

QSI International School of Bishkek

Quality Schools International

International Week Schedule March 14- March 18



The week is jam packed with all sorts of excitement for students, parents, and teachers. Be sure to check out the schedule below so you can be as involved as possible. Thank you again to all the families who are helping to make the week an incredible experience for all!

Monday—Literature Day—Students will be hearing stories from around the world.

Tuesday—Kyrgyz Day—This is for the entire school. At 8:30 there will be a special musical performance on the basketball court. After this students have been placed into mixed level groups to rotate through stations participating in the following activities: a tea ceremony, making felt pictures, learning about the Manas epic, wearing costumes, frying boorsok, playing Kyrgyz games, and putting up a real yurt. A free Kyrgyz lunch is being provided for all students who would like to eat. If you have special Kyrgyz clothes feel free to wear them today!

Wednesday - Game Day—Students will be playing games from around the world.

- Flag Day—Students are encouraged to wear their flag on this day. We will not be providing students with material this year. They can make their flag at home or in class, it is up to each class

Thursday—Art Day—Students have been creating art from around the world which will be on display throughout the week for everyone to enjoy.

Friday—The Big Bang for ages 5 and up. All students and faculty are encouraged to wear international clothing from their home country, or a country they just love! Students will be moving around the school to visit various stations and exhibits—students are not put into groups, but are given the chance to demonstrate all the success orientation skills. Most stations have hands on activities for students to participate in. Students get a stamp for each country that they visit in the passport we will provide. The opening performances begin at 8:30 and the event finishes after lunch. We will be holding an international food luncheon for all to enjoy.

Plagiarism

By Kirill K.

Why do I want to tell you about plagiarism? Because it is one of the most serious problems at schools and the Internet. Many people use the Internet to copy others' work and tell that they wrote it. In schools, students are cheating.

Plagiarism is when someone copies someone's work and

tells that it is his work. In school, students caught plagiarizing fail an assignment or they have to redo it. In university, if you plagiarize someone's work you might be expelled.

I will tell you what is considered plagiarism:

- turning in someone else's work as your own;
- copying words or ideas from someone else without permission or giving credit;
- giving incorrect information about the source where you got the information from;
- changing words but copying the sentence structure of a source without giving credit.

Example of plagiarism:

In 2006, the future Defense minister of Germany, Karl-Theodor zu Guttenberg, got a PhD degree. In February of 2011, he was accused of plagiarizing his dissertation. After a scandal, the minister was ripped of his PhD degree and forced to resign his office.

If you do not want to lose your PhD or your job, do not plagiarize. To avoid plagiarizing, you must cite your sources using the MLA format, be careful what you cut and paste and give credit to other people for their ideas.

If you do not follow the rules, you commit a crime. Most people who plagiarize I think are high school students. They plagiarize by cheating or copying someone's work.

High school plagiarism statistics

80% of high school students cheat;

57% of students said that they do not think that they are cheating by copying a few sentences or taking answers from people who took their test;

53% said that cheating is not a big deal;

98% let other students copy their work;

34% said that their parents have never talked to them about cheating.

Findings of the Josephson's Institute of Ethics.

http://www.pbs.org/inthemix/educators/ethics_guide.pdf

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Upcoming Events

March:

18 International Day

21 No School, Nooruz

April:

4-8 Spring Break

14 12:30 Early Release, PT Conferences, 1-5 pm

15 No School, PT Conferences, 9am - 1 pm

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Persuasive Writing

By Ms. Nelson

Earlier this month nine-year-old students completed two writing units on opinion and persuasive writing. We focused on two different formats:

1. Opinion + several supporting reasons + call to action
2. Opinion + why this problem is serious + solutions to this problem + call to action

Students learned the value of leads to pull the reader in to their argument, transitions to carry the reader along, and where to place the most important reason in their essays. They also know that opinions should be backed with facts. Read these three essays written by students and see if you can identify these features and which format was followed.

Rock Climbing

By Daryn U.



"Become a new athlete of a new sport," our P.E. teacher exclaimed. "I can't wait until rock climbing!" I said to myself. Students from QSIB should sign up for rock climbing.

First of all, rock climbing skills develop the person's strength and muscles. When I do rock climbing, I do better on others sports

too. From rock climbing I lose weight and become more flexible.

Also, rock climbing conquers fears of height. When I was six, I was scared of heights, but when I did rock climbing I wasn't scared anymore. Rock climbing could help you not to be scared of heights during hiking. Daniel, an expert rock climber from our school, said, "Rock climbing is a good sport."

Most importantly, rock climbing helps develop strategy skills. Wouldn't you like to have better strategy skills? Just think, rock climbing can make you a better chess player. When you rock climb, you need to think which step would be next.

If you want to develop your strength and muscles, lose your fear of heights, and develop your strategic skills, you need to sign up for rock climbing club today!

Zip-It!

By STUCO



As part of STUCO-related events in March, STUCO has planned a very special event. For the 25th of March, students of QSIB will be taking part in Zip It Day. This event will challenge students from 5 years and up to keep silent for a total of two periods. Since this is a sponsored event, a sponsor

sheet will be sent home with students so that any people, outside of school, willing to sponsor a student will be able to sponsor them. Starting at 8:30 in the morning, an announcement will be made, marking the start of the event and forcing students to become silent. Should any student become an audible distraction at any point during the first two periods of school, they will be disqualified, while their fellow counterparts remain silent. If any students remain silent for the duration of both periods, the amount that they were sponsored for will be donated to STUCO and will be used for future STUCO events.

Rock Climbing Club

By Reika K.



"Come one, come all, come to Rock Climbing Club!" said the sign. "That's the club for me," I think. I can imagine the rocks looming over me waiting to be stepped on. I remember the first time I went to rock climbing I almost made it to the top. Some people say it's scary, some people say it's

hard. But not me, so students at QSIB should sign up for Rock Climbing Club!

To start with, people can gain skills and then go to outdoor rock climbing. "Rock Climbing Club is a little hard but it is challenging and challenging things are fun," said Carl, the rock climbing expert from our school. Outdoor rock climbing is more exciting and you can develop more rock climbing skills.

In addition, Rock Climbing Club is inexpensive and anyone can do it. Adults, teenagers, and kids can do it. My sister and my dad and I went and it only cost 600 coms, barely the price of three hamburgers!

Most importantly, rock climbing can help a person with his or her strategy skills. There are many routes to the top but which one is best? One can develop problem solving skills and rock climbers develop self-confidence because they feel a sense of accomplishment after getting to the top.

If you want to gain skills, not use up too much money and become a strategist, sign up for Rock Climbing Club. So grab your water bottle, take a deep breath, and sign up for Rock Climbing Club!

PEOPLE MUST STOP USING TOO MUCH FRESH WATER

By Liam J. and Aquino E



Last week I saw in the news that half of the glaciers in Kyrgyzstan have melted in the last 50 years. If the glaciers melt the fresh water would be gone. People should not use too much fresh water.

If there is no fresh water people will have problems. Without fresh water people will get really sick and die by the dirty water. Also, without fresh water fishes will not have homes and die. The most important reason is that if there is no fresh water plants are going to die, and if there are no plants earth is going to be like a desert.

To solve this problem we must stop wasting fresh water. We can do several things to solve this problem. We can make a club to teach people how to save fresh water. Also, we can write an essay and put it in the newspaper. At home don't have the water running when you don't need it, like when you shower, wash your car and water the lawn.

Saving fresh water can't be fixed by me only. If you want fresh water to drink then join me and my class and let's fix this problem.

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Spelling Bee!

By The Literacy Committee

On March 10th and 11th the annual QSIB Spelling Bee took place. This year the students were split into three groups, according to their class. On the morning of the 10th, the 6 – 8 year olds competed. There were seventeen contestants, and there were 45 rounds! On the afternoon of the 10th, the 9 – 11 year olds competed. There were 21 contestants and 13 rounds. On the morning of the 11th the Upper School competed. There were 22 contestants and 6 rounds.

The Literacy Committee would like to congratulate every contestant who participated in the spelling bee. We all know that what you did was not an easy job. We are happy that you made an effort!



6- 8 Age Group Top Three:

1. Tabreek
2. Aktan
3. Kaito



9 – 11 Age Group Top Three:

1. Sid
2. Karl
3. Daniel K.



12/13 – Senior IV Top Three:

1. Zoe
2. Tiffani
3. Alex

Message from Director

Dear Parents,

One of our most cherished goals in education is to have open and consistent dialog with the stakeholders of our school community.

In pursuance of this goal at QSI International School of Bishkek I want to assure you that the school and my office in particular always maintains an open door policy. If ever you have the need to raise concerns or offer helpful suggestions, you will always be listened to.

For those of you who may not be familiar with the school contact protocol please see the following paragraph.

When questions do arise regarding your child's learning, and or other aspects of the school day, it is always best to seek answers first from the classroom teacher. After meeting with the teacher and you feel that you did not get a satisfactory response to your query then contact the school director. After communicating with the director and you still feel that you need more information, or that you were not satisfied, then you may contact the QSI Regional Supervisor and or QSI Headquarters. In the above contact situations we will strive to make sure that you receive the information you request within three days or sooner.

As you are aware your school sponsors many student activities throughout the year from trips to national concert halls, museums, historical sites, and other venues. We also sponsor many events at school such as the upcoming International Week and Science Fair. Many of these activities rely on your active support particularly the International Week.

In order to maximize any time you have to assist with these events we have an organization at your school called the Parent Support Group. Many of you are familiar with the Parent Teacher Organization or PTA. The Parent Support Group is similar to these two organizations.

The Parent Support Group meets on the first Tuesday of every month during the school year at 3:00PM. Emily Tower and Alan White are the teacher representatives. We plan and organize the major events that your children are involved in, plus listen to suggestions from parents, on a wide range of school topics.

Please join us at our next meeting on April 12. Your active participation is most welcome. You do not have to wait for the monthly meeting to volunteer your time. You can do this at any time by either contacting the school office or your child's classroom teacher.

Have a great day.

Sincerely,
Gerald F. Craig
Director

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