

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

The 2010 -2011 academic year has ended! Students, parents, teachers, and staff deserve a hearty congratulation! I'm already looking forward to the 2011 - 2012 academic year, and teachers and administrators alike have been evaluating this year, studying ways to increase student achievement. We're busy ordering books and supplies, prioritizing repair work for the summer, hiring new teachers, admitting new students, and pursuing excellence in every area of the school.



Please keep your child actively engaged in learning over the summer. Read, read, and read some more. Pursue interesting activities, and please restrict time in from of the TV and the computer screen!

I'm praising God for the successes we've had as we end the year, and I'm looking forward to improving all aspects of school life as we continue with our self-study and the accreditation visit in October.

Blessings on you this summer, and I'll see you August 16 for the first day of school!

**The report cards will be online by Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Those parents who desire a paper copy of the report card may obtain one from the school office during their summer hours which are from 8:00A.M. to 1 P.M. The school office will be closed for the month of July.**

**Have an enjoyable blessed summer in all your travels.**

What follows is a part of my address to the grade 6 class during the Step Up program to the Middle School.

We are here to celebrate the end of your elementary school years. Hurrah! You are leaving the sixth grade and entering the middle school years. What have you learned?

Your ABC's, counting, memory work, writing lines, writing essays, researching topics, and more. Yet in all of our learning, we must recognize the Source of all our learning - Jesus Christ. True learning only takes place when it is rooted in the Lord because it is He who gives *knowledge and understanding in all kinds of literature and learning* (Daniel 1:17). Growing in knowledge of our Lord never ends. Although you have stepped up from the sixth grade, you will never step up and out from the school of Christ until the day you will live with Him forever. Continue to *grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ* (2 Peter 3:18). Continue your journey of learning in joy!

Joshua is one of my heroes of the faith and what is stated in the first chapter in Joshua is good news also for us today also. This is from the message:

Don't get off track, either left or right, so as to make sure you get to where you're going. And don't for a minute let this Book of The Revelation be out of mind. Ponder and meditate on it day and night, making sure you practice everything written in it. Then you'll get where you're going; then you'll succeed. Haven't I commanded you? Strength! Courage! Don't be timid; don't get discouraged. God, your God, is with you every step you take.

Continue your journey of learning in joy.



## School Calendar

- Sat/May 28<sup>th</sup> - Commencement Exercises for gr 12  
- 4 P.M. at Karibe Convention Center
- Tues Aug 16<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> school day in the new school year  
- noon dismissal

## Educational Tip of the Week

### Encourage Your Child to Keep a Diary While on Vacation

If your child is old enough to write a sentence, he is old enough to keep a vacation diary. Try not to make it torturous, but encourage your child to write down something every day. He should begin each new entry on a new page.

The fun part happens after you return home. You and your child will relive many happy memories as you paste snapshots and postcards onto the diary pages. Finish with a sturdy cover or place into a three-ring binder. Your child now has an attractive journal to share with family and friends.

Keeping a vacation diary not only enhances and maintains your child's writing skills, but also comes in mighty handy for that "What I Did on Summer Vacation" writing task that's bound to be assigned during the first week back to school.

## Today's Smile — Some Puns

- 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?"
- A couple months ago, I entered a contest and ended up winning a few acres of swamp land below the flood plane in Mississippi. Before I knew it, I won a \$250,000 house, so naturally I built it on my new land. Last week, I won enough money in the lottery to quit my job and move down there for good. And just last night, as sat on my new porch watching the rain and listening to the thunder, it all started to sink in.
- I was in the waiting room of my doctor's office the other day when the doctor started yelling, "Typhoid! Tetanus! Measles!" I went up to the nurse and asked her what was going on. She told me that the doctor liked to call the shots around here.



## WHY READ 30 MINUTES A DAY?

... a continuation from last week

\*If daily reading begins in infancy, by the time the child is five years old, he or she has been fed roughly 900 hours of brain food!

\*Reduce that experience to just 30 minutes a week, and the child's hungry mind lose 770 hours of nursery rhymes, fairy tales, and stories.

\*A kindergarten student who has not been read aloud to could enter school with less than 60 hours of literacy nutrition. No teacher, no matter how talented, can make up for those lost hours of mental nourishment.

\*Therefore...30 minutes daily = 900 hours  
30 minutes weekly = 130 hours  
Less than 30 minutes weekly = 60 hours  
Guess you now understand why reading daily is so very important. Why not have family night reading? It is great to just shut off the television for 20-30 minutes and read... and share.



## Summer Library Hours

The summer is now officially upon us and with it comes plenty of free time to read some excellent books. If you are going to be here in Haiti we invite you all to come and check out a book or two and keep it for up to two weeks at a time (they can always be renewed if you need them longer but you have to come into the Library to renew them yourself).

Attached is a notice for non-QCS families who would like to use the Library and the costs and rules of doing so. During the summer we will be open on Wednesdays from 9 am to 12 noon and we will apply the same basic rules (with the exception of needing to fill in an application and pay a fee to use the Library) for our QCS staff family.

If you would like to check out a book before June 1st you are welcome to do so and the due date will be June 15th.

**Effective June 1, 2011**

**The Paulette Blain Memorial Library offers a special library membership to non QCS student families**

**IE: homeschoolers, QCS alumni, missionaries, etc...**

**Individual Membership US\$30.00**

**Family Membership US\$50.00**

**Membership will be for the then-current school year ending at the closing of school each May.**

(During the summer months the Library will only be open on Wednesday mornings from 9 – 12 noon.)

**We have a few simple rules:**

1. An application form must be submitted with full payment and approved before books are loaned. Processing may take up to 10 days. All fees are non-refundable after approval.
2. Members will be issued a Library card showing their name and expiration date of their membership.
3. Members may check out up to three books at a time for a duration of 2 weeks per person on the membership.
4. You may not borrow books for someone else who is not on your membership (doing so may cause termination of your library use).
5. Non-QCS members will have one day each week available to them for their Library visit.
6. Overdue book fines are assessed at US\$2.00 week per book.
7. Lost books are to be replaced at the minimum cost of US\$30.00/book or at cost + fees if the book costs more than US\$30.00 to replace. Overdue fines will also be due to date of payment for the lost book in addition to the cost of the book. These fees also apply to books which are returned damaged (IE: torn, wet, binding broken, lost cover, etc...). We assume that all books borrowed are in reasonable condition and expect that they will be returned the same way.
8. Library accounts must be maintained in good standing or Library use may be terminated.
9. The Paulette Blain Memorial Library is to be considered as a quiet place to read and study. Anyone who makes excessive noise or talking will be requested to leave. Continued non-compliance of this rule will be cause for termination of membership privileges.
10. Small children shall be attended by the responsible adult at all times. There shall be no running or disturbances permitted. If your child(ren) is/are unruly it is suggested that you arrange for their care at home rather than bringing them to the Library with you.
11. We do not allow our members to eat or drink in the Library. If you happen to be chewing gum when you arrive, please dispose of it in the trash before entering our facility.
12. All loaned books must be returned by the last day of school in May so they can be inventoried.
13. These rules shall serve as a basic guideline for the use of the Library but can and may be modified at any time at the direction of the administration of QCS without prior notice.