

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

The Parent-Student Handbook contains the guidelines and rules for QCS. And, perhaps more importantly, the Handbook lays out the basic philosophical commitments and the core values that QCS has. We strongly believe, as the Handbook puts it, that "God has given children to their parents with the responsibility for their academic and spiritual training. QCS exists primarily to assist parents in fulfilling this divine responsibility to train their children to obey God in every area of life." QCS is thrilled to "assist parents in fulfilling their God-given responsibility of educating their child(ren) by : A. providing a quality academic curriculum; B. providing qualified Christian faculty and staff; C. Providing clear and timely information to the parents concerning student progress and potential." (A week from now, at parent/teacher conferences, will be an opportunity to receive information about student behavior and progress.)



I would also like to direct you to the section on "Emergencies" in the Handbook. While we are not expecting disruptions or unrest, here is the policy: "During a crisis such as serious political unrest, a demonstration, or a strike, the school may be closed. The director will start the telephone chain and send a notice via email if possible. If you have questions, call the school at 3640-8235, check for email updates, or contact a teacher. The school recognizes that the children are parents' responsibility. If there are times you choose to keep your child at home because of security, simply notify the school and we will not penalize your child's absence."

The hard-copy of the Handbook will be going home to each family next week. Until then, check out the website!

I am looking forward to meeting you at the conferences. Blessings!

Psalm 133:1 - Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!



*How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!*  
Psalm 133:1

Lately, I have heard many teachers comment on how grateful they are for a unified, joyous community atmosphere here on campus. There are probably more staff members living on campus than ever before, including my wife and I, and it has made me glad to see the way in which we have all been able to come together for food, prayer, sports, Bible study and games. Unity is one of the key foundations of any successful organization, and all the more so for a Christian school.

I have heard firsthand from teachers who do not have the privilege of such an environment; these workplaces are characterized by gossip, insecurity, and individuals jostling for first place. Pride is a destructive influence.

I ask you, as parents and friends and students, to pray for continued unity in our school. It blesses me to see staff encouraging staff and friends feeding friends, however, we know that our Adversary is as a roaring lion. Many Christian ministries have fallen prey to the poison of disunity, but we desire to stand strong at Quisqueya, supporting one another, praying for one another, and guarding precious relationships from harm.

Do what you can to promote unity today. Refuse to gossip; speak life instead. Do not accept the world's philosophy; put others first. In doing so, we ourselves will be strengthened, and Christ our Lord will be honoured.

R. Meadth

## School Calendar

- Sat/Sept 11<sup>th</sup> - Family Picnic – a day for soccer games  
- time – 10 A.M. – 2 P.M. with lunch @1P.M.
- Fri/Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - Parent /teacher conferences  
from 12:30 – 4:00 P.M.
- sharing beginning schooling thoughts
- Fri/Oct 9 – 10 - Serguin Senior trip
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - last day of First Quarter

### Educational Tip of the Week "Read and Discuss Good Literature Together"

You can help your child develop a deeper understanding of the book he or she is reading by reading it too and discussing it with him or her. Ratings soared when Oprah Winfrey started her televised book club, proving that people enjoy talking about good books.

Discussing theme, plot, character development, and author's purpose will enhance your child's reading and enable him or her to answer questions in class and on exams. An added bonus for you, besides being introduced to good literature, is having something enjoyable to talk about with your child.

## A Reminder



**Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**

10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. at the QCS Campus  
Lunch at 1 PM

## Free

### Financial Planning Seminar

Open to all

Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM – 11 AM

with

Susan Wilhoit

a certified Financial Planner from Texas

Come and Learn

about retirement, investments, college savings  
and meeting your goals.

RSVP by email to Mirna Beneche by Thurs, Sept 16th  
at [mbeneche@quisqueya.org](mailto:m beneche@quisqueya.org)

## Introducing . . .

Ruth Hersey



I was born in New Jersey, but my parents took me to Africa when I was seven weeks old, before I even had time to get a Jersey accent. I spent most of my childhood in Kenya, where my parents were missionaries. I attended British schools and went to England to study when I was twelve years old. Eventually, after attending college in Florida and in Kenya, I ended up at Asbury College, in Wilmore, Kentucky (in the United States), where I met my husband, Steve Hersey, a missionary kid from Japan. We got married shortly after graduation and went to graduate school together at the University of Kentucky. I have a BA in English and French and an MA in French Literature.

I have done various jobs at Quisqueya since coming here in 1993, from elementary French teacher to a sub in almost every grade at one time or another to elementary librarian to my current position, middle school English. Even though we had a pretty good start on having every member of the family be born somewhere different, both of our children were born in the same country: Haiti. Suzanna is now 13 and Sebastian is 7.

After the earthquake, the children and I went to Kentucky to be with my parents and my husband stayed here. I have been back in Haiti since July and we are happy to be together again as a family. We consider it a privilege to be here and serving the families of Quisqueya Christian School. You inspire us with your courage and your determination to rebuild Haiti.



The **parent teacher conferences** are one week from today - Friday, September 17<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 until 4:00 P.M. Plan to attend.



The conferences next Friday can only be the beginning way of communicating with parents on the students' performances. The main emphasis of the conferences at this time will be the behaviour of the student and only the beginning of their academic work. At the end of the semester, there will be another set of conferences that will focus on the academic performance. Reserve October 22<sup>nd</sup> now for that purpose.

A teacher wants to communicate with parents as soon as possible if the child is having a problem understanding discussions or does not complete class work. Parents need to be alerted when a child repeatedly fails to turn in homework assignments or presents a behavior concern at school.

### Guidelines for Parents Meeting with a Teacher

The teacher may request a parent-teacher conference at any time when a problem or concern arises with a student. A parent may also request a parent-teacher conference at anytime. There needs to be open communication between the home and school at all times.

For the up and coming conferences, here are a few guidelines or questions which the appointment sheet for the elementary school parents will receive at the start of the week. They are listed below because they may also spur you on into having questions prepared beforehand when you meet with the teacher.

Here are just a few questions you could ask for openers :

1. Is my child working up to potential? Is s/he performing above or below grade level?
2. Does s/he excel in specific areas, such as language or art that I could reinforce? Or does s/he need special help in anything, and is it available within the school system?
3. Does my child make friends easily and participate in class activities?
4. How are her/his work habits, attitude, and sense of self-discipline?
5. How would you, the teacher, assess my child's self-confidence?
6. What role do you expect parents to play in homework?
7. What can I do to carry the learning process over into the home? How do you keep parents informed about student's progress over the year?



## Parent-Teacher Conferences

### Curriculum Corner

The role of the Bible functions in different ways as part of the curriculum. The Scriptures function as the primary source in the subject Bible. The



subject Bible is one course among many, and as such has an academic (knowledge) nature. Like the other subjects in the curriculum, the Bible studies too, must be aimed at preparing the child in his full-orbed Christian life of discipleship.

This life of discipleship must come to expression in the child's commitment. This commitment will come to expression in the various school activities such as singing, praying, listening and confessing, showing a sincerity of expression or a sense of being called to serve. These activities ought to be characterized by the nature of the school as an educational institution.

The Scriptures are the norm for our lives including our educational activities. The Bible is the basis and directive in everything that is done and in every subject area. The knowledge and wisdom gleaned from the serious Bible study form the basis of knowledge for all other subjects. The Word of God is the foundation of all the activities at school. Only if we know God's Word do we understand Science, Geography, History, Music, etc. The students, teachers, and the school society must remain faithful to the Word of God as the religious norm for all of life.

Simply put, we study the Bible:

1. To know the love of Jesus.
2. To show the love of Jesus.
3. To live the love of Jesus

### Praise and Prayer

- Thank You Lord for this place. May we all be life long learners and worshippers here at all times.
- We praise You for the community here – the school community and the community with whom we share the grounds, whether basketball or soccer.
- Help us all Lord to be 'You-Nique', being what all that God wants us to be.
- Open our eyes Lord so that we may 'see' You each and every day .