



# Qatar Canadian School

**SOARING TO SUCCESS**



**ANNUAL REPORT**

**2010 – 2011**



June 28, 2011

Greetings:

Qatar Canadian School has experienced another successful year. Since opening our doors in 2006 we have seen a substantial growth with a 300% rise in student enrollment and a 500% increase in staffing. We have also had an overwhelming demand for new registrations and enrollment.

These significant accomplishments bode well for the sustainability and future of Qatar Canadian School.

### **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR**

- **International Accreditation** by Alberta Education, Canada
  - QCS has been using the Albert Education Programs of Studies since 2006. As a result, QCS was fast-tracked through the Implementation Phase of Accreditation to achieve Preliminary Accreditation Status.
  
- **High School Program** by the Supreme Education Council, Doha, Qatar
  - The Education Plan submitted by QCS was approved. A school license was granted to operate a Kindergarten to Grade 12 program.
  
- **Larger Facility** being sought for Kindergarten to Grade 12 program
  - Enrollment and interest in Qatar Canadian School has increased to a degree that there is a demand for a larger school facility. With the assistance of the Supreme Education Council, QCS is searching for a larger educational facility.
  
- **International PISA Scores (2009)** Program for International Student Assessment
  - The Supreme Education Council recognized QCS for finishing in the top 10% of the schools in Qatar for their international test results.



### **CURRICULUM**

- ✓ Junior & Senior Kindergarten Activity Centers
- ✓ Promethean Interactive Whiteboards (19)
- ✓ Information & Communication Technology Program
- ✓ Arabic & Islamic Studies
- ✓ French Program (Gr. 4 – 9)
- ✓ Fulltime Counseling Program
- ✓ Junior Kindergarten Program
- ✓ Gr. 4 – 6 Literacy & Science Displays
- ✓ Junior & Senior Science Labs
- ✓ Junior & Senior Computer Labs
- ✓ Junior High Fine Arts Program
- ✓ Physical Education Program
- ✓ Fulltime Nurse and Clinic
- ✓ Materials & Resources ordered from Alberta Education Learning Resource Center
- ✓ Art Program
- ✓ Homework Wiki
- ✓ Podcasts
- ✓ French Buddies
- ✓ Library Program
- ✓ Music Program
- ✓ Qatari History
- ✓ Reading Buddies

### **PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL**

- ✓ Council Executive elected in October
- ✓ Regular monthly meetings
- ✓ Monthly updates in Newsletter
- ✓ Participated in the CNA-Q Holiday Bazaar & Global Village Festivities
- ✓ PAC representative on the Qatar Canadian School Board
- ✓ Representative on Interview Team for new staff
- ✓ Presents annual, Excellence Award, at Awards Ceremony
- ✓ PAC logo contest
- ✓ School Calendar sale



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**SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

- ✓ Bake Sales
- ✓ Dress Down Days
- ✓ Winter Celebration Concert
- ✓ After School Activities Fall & Spring
- ✓ Grade 9 Graduation Celebration
- ✓ Grade 9 Career Day
- ✓ Book Fair
- ✓ Peer Mentoring Program
- ✓ Gr. 4 – 9 Aquatics Program
- ✓ Asian Cup Girls Soccer Team Finalists
- ✓ Asian Cup Boys Soccer Team
- ✓ Recycling Program
- ✓ Second Annual Egg-cellent Design Contest
- ✓ UNESCO Eco. Schools Program Member
- ✓ Boys Track & Field Team
- ✓ Peaceful Schools International (First member in Qatar)
- ✓ Toyota Dream Car Art Contest (National Winners – Sanan Samnani, Hardeep Soora)
- ✓ Selected School Mascot – Hawk
- ✓ Fund Raiser for Pakistan
- ✓ Japan Backpack Disaster Relief
- ✓ Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ✓ Students participated in CNA-Q Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ✓ Buddy Reading Program
- ✓ Spring Concert
- ✓ Awards Ceremony
- ✓ Qatar Olympic Committee – Sports for Everybody Participants
- ✓ Library, 3, 000 additional books
- ✓ Library, new Electronic Management System
- ✓ Eid Al Adha Art Exhibit in CNA-Q Library
- ✓ Student Nature Photography Contest
- ✓ Gr. 6 – 9 Canadian Election Process
- ✓ Grade 6 pen pals with a school in Newfoundland
- ✓ Supreme Council of Health - Clean Student Program Gr. 1 - 3
- ✓ International Art Competition – Theme; Different Look
- ✓ Student Musical Spring Parade
- ✓ Global Village Student Volunteers
- ✓ Holiday Bazaar Student Volunteers
- ✓ National Day Event (designing fireworks)
- ✓ Senior Kindergarten Hawk Book
- ✓ Grade 6 Musical Skits



### **COMMUNICATION**

- ✓ QCS Website Updated
- ✓ Monthly Newsletters
- ✓ Frequent Email communication to parents
- ✓ QCS Storybook
- ✓ QCS Pamphlet
- ✓ QCS Thank You Card
- ✓ QCS Certificate of Achievement
- ✓ Terrific Thursday Phone Calls
- ✓ Physical Education display board of pictures of Field Trips
- ✓ Media Releases – Fine Arts Program, Accreditation – High School Program
- ✓ CNA-Q Information Meetings (2)
- ✓ Homework Wikki
- ✓ Nut Free School Posters
- ✓ Wall of Fame Bulletin Board (celebrating student success)

### **STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

- ✓ Grade 7-9 Students Working On Things (SWAT) Team
- ✓ Red Cross / Red Crescent Youth Group
- ✓ Terry Fox Run Volunteers (Gr. 7, 8, 9 & Staff & Parents)
- ✓ HOPE – Helping Our Planet Earth Club
- ✓ Assisting students in the lower grades

### **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          | ✓ Field Day – Petra Park    |
| ✓ Doha Zoo                    | ✓ Al Mathaf Museum          |
| ✓ Circus Land                 | ✓ Al Khor Mangroves         |
| ✓ FANAR                       |                             |



### **SCHOOL / CLASSROOM VISITS**

- ✓ CNA-Q Dental Health Students
- ✓ Astronomy Seminar
- ✓ Qatar Animal Welfare Society
- ✓ Fire Safety Workshop
- ✓ Canadian Embassy
- ✓ Hamad Hospital Life Support
- ✓ Students on Pollution – ASD
- ✓ CNA-Q Presentation – Turtles, Robots and You!

### **STAFF DEVELOPMENT**

- ✓ PD DAYS (5)
- ✓ Professional Profile
- ✓ Online learning opportunities
- ✓ After School Professional Development Technology Sessions
- ✓ NESAs Conference, Doha
- ✓ Professional Learning Teams
- ✓ Peer Teacher Mentoring
- ✓ School Committees
- ✓ Librarian Conference, Dubai
- ✓ Student Counselor Conference, Dubai

### **SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES**

- ✓ Remembrance Day Ceremony
- ✓ Earth Day Student Assembly
- ✓ Music Program – Fine Arts Exhibitions
- ✓ Red Cross / Red Crescent Youth Group Cheque Presentation Assembly



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As you can see, the accomplishments at Qatar Canadian School have been numerous. As we continue to expand and grow we are seeking a larger Kindergarten to Grade 12 facility.

Our efforts next year will focus on continuous school improvements, through literacy and numeracy initiatives, plus measuring student achievement.

It has been a team effort!

I would like to thank the Qatar Canadian School Board of Directors: Project Director, Dr. Latifa Al-Houty; Associate Project Director, Hissa Al-Aali; Gayle Holmes, HR Manager, CNA-Q; Samah Al Sabbagh, Chair, Parent Advisory Council and Angela Pitcher, QCS Staff Representative; for their continuous support and commitment to move QCS forward.

In addition, our Parent Advisory Council executive members, Samah Al Sabbagh, Chair, Jill Brown, Vice-chair, Heather Friesen, Treasurer and Haithem Alkhateeb, Secretary; have worked extremely hard this year to assist QCS in achieving its milestones.

A most genuine and monumental heartfelt thanks goes to our dedicated staff, students, parents and community members for making this another monumental year for Qatar Canadian School.

We look forward to next year.

Respectively,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael O'Leary".

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