



Qingdao No. 1 International School of Shandong Province

May 6, 2011

Dear Parents of QISS Students,

May 23-27 Festival of Words Week: Written work of all students will be displayed during Festival of Words Week. More information and schedules of the week's events will be presented by our Festival of Words Committee in the near future.

Introducing new faculty members:

I would like to introduce our new faculty members who will join us in August:

- Jody Pardun is our new Pre-K teacher, who has fifteen years teaching pre-school children. Jody holds a Masters Degree in Early Childhood/Elementary Education.
- Christine Perez-Rubio is our new kindergarten teacher, who has sixteen years teaching experience in the US and overseas.
- Jorge Perez-Rubio is our new LS art teacher, who has been teaching visual arts for over ten years. Jorge has lived in the US, Guatemala, Venezuela, Brazil, England, Switzerland, and Egypt.
- Johanna Blackman is our new fourth grade teacher. She has over five years teaching experience. Has a Bachelor's Degree in Spanish and a Masters Degree in International Relations.
- Mauricio Araya is our new LS PE teacher, who has more than four years teaching experience. He earned his Masters Degree from Queen's College in New York City.
- Marta Frey is our new LS music teacher, who earned her Master of Music Education form Hartt School in Hartford, Connecticut.
- Jeffrey Baillie is our new US English/ESL teacher. He earned degrees from University of London and Bristol University. Jeffrey has worked in Spain, Japan, Bulgaria, the United Arab Emirates and Vietnam. Read more on our web page under the "The School tab." Or use the following link in your browser: <http://www.qiss.org.cn/qissfiles/New%20Faculty%20Introductions%202011-2012.pdf>

Sadly, we are sending 'Best Wishes' to our faculty that is moving out of the Qingdao area:

- Joshua Doyle, our current kindergarten teacher, will be moving to Hangzhou, and we wish him lots of success as he begins a new adventure in a new kindergarten classroom.
- Sharon Ammerman, our current Grade 4 teacher, will be moving back to the United States, and we wish her lots of success teaching in America as her husband will attend a university.
- Laney Rweyemamu, our current LS PE teacher, will be returning to work at her former school district, and we wish her lots of success working with students in America.

Parents are always welcome to visit our classrooms. It is requested that you first contact your child's teacher and inform the teacher about your interest in visiting QISS.

Sincerely,

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Grade 2 Enjoying the Pool