

Hao Xiao Xi

Our "Good News" Bi-Monthly Newsletter
October 23, 2009

Benefits of Collaboration

By MS. VOGLER

Collaboration between classes is so important to student growth! This past week Mrs. Curtin's Level 6 class and Ms. Vogler's Level 9 class worked together to decorate the second floor hall for Fall Festival.

Each student had an opportunity to create their own great glittered pumpkin and leaf. The students learned to share materials as well as ideas while working together for a common goal. These finished shapes were hung from the windows and doors of the second floor to celebrate the changing of the season.

When the students worked together, they learned from one another and extended their interaction learning. Students exchanged ideas in a



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safe environment and were given opportunities to model behavior and communication amongst one another. While working together, these two classes were given experience and support in teamwork skills; students learned from one another. One level nine student shared, "I learned to use better manners by saying please and thank you more often. The younger students say those words frequently. It was a good reminder to us as older students."



Please come down the hall and take a look at all the beautiful decorations that the students made

Fall Festival Tonight!

All 3 YO – 10 YO QSI families are invited to come to QSI in costume on October 23, from 6-8



pm to enjoy many delicious home made treats (Roots and Shoots will be selling in the cafeteria), games, a family picture, prizes and Trick or Treat Lane

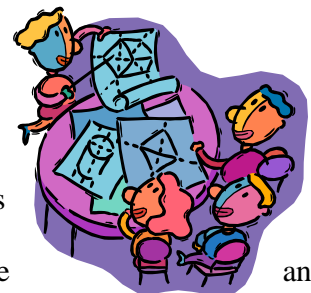
(Chengdu's version of going door to door and getting candy!)

11 YO-Secondary Roots and Shoots students will be helping out and then will have an activity after the Festival just for them.

Please remember that this event is for QSI students and their families. We look forward to seeing you there incognito!

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent teacher conferences will be held on the afternoons of October 29 and 30. Dismissal will be at 11:30 on these two days. Parents will receive a notice from school with a specific time date for your child's conference.



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the case of siblings, the office will coordinate schedules so that conferences are on the same afternoon. Secondary teachers will have open conference times, and you may stop in at your convenience. See you then!

Strategies for Reading Unknown Words



From MR. CURTIN

Have your child:

1. Look at the picture (it might have clues to work out that difficult word).
2. Look at the beginning letter, say the first sound, and think about the pictures.
3. Look at what you know inside the words (little words in big words, patterns, chunks, blends).
4. Slide your finger along the word as you sound out the letters and chunks.
5. Cover up part of the word and sound it out in sections.
6. Skip the word and read the rest of the sentence. Guess words that would make sense and match the letters and sounds in the word.
7. Try another word if your word does not make sense, sound right or look right (have your child look at the word to the right & see if it gives any clues).
8. Most of all maintain the flow. If you get too caught up on tricky words, choose a slightly easier book.

Dates to remember:

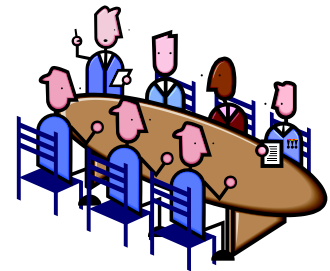
Oct 23: Fall Festival; 6-8 pm at QSI
 Oct 28: Q1 status reports issued
 Oct 29/30: Parent-Teacher conferences;
 12:15- 4 pm (students dismissed at 11:30)
 Nov 2: Q2 ASA begin
 Nov 4: Parent Support Group meeting, 9:00
 Nov 9-10: No School, Professional Development for Staff
 Nov 28: CIWC Holiday Bazaar at QSI (Students perform)
 Dec 4: Holiday Performance, 7 pm
 Dec 4: Q2 ASA end
 Dec 11: Dismissal at 11:30 for holiday
 Dec 12- Jan 3: Winter Holiday

Accreditation Committees

By MRS. NOLL

QSI Chengdu is accredited through Middle States Association. As part of the accreditation process each school is asked to review and update their goals and objectives each year. An official Middle States Association review is conducted after 3 years and 7 years. At the end of 7 years the school must go through a re-accreditation process.

We update our committees and our plans each year here in Chengdu. We look at our five year projections as well as our past years to ensure we are following through and updating our goals for the future. This year the faculty committees met for the first time in September and will continue to meet throughout the year.



The committees are: Media/Technology, Student Services, Student Life, Facilities, Health and Safety, and Student Learning. The chairperson of each committee is listed below. The QSI Advisory Board is involved with the committees, but if you have a special interest in being on one of the committees listed above, please contact the chairperson. Community involvement is important!

We will let you know what each committee is working on through the year and will send a final report at the end of the year.

Committee	Chairperson
Media/Technology	David Lambert
Student Services	Ron Noll
Student Life	Marisol Cuevas
Facilities	Roberto Abad
Health/Safety	Deb Curtin
Student Learning	Ian Hoke

Flu Shots

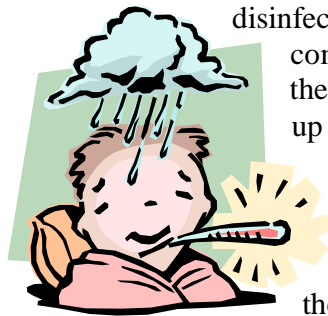
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Dr. George Chandler came to QSI twice in the last two weeks to give information about the flu and then on the 21st to give flu shots to those interested. Over 40 QSI teachers and families decided to get the flu shot, which we hope will keep all of us healthy over this year!



In Dr Chandler's talk on the flu and its different types the one thing he kept stressing was: WASH YOUR HANDS! While at school, the children consistently wash their hands through out the day, but sometimes we adults forget to take the same precautions.

In looking through the school we determined that besides the tables and desks, which are cleaned and disinfected twice a day, the



computer lab was probably the most likely place to pick up germs from dirty hands.

We have placed hand sanitizer in the computer lab and are asking teachers to help the students use it before

they place their hands on the keyboards.

Dr. Chandler also reminded all of us that if we are sick – stay home! Better to miss a day or two of work or school than to infect everyone around you at work or school.

If you are interested in getting a flu shot and missed the opportunity at school, Dr Chandler has more vaccine at Global Doctors.

See you at the Fall Festival!

