sinks go ahead basket!



Mr. Heeg wins the tip off!



Yoon brings up the ball

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.**
- **Literacy Week is April 11-15**
- 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 Friday, April 15th 7:00 PM – 8:00 AM**
- **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