

# Qatar Canadian School Newsletter

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**Mr. Mike O'Leary**  
Principal

**Ms. Angela Pitcher**  
Vice-Principal

**Mr. Haitham Alkhateeb**  
(PAC Chair)

## Upcoming Events

Dec. 4 – Progress Reports go home for JK to Grade 6  
Dec. 5 – PAC meeting at 6:00 p.m.  
Dec. 7 – Parent/Teacher Interviews  
Dec. 13 – Winter Concert Grades JK – 6 at CNA-Q  
Dec. 15 – Last day of classes  
Dec. 16 – Jan. 3 Winter Break  
Jan. 4 – Classes resume

## Principal's News

### Greetings:

I hope you are enjoying the very comfortable fall weather.

You will see that November has also been a very busy month, with a wide variety of events, activities and projects taking place.

The highlight of the month is the election of our first Student Council (Grade 7 - 10) at Qatar Canadian School.

Congratulations to staff and students who took part in the organizing, nomination and election process. You will find a more detailed article on our first Student Council at QCS in this Newsletter.

Again this year, our Parent Advisory Council participated in the CNA-Q Winter Bazaar. It was a very successful event and our student leaders who helped out were most impressive.

Progress Reports, that communicate student learning will go home on Nov. 27th for Grades 7 - 10 and Dec. 4th for JK - Gr. 6. Parent / Teacher Interviews will be on Dec. 7, 2 - 4 pm & 5 - 7 pm. We invite all parents to attend.

Enjoy reading our November Newsletter.

*Respectfully,*

*Mike O'Leary*  
Principal

### On Site Sale of School Uniforms

ZAKS Trading will be at QCS on Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup>, from 2 - 7 p.m. to sell school hoodies, golf shirts, PE shirts, trousers, skirts or shorts here is an opportunity to avoid the construction on Salwa Road where the shop is located. Also, please note, if at any time you are visiting the shop on Salwa Road and can't find the size you need ZAKS will deliver the items to your door!

### Fond Farewell

Staff bid a fond farewell to Carol Bennett who has worked as the Administrative Assistant in Finance for four and a half years. Carol has been an integral part of the school and we owe her a huge debt of gratitude for her dedication and hard work.

Carol will be deeply missed by staff and students alike. We wish her well as she returns home to Newfoundland and we know that she will have many memories and stories to tell of her time here in Doha!



**Grade 1B students give Carol a goodbye card.**



**Mr. Mike and Ms. Angela present Carol with a carpet as gift from the staff.**

## Student Council Elections

We are excited to announce the formation of a Student Council here at QCS. This council involves students from grade 7-10. Campaigning for the student council was left up to the students who did an excellent job. Speeches were held for the students to express their positions with great success. The vote was held on November 24, and was run by grade 5 students. The elected Student Council members are:

**President- Mackenzie Stack**  
**Vice President- Selene Pokharel**  
**Secretary- Bataul Alkhateeb**  
**Grade 10 representative – Yusr Rahman**  
**Grade 9a representative – Rasha Alkhateeb**  
**Grade 9b representative – Rayane Azani**  
**Grade 8 representative – Anthony Andraos**  
**Grade 7 representative – Lina Maragha**

These students will work together with administration to make the concerns of the students of QCS heard. They will also assist with activities such as The Terry Fox Run and fundraising activities.

**Camille Garewal and Raigne Symes**  
**Staff advisors**



**And here is our first Student Council at QCS!**



**Grade 5 students helping out with the election of the Student Council.**

## CNA-Q Holiday Bazaar

The PAC booth at this year's CNAQ Holiday Bazaar was a great success. When the dust settled and the tables were put away, PAC made QR 3,186 in profit. This money will be of great use to the school and it is thanks to the commitment of the parents and students that we can continue to provide support to such a great place of learning.

We would like to extend a big thank you to all of you who participated in the event or who stopped by and sampled the coffee and donuts or bought either the calendar or beautiful Poinsettia plants. Our parent volunteers, as always, worked very hard to make this a successful event.

I would especially like to thank the many student volunteers who helped out. Not only were they super sales people, but they also showed great commitment and responsibility in helping their school. With wonderful young people like this in our community a positive future is assured. I am including the names of the student volunteers below. If you know them or see them, make sure to give a personal vote of thanks: Bataul Alkhateeb, Rasha Alkhateeb, Yusr Rahman, Hasan Rahman, Renee Madronic, Robert Madronic, Mackenzie Stack, Ben Clattenburg, Kate Penton, Selene Pokharel, Ayah Hfuda, Ayal Alkhateeb, Maram Alkhateeb, Muhamad Ouhib, Fayez Ouhib, Uzair Muhammad.

**John Penton, PAC Co-Chair**



**Robert, Ben and Hasan selling donuts at the bazaar.**



**Super student helpers with Haitham Alkhateeb (PAC Chair) and Mr. Mike.**

## Dhow Exhibition Festival

In preparation for our field trip to visit the Dhow Exhibition Festival, the SK classes were experimenting with floating and sinking objects. We learned that heavier object will sink while lighter ones float!



**SK students learning about objects that float and sink.**

On Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> we had the opportunity to visit the Dhow Exhibition at the beautiful Katara Cultural Village. There were over 60 traditional dhows on display. The students were able to climb on board one of the dhows to take a closer look at the intricate wood carvings inside. After they had viewed the dhows, the students sat on the beach and sketched a dhow. We were very fortunate that His Highness the Emir Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani was visiting the exhibition at the same time as the QCS students!

**Ms. Boone & Ms. Lorrie**  
**SK Teachers**



**Enjoying their time on the dhow!**

## Clean Hand Campaign

This month we were able to complete the clean hands program designed by the Supreme Council of Health in the grade one classroom. Students learned about the importance of proper hygiene and participated in a week long tracking system. The students who demonstrated the best hygiene practices based on the tracking system were awarded prizes. We will continue to work towards making QCS as clean as possible.

**Raigne Symes, RN**



**Ahmad and Ashaz washing away germs.**

## Exam Schedule Change

Our Grade 10 students will be participating in the Model United Nations Conference sponsored by the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service from Feb. 1 - 4. As a result, the exam schedule for Grades 7 - 10 will be moved one week earlier. Exams will be held on January 25, 26, 29 and 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Grade 5 /6 Red Cross Red Crescent Executive



**(L to R) President: Ahmad Kubbar, Treasurer: Eve Boyle, Vice President: Katie Riome, Secretary: Maram Alkhateeb**

## Music at QCS

Performing is an important part of music because it develops children's confidence and improves their self esteem. The Grade 4's had the opportunity to perform the Qatari and the Canadian National Anthems for the Remembrance Day Assembly in November.

The **Winter Concert** is coming up on December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:30am in the main auditorium of the College of the North Atlantic Qatar (Building 1). Students will have the opportunity to perform several songs for you in this event. Each grade from kindergarten to grade 6 will perform 2 songs. One is related to winter or Christmas, and one is related to the Eid celebration or Arabic Language. I hope you enjoy seeing your children perform as much as they enjoyed preparing for it.

*Martha Ramon, Music Teacher*



**Grade 4 music students performing at the Remembrance Day assembly.**

## Healthy Eating

We are continuing to strive to make the cafeteria food as healthy as possible. With this in mind, we have been monitoring portion sizes of the students in order to provide appropriate sized portions for different age groups. These portions are based on the Health Canada recommendations.

We are requesting that student only take second helpings of vegetables and fruits in an effort to assist the students with healthy eating choices. Please remember that QCS would like all students to bring a healthy lunch. We encourage you to send limited packaged foods and no candy, soda pop, chocolate or chips. Thank you for your help in making QCS as healthy as possible.

*Raigne Symes RN*

## Bubble Science

Students seemed to enjoy their after school activity in **Bubble Science**. They blew lots of bubbles in different colors and sizes and learned how bubbles are made.

*Donna Marie Kelly  
Grade 1B*



**The joy of blowing bubbles and colored ones at that!**

## Remembrance Day

The Grade 1B class enjoyed their participating in our Remembrance Day Ceremony. They sang the song "Do You Know where I find Peace?" It helped them learn the ways that they could have peace in their lives, such as sharing their toys and being kind to their friends.

*Donna Marie Kelly  
Grade 1B*



**Grade 1B students singing a song for peace.**

## Arts & Crafts

Students from Grades 4 – 6 in the Arts & Crafts after school activity worked on the Plains Indian tribes project with Mrs. Bennacer (French teacher) and Mackenzie Stack (Grade 10 student).



Mrs. Bennacer (above) and Mackenzie (below) helping students with their projects.



## Alberta Education Accreditation

We continue to move forward in the accreditation process. Teachers have been completing the necessary documentation to receive certification from Alberta Education. We are currently working on registering our students with Alberta Education. When the registration process for students is complete each student will be assigned their own Alberta Education Identification Number (AB ID Number). We will continue to prepare for the site visit by Alberta Education in the spring of 2012.

*Cindy Meagher*  
Accreditation Program Administrator

## Terrific Thursday Phone Calls

Don't be surprised if someday you pick up the phone and hear the voice of Mr. Mike (Principal) or Ms. Angela (VP). Your first thought may be "Oh no, it's going to be bad news!" but instead you are pleasantly surprised to hear good news. Every Thursday here at QCS homeroom teachers fill in a Terrific Thursday form and pass it in to Mr. Mike and Ms. Angela. A student's name is put forward who has shown improvement in his/her work or is working hard or has shown kindness to a fellow student.

Congratulations to the following students whose proud parents have already received a Terrific Thursday Phone Call.

Kyra Haddock (JK); Danial Pirwani (SKA); Zainab Rahman (3B); Isaiah Lilly (1B)



As part of Eid celebrations students dressed in traditional clothes and brought treats.



Grade 1 students enjoying their library books.

**Did you know** that leachate is threatening our groundwater? For more information check out Thomas McKinnon and Karim Abu-Zeineh's (9A) informative website:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/landfillsandleachate/>