



Qatar Canadian School

MOVING FORWARD REQUIRES CHANGE



ANNUAL REPORT

2009 – 2010



The Qatar Canadian School has experienced substantial growth since opening in 2006. Enrollment has gone from 28 students in 2006 to 185 students, just four years later. This trend indicates there is a need for a world class international education in a world class facility.

In our first full year in our new facility, our goal was to establish a strong, vibrant and rigorous JK – 9 Program at QCS. With the continuous hard work from staff and support from parents, I am proud to say that we have achieved this goal as indicated in the milestones below.

CURRICULUM

- ✓ Junior & Senior Kindergarten Activity Centers
- ✓ Promethean Interactive Whiteboards (3)
- ✓ Information & Communication Technology Program
- ✓ Junior & Senior Technology Labs
- ✓ French Program
- ✓ Reading Buddies
- ✓ Junior Kindergarten Program
- ✓ Junior & Senior Science Labs
- ✓ Junior & Senior Computer Labs
- ✓ Music Program
- ✓ Physical Education Program
- ✓ Fulltime Nurse and Clinic
- ✓ Art Program
- ✓ Homework Wiki
- ✓ Podcasts
- ✓ French Buddies
- ✓ Book Fair
- ✓ Library expansion

PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

- ✓ Council Executive elected in October
- ✓ Regular monthly meetings
- ✓ Monthly updates in our Newsletter
- ✓ Organized & hosted a very successful Spring Fair
- ✓ PAC representative on the Qatar Canadian School Board
- ✓ Two representatives on Grade 9 Transition Team
- ✓ Representative on Interview Team for new staff
- ✓ Will present a new award, Excellence Award, at our Student Awards Ceremony



SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Dress Down Days
- ✓ Winter Celebration Concert
- ✓ Spring After School Activities (165 students participated in the 20 activities offered during the 6 week program with 100% Staff participation)
- ✓ Grade 9 Graduation Celebration

COMMUNICATION

- ✓ QCS Website Updated
- ✓ Monthly Newsletter
- ✓ Frequent Email communication to parents
- ✓ QCS Storybook
- ✓ QCS Pamphlet
- ✓ QCS Thank You Card
- ✓ QCS Certificate of Achievement
- ✓ Terrific Thursday Phone Calls 168 (almost one for every student in the school)
- ✓ Physical Education display board of pictures of Field Trips
- ✓ Media Releases – Red Cross, Terry Fox, Spring Fair

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

- ✓ Grade 9 Students Working On Things (SWAT) Team
- ✓ Red Cross / Red Crescent Youth Group
- ✓ Terry Fox Run Volunteers (Gr. 7, 8, 9 & Staff)
- ✓ Junior High Girls Soccer Team
- ✓ Gr. 4 – 9 Swimming Program

FIELD TRIPS

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| ✓ Doha Philharmonic Orchestra | ✓ CNA-Q Dental Health Dept. |
| ✓ Qatar Red Crescent Society | ✓ Café Ceramique |
| ✓ Cinema | ✓ Skating |
| ✓ Mosque Tour | ✓ Bowling |
| ✓ Islamic Art Museum | ✓ Gr. 1-3 Field Day – Petra Park |
| ✓ Doha Zoo | |



SCHOOL / CLASSROOM VISITS

- ✓ CNA-Q Dental Health Students
- ✓ Astronomy Seminar
- ✓ Qatar Animal Welfare Society
- ✓ Fire Safety Workshop
- ✓ Sconestone – The Journey of Kindness

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

- ✓ PD DAYS (6)
- ✓ Professional Growth Plans
- ✓ Online learning opportunities
- ✓ After School Professional Development Sessions

SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

- ✓ Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ✓ Terry Fox Run Assembly
- ✓ World Athletics Canadian Athletes Assembly
- ✓ Red Cross / Red Crescent Youth Group Cheque Presentation



MOVING FORWARD 2010 - 2011

Next year our efforts will focus on continuing our school improvements and increasing student achievement. Creating School Improvement and Staff Development Plans will be initiated in order to map out our goals for the year.

Some of the additional highlights we are looking forward to:

2010 – 2011

- Junior High Band & Choral Programs
- Arabic, Islamic Studies and Qatari History courses
- Additional Promethean Interactive Whiteboards in classrooms
- Continuing the Accreditation process with the Supreme Education Council
- Initiating the Alberta Education Accreditation Program

We are very proud of our accomplishments this year at QCS and are looking forward to even greater achievements next year.

I would like to thank, on behalf of administration, staff, and students, Project Director, Dr. Latifa Al-Houty and HR Manager, CNA-Q, Gayle Holmes, for their continuous support and commitment to Qatar Canadian School. As well, a special heartfelt thanks goes to our dedicated staff, parents, and community members for making this a very rewarding and successful year at Qatar Canadian School.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael O'Leary".

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