

# 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

April 10 – School photographs  
April 19 – Report cards sent home  
April 21 – PD Day. No classes  
April 22 – Spring Fair  
May 1 – 5 Spring Break

## Principal's News

Greetings:

March has slipped right by us.

A new feature this year was our first ever QCS booth in the CNA-Q Global Village. This was organized by our Parent Advisory Council and was run by students, parents and staff volunteers. Fun and popular attractions were Canadian trivia, hockey, henna, and the delicious snacks. Congratulations to the PAC!

Also, our new library is now up and running with an electronic management system that is able to scan and record borrowed books. In addition the shelves are fully stocked with the addition of about 2,100 additional books.

As April rounds the corner, I anticipate it will be another eventful month.

Best regards,

Mike O'Leary  
Principal

## Backpacks for Japan

Thanks to an outpouring of caring and generosity over 110 backpacks were collected at QCS to be sent to orphaned and homeless children in Japan affected by the earthquake/tsunami. Not only did students, parents and staff at QCS provide backpacks but so did the staff at the College of the North Atlantic-Qatar and University of Calgary.

Amanda Williams, who brought this initiative to the school thanked all for their willingness to reach out and help those in need. Over 1,000 backpacks will be shipped out shortly through the U.S. base.



**Amanda Williams thanking students and staff at an assembly held this past Monday.**



**Nasra and Nawal Qasim in traditional Somali dress as they visit the Global Village held at CNA-Q this week. The girls stopped for a picture with their music teacher Ms. Kelly.**



**Mr. Wood has a tough decision to make at the Red Cross Red Crescent baked goods table on March 17<sup>th</sup>. 3,000 QR was raised for disaster situations around the world.**

## Seeds for Peace

The SKA students enjoyed their seed exploration with our Grade 9 buddies during our “Seeds for Peace” activity. We made predictions as to what our seeds will grow into! Come see our predications and our big buddies’ predictions outside our classroom.



Grade 9 and SKA students working together in Seeds for Peace.

Mrs. Boone,  
SKA teacher



Cooper, Edison and Hardeep with Mr. Mike selling some great treats at the QCS both at the Global Village.

## School Photographs

Again this year we are pleased to have Stephanie from Apache Photography taking our student and class photos. Pictures will be taken **Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> for one day only**. We would ask all parents to please ensure their child/ren are in proper uniform on that day.

## Puppet Play

On March 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Grade 5 classes performed a puppet play to music for all the Elementary/Primary students and teachers. Peer Gynt is a Norwegian folk tale. Edvard Greig wrote music to accompany this folk tale. At Music class, the students wrote their own script for selected scenes of the play and made stick puppets. They performed the play to the accompaniment of Edvard Greig’s music. Great work Grade 5 students! I’m so proud of you all!

Mrs. Kelly  
Music Teacher



Ms. Kelly with the Grade 5 puppeteers.

## Clean Student Campaign

A clean student campaign session was held March 14-20 for Grades 1 – 3. The aim of the program was to teach the importance of personal and public hygiene in every person’s life. Students saw a demonstration of proper hand washing and then demonstrated the technique themselves. After the presentation students were given a “Clean Student Activity Kit and Dettol hand soap.

A BIG thank you to Supreme Council of Health, Supreme Education Council and Dettol for sponsoring this program.



Ms. Nadine Halaby of the Supreme Council of Health with students from Grade 2B, Ms. Lake and Ms. Vanessa.

### Wet and Wild Learning!

On March 13, Grade 5A had a very successful field trip to Al Thakira Mangroves. We learned about the interesting adaptations of plants and animals in this unique environment, got muddy trudging through wet sand, and tidied the wetland environment, collecting two FULL bags of garbage and recyclables. Thank-you to all the parent volunteers for making our field trip a great success!

*Ms. Dakins*  
Grade 5A



Grade 5A students enjoying their day at the mangroves.

### Measuring with Care

Grade 2B completed their unit in measurement! They were busy little bees as they learned how to read dates on a calendar and solve problems with the days of the week and months of the year. They also learned how to compare lengths, areas and masses of objects in lots of fun ways.

*Ms. Lake*  
Grade 2B Teacher



Hasan, Piyush and Zohaib learning to measure.

### School Olympic Program Track & Field Championship

On March 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, grades 4 – 9 boys participated in the School Olympic Program Track & Field Championship at Qatar Stadium. The boys participated in a variety of events including sprints, long jump, and a 4 X 50 m relay race. QCS was well represented with strong representation in all categories.

The event was a wonderful opportunity for our students to compete with, and get to know students from other schools in and around Doha. Also, a big thank you to all parents who were able to come to the event and show their support. Well done to all student athletes. Keep Moving!

*Mr. Kandar*  
PE Teacher



Our young athletes in Grades 7–9 boys above and Grades 4–6 below.



## Qatar Canadian School Goes Green!

Hurray! This week QCS has been able to establish a paper and plastics recycling program! The QCS Green Team is busy preparing posters and labels for recycling bins for collection. Keep your eyes open for paper recycling bins in the classroom and plastic recycling bins in the cafeteria and hallways next week! You can help QCS help the Earth! GO GREEN!

*Ms. Dakins*  
Grade 5A teacher



**The QCS Green Team in action.**



**Students in Ms. Angela's Grade 2A class lend a helping hand preparing backpacks for Japan.**

## Research at the Zoo

The Junior Kindergarten students have been busy researching their favorite zoo animal. After learning all about them, they took turn teaching the class about their chosen animal. With out newfound knowledge we set off to the zoo to see the animals in action. Students are in the process of creating artwork inspired by these beautiful creatures to be displayed outside our classrooms – come by and check it out!

*Marilyn Lilly,*  
JK A Teacher



**Junior Kindergarten students having a treat at the zoo.**



**Ms. Lilly's class enjoying their time at the zoo.**

## Did you Know?

**Did you know** that 11 is really 10 and 1? We are learning about numerals 9 – 14 in Senior Kindergarten.

**Did you know** that Alberta's 15-year-olds ranked among the best in the world in an international test examining reading, mathematical and scientific literacy. Read more about it at:

<http://www.calgaryherald.com/news/Alberta+students+world+class+reading+math+science/3941943/story.html>

**Did you know** that good used clothing was sent to Ethiopia from the Red Cross Red Crescent Youth.

**Did you know** that April 24 – 30 is International Vaccination Week.

**Did you know** that the United Kingdom is looking to Alberta's education system to see why students in Alberta earn top marks in international testing. Read more about it:

<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/looks+1+essons+from+Alberta+education+system/4081411/story.html>



**Students in Grade 5B do their part in caring for the environment during their visit to the Al Thakira mangroves!**

## Fun Fair

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Qatar Canadian School Fun Fair will take place April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 2 - 6 p.m. here at the school. This event is meant to be a family affair for all parents, students and invited guests coming together to celebrate a year of being together here at QCS. The afternoon will have many activities for students and parents and will include a bake sale, Henna, face painting, a canteen and fun games and events for everyone. More information will be coming to you in a flyer prior to the event.

*Mr. Ripley  
Vice-Principal*

## Terrific Thursday Phone Calls

Congratulations to the following students whose proud parents received a Terrific Thursday Phone Call from Mr. Mike or Mr. Fred.

Yousif Al-Dakoki (JKA); Devon Brewster (JKB); Yusef Aziz (SKA); Kareem Matouk, Janet Smyth, Ibrahim Al-Saad (Gr. 1); Aya Taleb, Emma Bishop, Joehanna Varghese (Gr. 3B); Ehab Mokhtar (Gr. 4); Jalal Taleb, Maryam Hussain, Jacob Reyno-Chiasson (Gr. 6)



**Lina, Aisha, Kurtis and Alex hand out water bottles to participants in the Terry Fox Run.**



**Grade 2 students learning Arabic with Ms. Eman.**



Thank you to all students, parents and staff who participated in the Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research!

**Celebrating our Junior High Girl's & Boys Teams**

On Monday March 7, the Junior High Girl's and Boy's Soccer Teams were presented with their Asian Cup Street Soccer Awards. A pizza party and gathering followed the presentation to celebrate the teams' hard work and devotion. A good time was had by all!

*Ms. Lake and Ms. Penny  
Girl's Coaches*

