

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

My life has been in tune with the rhythms of the school year for a very long time. As a young child, the routines of school provided strong routines and comforting predictability. I looked forward to my favorite holidays - - Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, and, of course, summer vacation! I remember well marking the changes from one grade to another, and the schedules which included Bible, reading, writing, arithmetic, science, history, recess, lunch, chapel and after school games!



I fondly look back on intense basketball games, challenging chess matches, and classes which stretched my imagination, encouraging me to seek beauty, truth, and goodness. And the library, that wonderful store of knowledge, beckoned every day.

I also remember the kind and loving sternness of teachers who demanded that work be done to a high level and turned in on time. A big thank you to both my parents and teachers who loved me enough to reject empty excuses and encourage responsibility and excellence.

My life is still in tune with the rhythms of the school year, and this year will be gone all too soon. Many highlights still await this year: seniors getting accepted into colleges and universities; the senior trip; the Washington DC trip; the PAC sponsored Spring Barbeque; third Quarter report cards; reenrollment; accreditation self-study; service opportunities; athletic events; and, as ads often say, much, much more.

I am blessed to be part of such a dynamic place - - join us in celebrating QCS and please participate in the rhythms of the school!

You are now able to contact the school with the following phone numbers:

**Old cell # 3640 - 8235
Mrs. Beneche – 2816 - 3000
Mrs. Jules – 2816 - 4000**

The Library

The library has been very active this past week with the Read-a-Thon. I want to thank everyone who helped to make it a success. The ultimate purpose of this Read-a-Thon is to increase the students' desire to read.

Why Read

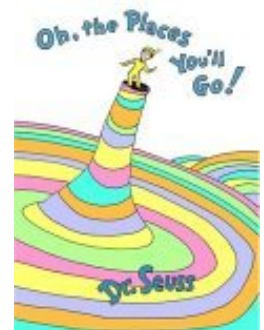
When I watch the basketball team practice, it reminds me that the best way to keep physically fit is to exercise every day. Because of the busyness of our life styles, some days we do more than other days, or none at all. But we know that to be physically fit we need to exercise.

The same principle also holds true for mental fitness. You must exercise your mind daily so that you can think and learn well.

The read-a-thon encourages reading, an active activity since you must put in a great deal of effort to concentrate on the words as they build meaning, and images, and thoughts and opinions in your mind. This requires work for if you lose your concentration, it all stops. If you are distracted, the exercise stops, until you start to concentrate once again.

I enjoy the words of wisdom of Dr. Seuss about reading:

*The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.*



Why Read at QCS?

To improve the development of a thinking, reading, literate student body at QCS©

School Calendar

- Fri/March 4 - last day of third quarter
- mid term reports – progress reports
- check reports on Sycamore
- M-F/March 7-11 - Carnival week – Spring Break
- Washington Trip
- Mon/March 14 - 4th Quarter begins
- Fri/March 25 - half day of classes
- Parent/Teacher Conferences by appointment from the teacher and/or the parent in the afternoon

Encourage the Eagles as they play Morning Star Christian Academy this coming Wednesday at 3:30. The game will be at Morningstar, and you are encouraged to attend!

Educational Tip of the Week

Give Praise and Reward Effort and Improvement for Social Growth on Report Cards

Parents frequently reward academic success, but what about social growth? The other side of the report card addresses how well your child gets along with others, pays attention in class, follows directions, completes tasks on time, respects the rights and feelings of others, shares and cooperates. Developing good social skills will benefit your child throughout her lifetime. So, the next time your child brings home her report card, make a big fuss over improvement shown on the other side of the report card, too.

Today's Smile ☺

A Sunday school teacher asked: 'Johnny, do you think that Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the ark?'

'No' replied Johnny. 'How could he, with just two worms?'



Sycamore Corner

Are you letting JavaScript do its job?

JavaScript is a scripting language that Sycamore uses to control your browser. If it is not allowed to work properly, you may not be able to see vital buttons and text.



For Firefox, find the Options dialogue. Make sure that "Enable JavaScript" is checked. Also go to the "Advanced..." button. There will be either five or three checkboxes, depending on your version. You can check them all.



For Internet Explorer, go to Tools > Internet Options. Go to the "Security" tab, and click on the "Custom level..." button. Scroll down through dozens of under-the-hood options, until you get about two-thirds of the way down. Under "Miscellaneous", there is only one that really must be enabled: "Allow websites to open windows without address or status bars".

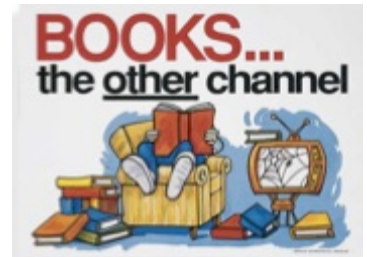
Gearing Up for 2011 – 2012!

Re-enrollment forms for the upcoming academic year will be going out on March 21 and will be due on March 31. Students who are not reenrolled by March 31 will not have a place reserved for the coming year.

Since the focus has been on reading in the ES this past week with the read-a-thon, I thought the following would help you the reader know more about our school library.

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The library at Quisqueya Christian school exists as an integral part of the educational program and as an extension of the classroom:



- to provide resources to foster learning and thereby enriching the student's understanding of God's creation and all of life,
- to provide a collection of works used to foster the appreciation and understanding of literature as a God-given human activity,
- to provide the means and methods by which students can become life-long discerning learners,
- to provide a good collection for reading for enjoyment
- to enhance the development of a thinking, reading and literate student body

AIMS OF THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

Provide opportunity for students:

- to become thoughtful users of information
- to have sequential, developmental instruction of information-finding skills
- to develop a love of reading

Actively involve students in:

- a wide variety of learning activities using the various learning resources
- opportunities for decision-making in selecting the resources and ways of reporting their research
- moving from dependence on the teacher and the library personnel to independent and interdependent learning

Promote collaboration between teachers and library staff through:

- cooperatively planned and taught units of study
- teachers sharing their year and unit plans with the library staff
- library staff finding and providing the resources the students may need

Introducing . . .

Carol Mears



This is my fifth year teaching at QCS, but I moved to Haiti in 2000 with my family. My husband, Richard and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary last year. He works in sports ministry and in business training. Our son, Ricky is here with us and is a junior at QCS. Our daughter, Grace, who attended QCS for a few years, just graduated from Biola University. And Joy, who graduated from here in '09 is a sophomore at Eastern University.

I grew up in Pennsylvania the fourth child of eight with a Dad who did an excellent job demonstrating God's love for us as father and a Mom who demonstrated (and still does) enduring suffering without complaining. I came to know Jesus Christ as my Savior at the age of 18 and since that time I have been grateful to God for how good it is to worship and serve Him and for how good it is to have him to go to with sin or worries.

I have a degree in French, and I spent my junior year abroad in Grenoble, France. I studied foreign language education at Laval University in Quebec, where I lived for a year and a half. I am pursuing a Masters in Education... very slowly :). I love learning languages and lately, I've been working on Spanish and American Sign Language. When I'm not teaching, learning languages or helping my husband with his ministries, I enjoy playing board games & card games. I love going to the beach, playing tennis, cooking and baking as a hobby (not a daily chore) and watching good movies. I love traveling and meeting people from other cultures.

Some random facts about me:

- Although I lived in the same house in Pennsylvania for 18 years while growing up, since that time, I have lived 12 different houses or apartments and some of these homes have been in Grenoble (France), New York city and Quebec City.
- The most exotic places I have visited are: Tangier, Morocco, Bassin Bleu in Jacmel, and the Chateau d'If off the coast of Marseille, France. The farthest I have traveled is to Dakar, Senegal.
- My most recent trip was to France with a stopover in Zurich and a day trip to a small, ancient city in Italy called Susa (near Turin.) It was amazing to me to see a huge stone

archway, still in good shape that was built in 8 BC because Caesar Augustus was coming to their town!

Some random things I love are:

- listening to my kids play worship music,
- listening to contemporary worship music in English, French and Spanish,
- worshipping God anywhere, anytime
- listening to Ravi Zacharias,
- reading in bed with a good cup of coffee
- reading about Christians who have lived amazing lives,
- living in a sunny country
- coming up with engaging activities for my classes
- going to orphanages just to hug the kids
- and good food, like fresh bread, avocados and chocolate (not together).

Read-a-Thon

Please visit us online daily to keep abreast of our Read-A-Thon. Every day we try to add some more photos and news about events that the elementary students are having as they Book-It To Space! They have really been having a lot of fun!

<http://book-ittospace.vpweb.com>

Please leave us your comments on the comment page. And if you have any suggestions for next year we'd love to hear them too.

Many thanks to Tony DeKoter for coming around and taking photos for us.

Yours,

Mr. A. R. Chabot & Mrs.
Julie White
Librarians.

