

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

This week, a week of dreadful remembrance, was marked by reflection on the devastation of the great earthquake of January 12, 2010. On Tuesday, the Secondary School along with some alumni and parents, marked the event, acknowledging God in the familiar words of Psalm 46:



*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea; Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.*

Mr. Randall Chabot recounted his experiences from being in his office to hurrying out the hallway while lockers were falling. He reminded us, "God has a purpose and a plan for all of us here." Then, Bianca Haddad, grade 12, recounted how QCS responded to the crisis, becoming a center that coordinated medical care and aid, hosting emergency workers from around the world while continuing with the mission of preparing students to impact the world for the Glory of God. It was, she said, one of the most meaningful times during her career at QCS.

Finally, we remembered those we lost and we mourned along with those who lost fathers, friends, relatives, and acquaintances in the disaster. Abigail Sauval and Lorah Laurent, seventh graders, brought a moving tribute to their classmate, Coralie Chevy, who died with her mother when her house collapsed.

We ended the service with those strong words of hope from Revelation 21, when heaven and earth becomes one and God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven, when "the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

For the rest of my life this week marks a defining moment - - an instant of overwhelming destruction and loss, but also a time when people responded in heroic ways to rescue, to comfort, to restore, to rebuild. And I long for that final restoration that God himself will bring.

## No Worries

Your son or daughter may have described to you some of the changes we have made to the secondary schedule this semester. It seems that the changes have been effective and positive, and we can praise God for a smooth transition. One of the motivations behind the changes was the desire for a more relaxed daily pace, and so we have only six classes a day, with each one lasting for nearly a full hour.

A more relaxed pace -- doesn't that sound nice?! It is a good thing to demonstrate to our students that life does not have to consist of rushing from one thing to the next, ten minutes late for every engagement, the Blackberry vibrating, the "to-do" list longer today than it was yesterday. Jesus walked through life unhurried, and one of the most profound things he taught us is to not worry.

In Australia, we have a saying: "No worries, mate!" While most Aussies wouldn't stop to think about the significance of this statement, it should probably be considered the greatest contribution of our culture and its philosophy! I never realized that we Aussies were so Biblical!

My car broke down again. No worries. I really need to save up some money for my rent this year. No worries. Oops -- I blew up my inverter. No worries. Responsibilities! Commitments! Bills! Reports! No worries.

Slow down a little. Take Jesus' advice and watch the flowers and the birds: you might learn something. Did you see how beautiful the sunrise was this morning, and did you take the time to enjoy it? Enjoy a relaxed pace today, do the things that really matter, and remember: no worries!

Rod Meadth  
QCS Secondary Principal

## Calendar

Fri/Feb 4 - half school day  
- staff retreat/professional development  
Fri/March 4 - last day of third quarter  
M-F/March 7-11 - Carnival week – Spring Break  
- Washington Trip  
Mon/March 14 - 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter begins

## Educational Tip of the Week

### Teach Your Child the Golden Rule:

#### Treat others the way you want to be treated

Helping your child learn to cooperate and get along with others will enable her to succeed, not only in school, but in everything she does. So, how do you teach your child to show respect for others? By living a good example.

Begin by treating your child with respect. Don't ridicule her in front of friends or adults. Say please and thank you to your child. Respect her right to express opinions, even when different from yours. Then, teach your child to be tolerant of others. Help her understand that legitimate rules are made to protect the welfare of everyone. ("What would school be like if everyone came late to class?") If you observe your child acting unkindly toward someone, talk with her privately about it. Ask how she would feel if she were being treated that way.

School is more rewarding for children who live the golden rule. In fact, life is more rewarding for everyone who lives the golden rule

## A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine

The policeman couldn't believe his eyes when he saw a woman drive past him on the freeway, busily knitting. Quickly he pulled alongside the vehicle, rolled down his window, and shouted, "Pull over!"

"No," the women yelled back cheerfully. "Socks!"



The chef at a family-run restaurant had broken her leg and came into our insurance office to file a disability claim. As I scanned the claim form, I did a double take. Under "Reason unable to work," she wrote: "Can't stand to cook."

A naive young lass was playing Trivial Pursuit one night. It was her turn. She rolled the dice and landed on "Science & Nature." Her question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

She thought for a minute or two and then asked, "Is it on or off?"



I always love the start of a new year because it gives me a fresh start. Sure the start of a month, week or day is a new beginning but there is something special about knowing the calendar has

turned and new year numbers are showing. Maybe it is the idea that things from the past are truly in the past. Maybe it is the idea that this will be a year of change and I am reminded of the difference I want to make.

There is never a bad time to make new resolutions. New Year resolutions though seem to just carry a greater importance. I would encourage you to take some time, and take it soon, to write down the changes you want to see in 2011. One of the common threads in successful business CEO's is that almost all write down goals. Not only do they write their goals down, but they regularly read them to see if they are keeping up. There is no magical formula to writing goals down other than many times seeing something on paper is a stronger reminder of what we want to change than just our own memory.

I would encourage you to be specific and set reachable goals in the following areas:

- 1) Physical - how do I want my body to be different by the end of 2011? This could relate to exercise, nutrition, habits of what we put into our bodies, learning a new sport or how we take care of the Temple that God has given to me.
- 2) Mental - how will I exercise my mind and thoughts in 2011? Good examples are learning a new language, reading more books, taking a class or studying a topic of interest.
- 3) Emotional - Are there feelings I need to express more in 2011 or get better control of? Do you allow your emotions to lead you? How can that change this year?
- 4) Social - relationships can be difficult work. Is there someone you need to make things right with? How can you be a better son/daughter, husband/wife, father/mother, cousin, neighbor, student or friend?
- 5) Spiritual - Is my walk with Jesus Christ any different at the start of 2011 than it was at the start of 2010? God desires a personal relationship with us. What good healthy habits can I start in early 2011 so by the end of the year I can say I know the Lord better?

## Introducing . . .

Once upon a time, there was a little girl named Julie, who lived in

Nebraska. This little girl loved to read and be read to by her parents. Her father read her "The Little Engine That Could" over and over again because it was her favorite book! Her mother read her all of the Winnie the Pooh and Disney stories. Both her parents read her many exciting stories from the Bible.



During her grade school years, Julie read all of the Nancy Drew, Hardy Boys, Trixie Beldon, and Sugar Creek Gang books that the public, school, and church libraries owned. In high school, John Steinbeck was her favorite author and she also read hundreds of Grace Livingston Hill books. In college, Julie was thrilled to be exposed to many new and different authors.

Julie was also thrilled to meet the love of her life in college: Mr. Will White from Texas. He flew airplanes and wanted to be a missionary pilot. They got married and joined Mission Aviation Fellowship. After working three years in Suriname, South America, the Whites came to Haiti and have been here eleven years. They have two children: William in 5th grade, and Abby in 2nd grade. Julie has been reading to her own kids for many years. She is known around Quisqueya Christian School as the elementary librarian, Mrs. White. It is a complete joy for her to be able to read to children every day and pass on her love of books to the next generation.



Students, teachers and guest attending the Remembrance Assembly this past Tuesday.

## A note from the Librarians:

It has been a pleasure working this year in the newly combined Elementary and Secondary Libraries now known as the Paulette Blain Memorial Library at Quisqueya Christian School.

We would like to thank everyone who helped us get set up at the beginning of the school year and also to the students who have made excellent use of the new facility.

Please note that all books taken from the library are due for return on or before the date which is stamped on the DATE DUE slip inside the back cover. If you have books which are already past due or soon due - please remember to return them promptly to avoid any fines. If you find that you have books which were borrowed prior to last January's earthquake please note that we are happy to have them returned and that no fines will be due on them. Returns can be made Mondays through Fridays by coming into the Library, or before and after hours by depositing your returned books in the book barn outside of the Library's entrance.

We are constantly working to upgrade our Library facility and this week would like to thank the Baker family for a very kind donation of books which we are still processing and getting ready to put onto our shelves.

This week the newly released book entitled "Hope For Haiti" by Jesse Joshua Watson, who lived in Haiti as a boy when his parents worked with World Vision International, was presented to the Library by the Alex & Myrtle Chabot Memorial Fund in memory of Anne Chabot of Montreal who passed away in the earthquake of last January 12th. The book tells a story of a little boy and his mother who survived the quake and how he found hope through soccer. Mr. DeKoter read the book to the students during Elementary Chapel this week.

This week we have also added the following books to our collection and they are processed and ready to be checked out:

1. *What Is Prayer?* by Kathleen Long Bostrom
2. *Rock-A-Bye Prayers* by Marjorie Ainsborough Decker
3. *The Salamander Room* by Anne Mazer

4. *I Can Read About Sharks* by C. J. Naden
5. *Up, Up, Down* by Robert Munsch
6. *Love You Forever* by Robert Munsch
7. *Animals Born Alive and Well* by Ruth Heller
8. *Jack and The Beanstalk* retold by Bernette Goldsen
9. *A Day at the Beach* by Mircea Vasiliu
10. *First Day on a Strange New Planet* by Dan Yaccarino
11. *Baby Makes Five* by Stan & Jan Berenstain
12. *My First Picture Dictionary* by Katherine Howard
13. *Alexander and the Terrible Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day.* by Judith Viorst
14. *Moonbear's Dream* by Frank Asch
15. *The Magic School Bus - Going Batty* by Joanna Cole
16. *Bats Around the Clock* by Kathi Appelt
17. *Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too* by Alex Alexander Milne
18. *The Jungle Book* by Gutenberghus Gruppen
19. *Alice in Wonderland* by Egmont Gruppen
20. *Dumbo* by Egmont Gruppen
21. *Bambi* by Felix Salten
22. *A Home for Aphie* by Catherine McCafferty
23. *Cake Mountain* by Ronald Kidd
24. *A Crown for Atta* by Catherine McCafferty
25. *Blueberries on Parade* by K. Emily Hutta and Victoria Saxon (2 copies)
26. *Clowning Around* by Annie Auerbach
27. *The Not-So-Perfect Picnic* by Greg Ehrbar
28. *101 Dalmatians* by Dodie Smith



If you haven't already, please come and visit our Library soon!

Mr. A. R. Chabot, Librarian, and  
Mrs. Julie White, Elementary Librarian