

Qatar Canadian School Newsletter

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(PAC Chair)



2,100 library books soon to be on the shelves for students and staff.

Principal's News

Greetings:

February, being the shortest month of the year; things at Qatar Canadian school have been zipping right along.

As well as the many classroom events and activities this past month, two very important milestones have occurred at QCS. We had a very successful international accreditation school review by Bryna Clarke, Senior Consultant, Alberta Education. During her review she was able to meet with parents, staff, students, Parent Advisory Council members and the Board of Directors of Qatar Canadian School. Also, an accreditation information session was held at CNA-Q. Ms. Clarke's very comprehensive review will be formalized and presented to the Alberta Education Minister for approval. It was noted that this report will include her recommendation that Qatar Canadian School receive international accreditation from Alberta Education, Canada. The report must first be reviewed and approved by the Minister before we receive official notice of our accreditation status. We hope to receive this before the end of the school year. We would like to thank everyone for becoming involved in this comprehensive process.

In addition, we are thrilled that we have just received our 2,100 library books and the state-of-the-art electronic management system. We are very anxious to get the new books out the boxes, registered in the management system and into circulation.

We hope everyone enjoyed a relaxing and enjoyable March break.

Mike O'Leary,
Principal

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 15 - PAC meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- Mar. 27 & 28 - Global Village at CNA-Q (more information to follow)

Picture Presentation

We would like to provide special acknowledgement to Shubhanshoo Verma for creating two wonderful pieces of art. He generously presented these to members of Qatar Canadian School Board Dr. Latifa Al-Houty and Gayle Holmes. These original pieces of art were created after his art module.

Catherine Forsey,
Art teacher



Shubhanshoo presents one of his art pieces to Dr. Latifa Al-Houty.



Gayle Holmes, HR Manager, CNA-Q receives original art work from Shubhanshoo.

After School Activities

In March we will begin a six week program of after school activities for our students. Activities will take place from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Students with private drivers will need to arrange to be picked up at 2:30 p.m. on the day(s) they are in activities. CNA-Q and U of C children will be bussed home as usual.

Teachers are now involved in picking out activities they want to run and a schedule will be drawn up and sent to parents. We will be offering a variety of activities and we hope to have 90% of our students involved. Any parents who would like to get involved with us are asked to contact Mr. Ripley at 4421-7553/4.

Fred Ripley
Vice-Principal

Egg-citing Science News

The Grade 7's have spent the last couple weeks building vehicles that will allow eggs to survive a 3 story drop. Students researched strong shapes, carefully analyzed the strengths of various materials, and crafted some fine designs in this time. On the 27th, we trekked up to the roofs and yelled "Eggs Away!" There were some yolky tears at the end but a great time was had by all. Congratulations to Alex Cabrnoch and Lily Woodford on their winning vehicle!

Camille Garewal
Science Teacher



Lilly and Alex celebrate their winning vehicle.

PAC News

Parent volunteers and PAC members are busy organizing the QCS booth at Global Village being held at CNA-Q on March 27-28th. Any interested parents are asked to please forward with their name and contact information to become a member of the organizing committee.

Our next PAC meeting will be held on **Tuesday March 15^h** at **6:00 p.m.** As always your continued support and efforts are greatly appreciated, welcomed and encouraged.

You may contact us on the following
Email: qcs.pac@gmail.com
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Grade 1 students made several stops around QCS celebrating the 100th day of school on February 28th. It's great to know we are more than half way there.

Terrific Thursday Phone Calls

Congratulations to the following students whose proud parents received a Terrific Thursday Phone Call during the month of February.

Lamar Abu-Dayya, Tia Maragha (JKA); Mohannad Kubbar, Zakaria Ahmad (JKB); Isaiah Lilly, Sam Liersch, Amr Mokhtar, Peyton Brown (SKA); Ibrahim Al-Saad, Carol Ghabrash(Gr. 1); Katie Oldford (2A); Humaid Ahmed (2B); Haruna Thompson (3A); Aashir Hussain, Aleena Khan (3B)



Miss Haines prepares to give the Valentine's Day piñata a mighty whak!

Emergency After School Number

Qatar Canadian School now has an emergency contact number for our security gate. Parents who need to get a message to their children or check on whether they have been picked up by a driver can call **7736-4621**. Please note that calls should be made after 2:30 p.m. when the staff have left the school compound.

Hawk Book

The boys and girls in SKA were proud to share their Hawk Book with the other classes here at QCS. We are happy to donate our book to the school's library! Click on the link below to see us in action!

<http://qatarcanadianschool.pbworks.com/w/page/6219974/SK:-section-A>

Ms. Boone



Selene and Amr share the Hawk Book with Grade 5 students.



This photo shows some of the elementary classes who supported Friendship Day and wore red or pink on February 17th to support the Red Cross Red Crescent Youth with their Pakistan Flood Relief Appeal. A total of 1075 QR was raised to help with this appeal. Many thanks to all students, staff and parents who contributed to this worthwhile cause.

Did you Know?

Did you know that this is the second year that the Grade 6 students are writing to other Grade 6 students in Canada? The penpal exchange program has been extremely successful and the students are improving their penmanship skills!!!

Did you know that the Grade 8A students completed their fine arts component in violin? They performed L'il Liza Jane for the elementary students and teachers on Feb. 3rd, under the direction of Donna Marie Kelly. The grade 7 students sang two songs under the direction of Colleen Anstey. I would like to congratulate the students on a job well done.

Did you know that the Grade 4 class is building wheel and axles as well as gear systems?

Did you know that the Grade 4 class is comparing each others Home Country Flag for lines of symmetry. Do you know which country has the most? Ask a Grade 4 student.

Did you know February was friendship month? To reinforce the value and importance of friendship, the Grade 2A and 2B classes worked together on related activities and interacted with their peers around the school.

Did you know that the SKA class has been learning about how objects can be sorted? Ask us to show you examples of sorting at home!



Batoul and Rasha Alkhateeb had the privilege of meeting His Excellency the Right Honourable David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, during his recent speech at CNA-Q. Also present were Samah Al-Sabbagh, (PAC Chairperson) and Principal Mike O'Leary.