



Qingdao No. 1 International School of Shandong Province

October 28, 2011

Dear Parents of QISS Students,

I wish to openly thank Mr. Gao and Mr. Fischmann for giving me this wonderful opportunity to serve the students and community of QISS, and QISS holds, for all time, a very special place in my heart. In the mornings, it was a pleasure greeting students as they arrived on campus, and in the afternoons, I would wave to them good-bye as they headed home. Some of the high school students would call me “Mr. Good Morning.” My time here revolved around all young learners. I have offered my institutional memory and help to the new incoming director, Dr. Jay Teston, because I do love QISS and want to see QISS continue its path toward greatness.

Change is a real part of all international schools, and I reached an important junction for change in my personal and professional life. I have accepted a position as a kindergarten teacher with Saudi Aramco Schools in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. The Aramco schools have a history dating back to 1955 and are highly respected around the world for their excellent educational program. Even though I will be on the other side of the world, my heart will remain here in QISS. I cannot put in words how Mr. Fischmann’s vision made a tremendous impact on me for fully embracing the mission and everything QISS stands for as a developing and strong educational place for learning.

I leave QISS fully committed and supportive of all that QISS stands for. I believe we have the best set of educational ideas, and I respect all who work for QISS. This school is moving toward world recognition and striving for educational excellence. With your continued support, QISS will reach its goals. As I stated before, I will continue to support QISS, and I truly hope that I will be called on in the future to support QISS in any capacity possible. Finally, I thank all for your support over the years. When we meet again, let’s appreciate the positive points found at QISS!

Sincerely,

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PS Please see following pages regarding upcoming Writers’ Workshops

Mr. Alberto's Writers' Workshop Series for Students and Parents

Invitation to Grades 3-5 Students and their parents

First Meeting 9:00-12:00: Saturday, February 11, 2012; **Second Meeting** 9:00-12:00: Saturday, February 18, 2012; **Third Meeting** 9:00-12:00: Saturday, February 25, 2012

Meet in Lower School Building Room #304

Objectives:

Introduce parents to the elements of the 6 Traits of Writing Program and guide students:

graphic organizers

How to begin: Ideas

Making sense: Organization

Creating a bond with the reader: Voice

Using the correct words: Word Choice

Using sentences beyond correct usage: Sentence Fluency

Balance between writing correctly and meaning: Conventions

This workshop will introduce parents to the *6 Traits of Writing* Program. It was developed by Dr. Ruth Culham. She saw a need for young writers to understand and apply a common language designed to improve writing. Our QISS teachers utilize the *6 Traits of Writing* in all Lower School Classrooms.

It is recommended to attend all sessions but not required. At the end of each session a sample of written work will be collected from each student participant to be included in our Lower School Newsletter by Kids. There will be some written work and some reading to be completed prior to each session. Therefore, it is required to sign up so enough materials could be prepared before the start of a session. Please return the form completed to your child's teacher, who will give it to Mr. Alberto.

I would like to participate with my child for the following Writers' Workshops. Please check the boxes of the sessions you will be attending:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, February 11, 2012 9:00-12:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, February 18, 2012 9:00-12:00	<input type="checkbox"/>	Saturday, February 25, 2012 9:00-12:00
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Name of Child _____ Grade _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent _____ Phone: _____

Mr. Alberto's Writers' Workshop Series for Students and Parents

Invitation to Grades 1-2 Students and their parents

First Meeting 1:00-3:00: Saturday, February 11, 2012; **Second Meeting** 1:00-3:00: Saturday, February 18, 2012; **Third Meeting** 1:00-3:00: Saturday, February 25, 2012

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graphic organizers

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Signature of Parent _____ Phone: _____