

Qatar Canadian School Newsletter

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Mr. Mike O'Leary
Principal

Mr. Fred Ripley,
Vice-Principal

Mrs. Samah Al-Sabbagh,
(PAC Chair)

Upcoming Events

**Sept. 4 – Office
reopens
Sept. 11 – First day
of classes.
A reminder that the
school day begins at
7:30 a.m.**

Principal's News

Greetings:

Here we are with another year completed. As I reflect on the year, I am very pleased and satisfied with the things we have achieved.

Significant milestones include: receiving permission from the Supreme Education Council to start up a high school program, receiving international accreditation status by Alberta Education, Canada, finishing in the top 10% of the schools in Qatar for our international PISA results and looking for a larger facility to accommodate our thriving and expanding Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 program.

The year would not have been successful if were not for the great dedication, support and commitment from the QCS Board of Directors, Parent Advisory Council, staff, students and parents.

I am proud to be associated with a great Team and I look forward to working with you again next year.

Enjoy the summer,

Best regards,
Mike O'Leary
Principal



Congratulations Hardeep Soora winner of the Spirit Award for a tremendous effort in school activities and demonstrating a positive attitude towards learning and education.

Awards Ceremony



Yusr Rahman was the recipient of the Excellence Award. Not only has Yusr received outstanding academic results she has been actively involved in numerous activities and fund raisers. Congratulations Yusr!!

Student of the Year



Congratulations to Selene Pokharel our Student of the Year!! Selene demonstrates the true meaning of citizenship and compassion for humanity. Congratulations Selene!!

Red Cross Red Crescent Youth

The Red Cross Red Crescent Youth Group of QCS held its second annual school-wide Assembly on Monday, June 27th. This youth leadership group focuses on humanitarian issues, and the needs of others both at home and around the world.

In the fall of 2010, the group raised funds for the people in Pakistan who were left homeless because of massive flooding in that country. During the winter and spring of 2011, the students raised funds to help the people who are being left homeless in Libya. The group extends a sincere thank-you to all students, parents and staff who helped them raise funds to assist the homeless.

Barbara Penney

Fred Wood, RCRC Youth Sponsors



Special guest, Mr. Ahmad Qahtani, from the Qatar Red Crescent Society accepted QR 6900 from the RCRC Youth at QCS. Aisha Abdella and Kurtis Rodgers, RCRC Youth presidents, accepted a token of appreciation from Mr. Qahtani. Mr. O'Leary (Principal, QCS), Mrs. Penney and Mr. Wood (Youth Sponsors) were included in the presentation.

Spring Concert

This year at QCS we concluded our year of music studies with a Spring Concert. Performance is an important part of the music curriculum. It gives students an outlet for self-expression and creativity, and helps them build self esteem. "Global Voices" gave students a glimpse and perhaps an appreciation of the music in the world and culture around us.

It was wonderful to experience the lack of inhibition from our very young performers and watch the older students grow over the weeks leading up to our performance. They shared many of their ideas with me and with each other as to how the performance should evolve. They learned that it takes hard work and team work to become "good" at something. I think they truly learned that working together harmoniously results in tremendous rewards.

I wish to thank the students for their amazing energy, interest, openness and positive attitude towards music education.

I will end with two quotes from students following the concert.

"I thought that I was going to be so nervous but when I got up on stage but I just thought about the song and it was so much fun!"

"I loved our song for the concert and I felt just like a shining star."

Good job to all the shining stars at Qatar Canadian School! Thank you for a wonderful term in our music room.

Donna Marie Kelly – Music Teacher



Grade 4 students sing "It's a Small World After All".



Ms. Kelly receives the thanks of staff, students and parents.



JKB students sing "I Love You".

Senior Kindergarten Celebration

Our Senior Kindergarten Celebration was a wonderful event held on Wednesday, June 22nd at CNA-Q. Parents, family and friends joined us for a wonderful musical program organized by Mrs. Kelly, followed by the handing out of certificates by our Vice Principal, Mr. Fred Ripley. We ended our program watching a slideshow that highlighted our students and the great learning that has occurred throughout this year. Good luck to all of our students next year, we will miss you!

Ms. Sara & Ms. Boone



Senior Kindergarten students waiting to receive their Kindergarten Diplomas.



Amr and Ahmed proudly display their diplomas.

No Catering Service Lunch Program for Next Year

Due to the small numbers and a significant reduction in subscribers this year in the Catering Lunch Program, this service will not be offered next year. Students will continue to bring their lunch from home and eat in the cafeteria. Students are required to bring a healthy lunch to school (please no pop, chips, candy bars etc.).

Special Guest

Special guest, Stephanie Brace, visited the Grade 6 classroom twice during the past month. She taught the students jewelry-making and macramé skills. Their craft projects were completed for Mother's Day in May and Father's Day in June. The students totally enjoyed their sessions with Ms. Brace!

Mrs. Penney – Grade 6 teacher



Grade 6 students proudly show some of the items they made with the help of Stephanie Brace.

Supreme Council of Health Recognition

On June 7th Qatar Canadian School received the 2nd place award (Plaque and Certificate of Recognition) from the Supreme Council of Health. QCS won in the Implementation of Clean Student Program (Grades 1 – 3) from all participating schools in Doha. We would like to congratulate the students for their efforts and enthusiasm in practicing personal hygiene and keeping their school clean. . . . *Keep up the good work everyone!!*

Vanessa Trinanes, School Nurse



Ms. Vanessa and Mr. Mike receiving a plaque and certificate from the Supreme Council of Health.

Grade 9 Graduation

On Thursday June 10th 2011, the Qatar Canadian School's Grade 9s celebrated their Graduation at the Grand Mercure Hotel. The event was amazing and included speeches, cake, delicious food, and an excited Grade 9 class. We started off with taking professional pictures, and proceeded to the banquet room where we were greeted with proud parents, teachers and leaders. The round of applause given to the grade 9 students was really wonderful and they truly deserved it. After a few short speeches by our school staff there was dinner. Everyone was mingling together enjoying the special day for the Grade 9s. The students were also congratulated with certificates and a gift.

Everyone enjoyed watching the slideshow of our Grade 9 journey presented near the end by our students. All in all it was a wonderful day where everyone had something special to remember.

Selene Pokharel and Yusr Rahman ☺



The Grade 9 girls gather on the stairs for a photo.



Yusr shares at the podium as Shehryar, Mackenzie and Selene wait their turn to speak.

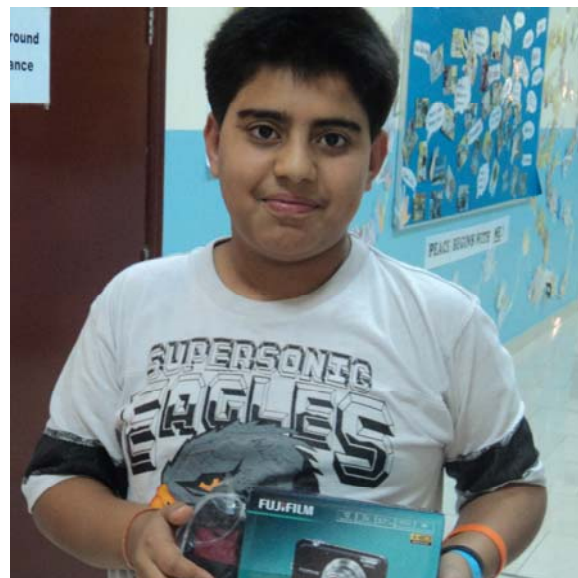
Lucky Draw Winners!!



Cooper and Tigger are all smiles as this Grade 5A student was one of the lucky draw winners.



Men in black (yes that's our Grade 9 boys) with Mrs. Woodford before the dinner.



Shubhanshu enjoys his new digital camera.