

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Friday, March 5, 2010 A.D.

Under Construction

QCS is gearing up for next year! The US Army is scaling back their presence and will completely vacate the campus in the coming weeks. We have enjoyed the relationships that we have developed with the military, and we are pleased to see how they have effectively helped many hurting people. The relief efforts will gradually be scaled back the rest of this year, and classrooms will once again be used as classrooms. I started to write that QCS would be back to "normal" but that isn't quite true. QCS has always offered an extraordinary schooling experience, and that commitment to excellence continues. Compared to most schools, there is nothing "normal" about QCS! But spread the news: QCS will be fully operational for the opening of August 17, 2010.



The re-enrollment season is just around the corner! Many parents have confirmed through email or through a signed re-enrollment form that they intend for their child(ren) to attend QCS next year. A more formal process will begin March 12, when we will ask for a firm commitment -- and a deposit toward next year's tuition. Students who were in good standing on January 12th but were evacuated, will have the first opportunity to enroll, but only the deposit will hold the place for each student.

If you know of families who value excellence and who value Christian education, send them our way!

QCS will be able to admit new students as well -- and these admission packets will be available in the office -- or on our website -- starting March 12. Initial decisions for new students will be made toward the end of April.

Looking forward to the future,

Blessings!

Each day we start school with opening devotions together. It is the only way to start the day. After all, we are a Christian school and the reason for our existence is Jesus Christ, our Rock on which we stand. Wednesday was my day to be in charge. Oh what shall I talk about or what shall I say? The Lord our God has given us different means to proclaim His Good News. Speaking is but one way. What about the other media that the students are into? How about a DVD?



We all have a story to tell. My children in past days and now my grandchildren love to hear about their opa in days past. We all love a good story, whether we are big or small, young or old, But the story above all stories is His Story. That story needs to be told day after day for it is in His presence we live. So in chapel I showed *The StoryKeepers* DVD, about Ben the baker who told stories about Christ.

My question for you today is *Where have you seen Jesus?* In other words, can you tell me a story where you saw Christ? Do you have a story to share about His goodness in this upside down world?

I have heard the story of a man who lost two children, his house and yet he is able to say *Praise the Lord for His goodness* because he still had his wife and small baby daughter.

I heard of the story of when we were low on food and some one asked if we could use some beans and rice? We received so much that we could share with others who had a need of rice and beans.

I heard of the story that there were no more eye drops in the medicine tent and the next person into the medical tent asked if he could leave all his Visine because he was leaving Haiti. Daily we see and hear how great our God is and we need to pass on these stories to the next generation.

What stories do you share? Stories of your hardships or stories of God's grace? Stories of death and destruction or stories of new beginnings in His presence? How does His presence effect your life?

Quisqueya serves because that is one of the Great commands of Our Lord and Master. As we continue to be a school, may we always be seen as a instrument of His peace in His world today. Then they can see we are Christians by our love.

Tentative School Calendar

Mar 26	Fri	- progress report card
April 2-5	Fri/Mon	- Easter Break
May 18	Tues	- Flag Day – no school
May 26	Wed	- Kindergarten program grade 6 step-up grade 8 promotion
May 26	Wed	- noon dismissal for all
May 27-28		- Teacher work days

May 29 - Graduation

Aug 17 First school day for the 2010/2011 school year!

World Maths Day – March 3, 2010 A.D.

Depending on the Internet connection at school, some of the students did play the math games of the World Maths Day competition. The total correct answers were 2,148 as stated on the web site . The following was also gleaned from the website:



Top 10 Correct Answered:

Frederic Brun
Victoria Jean-Charles
Suzanna Hersey
Chloe Blesh
Bericka Louis
Anaella Charlot
Philippe Hakime
Melodie Romain
Shelsea Zamor
Auralie Audant

Top 10 High Scores Answered

Victoria Jean-Charles
Suzanna Hersey
Bericka Louis
Frederic Brun
Chloe Blesh
Shelsea Zamor
Melodie Romain
Auralie nAudant
Philippe Hakime
Tommy Rosseau

Top 10 Improvers

Victoria Jean-Charles
Suzanna Hersey
Frederic Brun
Chloe Blesh
Shelsea Zamor
Auralie Audant
Anaelle Charlot
Bericka Louis
Philippe Hakime
Melodie Romain

Did you return your intention to re-enroll for the new school year? The form is attached. It is due next week 😊

"Don't Take Over Projects"

Have you ever attended an elementary school science fair and stood gawking at a kindergartener's model of a rain forest, complete with soap-carved animals and hand-painted silk plants? Ask your child's teacher how much you should help with projects. There is a delicate balance between helping your child and doing the work for him.

It's hard not jumping in. All those projects we hated doing as kids now seem like such fun. And we can make them look much more attractive than our child can. But whose project is it, anyway? Hands-on projects provide excellent learning experiences, but you must give your child the experience. So, resist the urge - give guidance, but let your child have the fun.

Science Classes

Presently, in the 7 – 11 science classes we are exploring building materials, shapes, forces, and loads via a web site entitled



Building Big. How can we reinforce or make stronger the various basic shapes that are used in the construction of houses? How much movement can there be in a brick or a piece of wood or reinforced concrete before it breaks? How much weight can be placed on the structure before it breaks? It is neat to see the animated forces in action with the sounds.

With all the temporary shelters here in Haiti after the quake, the challenge is to construct durable and affordable homes for the people of Haiti. The students are looking at the strength of the various building materials, the availability and the cost of those materials. Then they need to come with a design of a house for the people that will meet their needs and be cost effective and withstand the living conditions in Haiti. It will be interesting to see what their final drawings will be like. Doing research on the Net they are able to see what types of house are presently being built.

