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Mr. Fred Ripley,
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Mrs. Samah Al-Sabbagh,
Parent Advisory Council
Chair

Upcoming Events

Feb. 8 – PAC meeting at the school. All parents are invited.
Feb. 9 – 14 Junior High Exams
Feb. 15 – Start of Term 2
February 21 – Term 1 Report Cards go home.

Principal's News

Greetings:
Happy New Year!

School is back in full swing after a restful winter break and we continue to have more exciting news.

We are thankful that our Art teacher Ms. Forsey was able to enter three students (Victor Tochon, Hardeep Soora and Sinaan Simnani) in the Qatar National *Toyota Dream Car Contest*. Hardeep and Sinaan's artwork has gone on to the international level and will be judged in Japan in August.

Also the Junior High boys and girls soccer teams participated in the Asian Cup International School Soccer Challenge. Both teams played and represented Qatar Canadian School very well. Thank you to our coaches Ms. Lake, Ms. Penney, Mr. Kandari and Mr. Kalair. Also, thank you staff, students and parents for coming out to support your QCS teams.

This past weekend, 15 QCS teachers attended the NESA professional development workshops at the American School of Doha.

As you will see in the rest of the newsletter, things continue to be busy and exciting at QCS.

Best regards,

Mike O'Leary,
Principal

Life Support Training

This month, Junior High School students were lucky enough to have two professionals from Hamad Hospital give them basic life support training. Students learned how to contact emergency services here in Qatar and also received some first hand experience on treating basic injuries. A big thank you to our nurse Ms. Vanessa for arranging the training and to Hamad Hospital!

Ms. Camille,
Science teacher



Health professionals from Hamad Hospital instructing Junior High students in life support.



Maryam and Katie proudly support Qatar's team in the Quarter Finals of the Asian Cup.



QCS fans cheer on our Girls Junior High Soccer team at Aspire Park on Thursday evening.

Penchant for Penguins

Grade one students have enjoyed learning about penguins. They discovered that these black and white birds live in the Southern hemisphere and have wings that help them swim but not fly. They also learned that penguins have feathers and blubber (fat) to help them stay warm along with hooked bills to help them catch fish and other seafood. If you would like to learn more about penguins ask a First Grader at QCS!

Lama Baghdadi
Grade 1 teacher



Grade 1 students share the spotlight with their penguin pal.

PAC News

We would like to welcome you back from winter break and hope that you all had a restful time and a happy new year.

There was a good turn out for the January PAC meeting with lots of great discussion and input from parents on topics such as Kindergarten bussing, PAC's focus for this year, school accreditation process (nationally and internationally), professional development opportunities for staff and school involvement in regional and international contest.

This year PAC will be involved in organizing the QCS booth at Global Village being held at CNA-Q on March 27-28th. Any parents who are interested in this are asked to please forward their name and contact information to become a member of the organizing committee.

PAC would also like to announce the launching of a PAC LOGO CONTEST to be run at the school level. We would like all children and their parents to get creative and get involved with making a PAC logo. This will be put on a banner that will represent us in outside-run events such as the ones we have been involved with at CNA-Q. More information regarding rules and prizes will be emailed to you soon.

Our next PAC meeting will be held on Tuesday February 8th at 6:00 p.m. As always your continued support and efforts are greatly appreciated, welcomed and encouraged.

PAC

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Street Soccer Challenge

Congratulations to both the Junior High Girls and Boys who participated in the 3 on 3 Asian Cup Street Soccer Challenge at Aspire Park on January 20, 24 and 28th. Both teams did a fine job of representing QCS, showing not only their outstanding soccer skills but their QCS sportsmanship, pride and enthusiasm. The boy's team fell only one game short of making it to the finals. The girl's team showed tremendous effort and skill while playing in the final game. Thank you to all parents and family members who came out to cheer! Way to go to the two teams. We are all very proud of your efforts!

Ms. Lake, Ms. Penney, Mr. Kandar, Mr. Kalair
Coaches



Congratulations to our Junior High girls Lisa, Rayane, Batoul, Selene, McKenna, Aysha, Amundeeep and Sarah. You girls are tops!



Way to go Shubhanshoo, Ali, Victor, Gus, Jamal, Mohammed, Ahmad and Anthony!

Nature Photography Contest Winners!

Our photography contest winners were announced this month and it was a very tough decision to make. The QCS First Nature Club would like to thank all students who participated in our contest and would encourage everyone to continue getting out into our great outdoors and capturing those special moments. The winners for the contest are:

1) Abdelrahman Seyam – Grade 2B



2) Eve Boyle – Grade 4



3) Listia Nadira – Grade 8B



Terrific Thursday Phone Calls

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

Willy Alhelou, Danial Pirwani, Gracie Melvin, Melina Meskin (JKA); Aaron Spencer, Devon Brewster (JKB); Layan Alkhateeb, Ashaz Baloch (SKA); Ryota Wolff, Zaid Mahmood (Gr. 1); Qasim Hussain (2A); Haruna Thompson (3A); Mariam Zughaer, Madihah Khan, Manar Azani, Sinaan Samnani, Aisha Ayoub (3B); Sadeq Hussein, Morganna MacDonald (Gr. 4); Joshua Varghese, Daniel Woodford, Edison Wood (Gr. 5B); Faizo Elmi, Ahmad Abou-Zahr (Gr. 6); McKenna MacLellan, Thomas McKinnon (Gr. 8A); Selene Pokharel (Gr. 9)



The Grade 6 class enjoyed their latest field trip. . . skating and bowling at Villagio Mall

Pollution Presentation

The Grade 4 class was thrilled to have some students from the American School of Doha do a presentation about pollution in Qatar. We were studying the topic "Waste in our World" so it was a timely presentation. The students learned so much and certainly enjoyed interacting with the older students.



Grade 4 students with ASD student presenters (back row) learning about pollution.

Science News!

The Grade 8 students got a first hand peek into a mammalian this month when the dissected the eye of a sheep. As you can see most of them were very enthusiastic and learned a lot about the iris, the pupil, the lens, the retina, and the humor in the eye!

Ms. Camille
Science Teacher



Mohammed Saed Aldien and Tara Pyne trying to find the humor in the eye.

Update from the Art Room

On the 7th of January three QCS students participated in the Qatar National *Toyota Dream Car Contest*. Our school was excellently represented by Victor Tochon, Hardeep Soora and Sinaan Simnani. Please join me in congratulating both Hardeep and Sinaan on their winning artwork. Their pictures will now compete at the international level in Japan.

QCS students from age 7 - 14 also took part in the 9th edition of the International Art Competition, "Different Look". The contest's theme was *My Colourful Dream*. I was overwhelmed by the number of entries submitted and the sheer imagination and talent I saw in the compositions. It will be March 31st when the winners for the competition will be announced. Good luck to our entire group of artists who entered.

Finally, when you get a chance to visit the school, please notice the murals that our Grade 6 students are painting on the walls. As well, the winning Eid artwork has been taken down from the CNA-Q library and will be displayed in the back hallway by the library for those parents and students who didn't get an opportunity to see them.

Regards,
Ms. Forsey, Art Teacher



Senior Kindergarten students proudly display their artwork.



Grade 8A students gave a surprise birthday party for Ms. Camille.