



"Vitality shows in not only the ability to persist but the ability to start over."

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Qingdao No.1 International School of Shandong

Building for the Future

Director: Jeffrey Fischmann

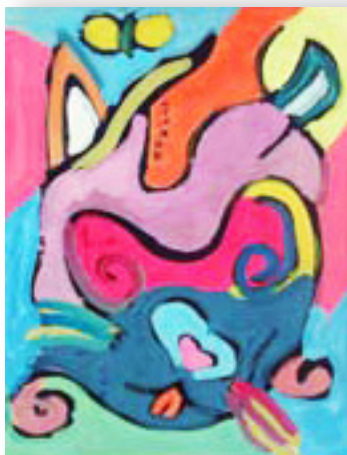
QISS was created this summer by Mayor Xia in response to a crises that erupted over ownership issues with the former QIS. The mayor made a bold decision to establish Qingdao No. 1 International School of Shandong Province, to be known in international circles as Qingdao International School Shandong (QISS). Nearly all the faculty and staff of the former QIS signed contracts with the new QISS.

The school is under the supervision of the Qingdao Education Bureau, and its appointed representative on campus, Principal Li Zhi-liang, who along with his staff, have been assisting the school with all the official business needed to legally operate as a licensed international school

in China. The school is being housed temporarily in the International Building of No. 2 Middle School as the municipal government selects a site to

build a new, modern campus. I've been told that several sites are under consideration, though as yet, no decision has been announced.

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Sally, Grade 4: Brushstrokes

Learning to Read

Upper School Principal: Peter Burnside

When I first moved to Korea in 1995, I was determined to learn Korean. I learned the alphabet in just a few days and felt like a superhero. Then I read my first word, "Kim bab", painted on the window of a restaurant. I was sure I was a genius. Any day now, I thought, I would be reading local news in Korean and sending back letters to the editor typed in Hangul.

Two years later, I could only read the names of my favorite Korean foods and wondered what happened. For two years, I had only been reading menus. I read them daily in a variety of restaurants, but that's all I read.

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Lower School Changes in Reporting Student Progress

Lower School Principal: Tim Green

Over the past five years at QIS (our former school), parents of Lower School students received 6 report cards each school year (coinciding with our 6 six-week units of study). In addition, QIS scheduled 1 or 2 parent/teacher conferences during that specific year.

The old way: 6 report cards (one every 6 weeks of study); 1 or 2 parent/teacher conferences.

This year, we're trying something new: Although we will continue having 6 six-week units of study throughout the school year, we will only be sending out report cards after every 2 units. Thus, 3 report cards will be sent home each year, and they will follow Units 2, 4, and 6. For Units 1, 3 and 5, teachers will provide a progress report on each student, focusing on any specific areas of study that need to be addressed, or highlighting a child's special

strengths or improvements. In addition, we have scheduled 3 parent/teacher conferences during the year.

The new way: 3 report cards (one every 12 weeks of study), 3 progress reports, and 3 parent/teacher conferences.

Ultimately, the result will be more information provided to you regarding your child's academic and social development, and less repetition of report cards. Throughout this year, please keep us informed as to whether you find our new reporting method to be more helpful or not. We're truly hoping it's an improvement!

I wish all of you a safe and relaxing week over the National Holiday vacation. See you in October!



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International Picnic

Kindergarten Teacher: Amanda Olson

Dear Parents and Students,

The International picnic committee would like to thank everyone who attended the picnic and who helped make it such a great success. We hope that everyone enjoyed themselves and got a taste of all the wonderful foods from all the different countries. We would like to thank the QISS high school choir, Mr. Greg Ellis for the sound system and music, Mr. Burnside, Mr. Casler and all the teachers and teacher assistants who helped with the games. We would like to especially thank those who donated prizes for our raffle drawing. We could not have had the raffle without your generous donations!! We hope to see everyone again next year! Below is the list of donations and the student/family who donated it.

Thank you,
International Picnic Committee
Amanda Olson-Chair
Jeff Albaugh
Dean Leonard
Bill Stubbs-Student Government
Linden Bentley
Cynthia Fernandes
Maggie Lu

Student Homework Diaries Arrive

Computer Teacher: Bradley Arnold

This week, all students from grades 1 to 12 received a homework diary for the school year 2007-2008. In the book there is a space for each school day, as well as a place for comments, signatures, and communication with teachers. Included are also schedule pages, the code of conduct and information for citing references when making bibliographies. Parents should please encourage their children to use these books, and parents should also check these regularly to help their children stay on top of their work.



Upper School Principal (continued)

When I see students at QISS struggling to read English—especially as a second language, I empathize deeply and hope that they learn English much, much better than I learned Korean. I have put together some tips below to help students succeed—tips that I wish I had followed when I was learning to read Korean.

Tips for improving vocabulary and reading comprehension:
Students can:

1. Listen to books read aloud at home or at school daily
2. Increase time spent on silent reading
3. Read in the native language (if other than English). Reading in the native language improves general reading skills.
4. Practice reading aloud.
5. Read a variety of texts (books, magazines, stories, non-fiction)

Parents Can:

1. Provide a variety of interesting books for the child to read
2. Talk to your child about what he or she is reading (in English or in the native language). Discuss the characters or main ideas.
3. Read aloud to your child.



International Picnic Donations List

Grade	Student/Family Name	Donation
K	Lea Choi	50 pieces of clothing/pajamas
K	Ludwig Olsson and Family IKEA	2 racks, 1 set of body/hand soap 3 towels, 1 Vase, 1 set of cups, 1 bathing set, 1 picture frame
		1 set of plant pots
K	Christopher Lamps and Family	American Movie night set
G2	Ariel Kim	4 stuffed dolls and 16 notebooks
G2	Danny Lee	Toys
G3	Charlotte Lee	2 Airplane models
G3	Hyun Woo Kim, Danny Lee Ariel Lee, Alex Park, Jeong Won Kim, Hye Min Noh	1 bag, 2 converse hats/caps

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International Picnic Donations List (continued)

Grade	Student/Family Name	Donation
G3	Joe Park	Clothing (Gap)
G4	Brian(YongChan) Kim	1 box of tea
G4	Jake Park & Tracy Chang	1 box of tea and Almond juice
G4/8	Suh Jin Kang/Suh Young Kang	3 boxes of tea
G4/2	Tad Kim and Eric Kim	Leisure sheet for picnic
G5	Annie Xu	Lots of socks
G5	Yang family	Doll
G5	Sophie Jeon	QISS pink and black jewelry
G5	Angela Kong	Lots of Socks
G5	Jason Kim	Tea
G5	Kevin Chae	Aircraft model
G7	Jay Ahn	Men's shirts
G7	Jenny Lee & Sewon Shoes Co.	2 pairs Nike shoes
G7/Pre-K	Saskia Bunte/Celia Bunte	10 bags (GERB)
G7/G11	Steve Bang/Anna Bang & Chang Shin Shoes Co.	2 pairs Nike shoes
G8	Dazhoni Green, Tim Green and Sam Zhao	2 books signed by the author Mr. Green.
G9	Diana Roh Gap International Sourcing LTD	Clothing (GAP)
G9	Anny Han	Dolls, clothes (Texen)
G9/G11	Nick Kim/ Veronica Kim	2 bags
G9/G6	Josephine Cho/Michelle Cho	2 Moon Cake tickets
G10	William Noh	10 pieces of clothing
G11	Jane Oh	8 bags of stationary, notebooks and pens/pencils.



Andy, Grade 11: Woodcut Print



Casey, Grade 9: Woodcut Print



Jane, Grade 12: Woodcut Print



Suzie, Grade 8: Color Study



Wendy, Grade 8: Color Study

ESL-department!

ESL Specialist: Liesbeth Beullens

After a very intense and thorough selection procedure, I'd like to welcome two new ESL-teachers.

Miss Tanya Clark is our new Level 4 ESL-teacher. Apart from teaching the English language to the Level 4 students, she will also offer in-class support to Grade 4. Miss Clark is from Australia. She started at QISS last Monday, September 17.

Miss Julia Sumarokova will arrive from Russia during the October holiday. She will start as our new Level 5 ESL-teacher. Miss Sumarokova will teach English to the Level 5 students and offer in-class support to Grade 5. She will start on Monday, October 8.

Director (continued)

As can be expected, a lot of work remains to clearly define the specific nature of governance that will regulate our association as members of the school community. This association will eventually be codified into an Articles of Convention. I have appointed a Special Task Force, all of whom have children enrolled at QISS, to offer suggestions to the Qingdao Municipal Government in regards to governance models on behalf of the parent community.

The members of the Special Task Force are: Yoo Euy Song (Korean), Dannen Lee (American), Jin Woo Bang (Korean), Kai-Askan Buente (German), Lucy Chen (Chinese), Helene Van Oosterbosch (Dutch), and Phyllis Chang (Chinese). The purpose of this group is to advise the government as to how it can best achieve three goals: 1) long-term stable development; 2) guaranteed

financial and governmental support; 3) independent management of the educational program to ensure it meets the highest standards of international schools around the world. I'm also seeking advice from headmasters of international school's within China and around the world, as well as the advice of Dr. David Brown, the Executive Director of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and Dr. Marilyn George, the Associate Director of WASC. Both Dr. Brown and Dr. George have extensive expertise in the field of international education. Dr. George will be visiting QISS between November 18-20.

It is my hope and expectation that by working together and seeking expert advice, QISS will eventually devise an Articles of Convention and a system of governance that lays a solid foundation for long-term stable development of the school that meets the needs of all segments of our community.

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New Student Government

Math & Bio Teacher: Bill Stubb

QISS recently held elections for the student government. Congratulations to the new student government officers, who are: Jason Lee - President, Jane Oh - Vice President, Anna Son - Secretary, and Josephine Cho - Treasurer. The student government looks forward to working with the student body and the parents to make this first year as QISS a great year.

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October & November

Oct.	1-5	National Day Holiday
	22	Inservice (1/2 Day School)
	26	End of First Quarter
Nov.	2	U.S. Report Cards #1
	16	L.S. Report Cards #1
	17	Half Day of School (Afternoon Inservice)
	21	U.S. Progress Reports
	22-23	Thanksgiving Vacation

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