

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Worship = Walk the Talk

Haiti is going to the World Cup in soccer, and the team is practicing on QCS's field! That's right. The



The newly formed Haiti amputee soccer team is going to participate in the World Cup of Amputee Soccer held in Argentina on October 16. Every Saturday morning the team practices on QCS's field, and it is a hard work out - - drills, exercises, sprints, and scrimmaging. The players use forearm crutches, and all have only one leg, except for the goalies, which have two legs but they have an upper limb amputation.

QCS is always looking for ways to contribute to the community in positive ways, and this is why we are pleased to partner with such a worthy cause. QCS and soccer go well together! Every day after school the field is being used by energetic, enthusiastic students, enjoying good health and good competition. And I'm inspired, and I think you might be too, by this team of amputees that, in spite of their obstacles, tackle life enthusiastically and play hard. Check out a slide show of the team practicing on the QCS soccer field: <http://www.iisport.org/sport-for-the-disabled/haitian-amputee-football-slideshow.html>

Many good lessons are learned on our playing fields - - team work, cooperation, and sportsmanship immediately come to mind. But I have learned a good lesson from the Amputee Soccer team, lessons about keeping going in the face of discouragement and obstacles, lessons about having joy in spite of difficult circumstances. And, I suspect, there are more lessons to be learned as well.

I'm thrilled that Haiti is going to the World Cup, and QCS is part of the process!

## What We Need

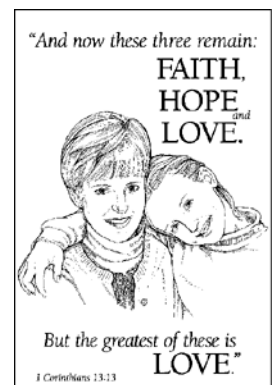
In my Bible classes I have been focusing on *How We Got the Bible*. It is amazing how His written Word was preserved throughout history so that you and I are able to read His Word today. I praise Him that His Word is still alive and well today for that Word gives me Life and Life everlasting. It is also on that Word that this school has its basis. It is on that Word that this school is founded. It is on that Word that this school has its mission and vision. Mission and Vision in every decision. It is also on that Word I live each day for our Lord. That is why I am here at Quisqueya Christian School. Serving the Lord in word and deed. That Word was also my emphasis for the last two ES chapels. His Word for our lives.

There is an old song which tells me *What the world needs now is love, sweet love*. Although the songwriter probably didn't talk about the love that is mentioned in the Bible, but those who love Jesus need to live Jesus and share the love of God. The greatest commandment is to love God and the second is - love men. How well have I learned these lessons?

A people who love Jesus also study His Truth. This is necessary. This is also why all the students are required to grow in their knowledge of God and His Word by taking the subject Bible each and every year. But all this knowledge is meaningless, boring if there is no love of God. As it states in Daniel . . . and *God gave these four men an unusual aptitude for learning the literature and science of the time.*

As we go forward throughout this school year, it is my prayer that these learners at QCS may become life long learners, listening to the Lord, holding fast to Him for He is their Life! Then God will also grant them to be wise students.

T. DeKoter



## 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.
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> - sharing beginning schooling thoughts  
- last day of First Quarter

## Educational Tip of the Week

"Support Your Child's Reading"

Children complain that textbooks are boring. One problem is that textbooks are written at or above grade level. Another problem is the concise writing style that textbook authors are forced to use. Coupled together, these make reading and comprehending textbooks difficult for some children.

You can improve your child's understanding of textbook material by reading aloud with fluency and expression. Giving further explanations and stimulating more talk about the subject is a surefire way of easing textbook boredom and piquing interest in the subject matter.

## Let's come together!



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

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

## Fall Family BBQ!

The Parent Action Committee (PAC) will provide a hot dog/hamburger, a bag of chips, and a drink for lunch

Come dressed ready to play and join in the activities (tennis shoes and athletic wear).

All **QCS families and staff** are invited to come together to participate in planned activities, food and fellowship with each other. Entry is free. This is a school family event 😊

If extended family members attend and/or friends, they will be asked to pay \$30.00 Haitian for lunch.

All elementary children should be accompanied by an adult. It is a family picnic.

Tickets will be given to the children next week for this event.

The ticket will pay for your lunch.

No ticket = no lunch.

## Introducing . . . . Tiffany Nash

I am a mixture of heritage. My mother is Jamaican and my father is African American. My family moved from Lubbock, Texas to go to school in Illinois. The schools we went to were very privileged and I loved every minute of being in the classroom. I graduated from high school in 2006 and have spent the last four years of my life at Greenville College in Greenville, Illinois studying to be an elementary teacher. I graduated with a few successes: I made it to age 22, I went to college and graduated Summa Cum Laude, I studied abroad, and I am engaged to a wonderful man named Jarrett Davis. Now what? After graduation, I was unsure of my plans after being a camp counselor at SpringHill Camps. I knew God was calling me to fulfill my passion for children, but how?



Elementary aged children are very impressionable. Therefore, I take responsibility for making sure they see a positive role model in me. Many children come from broken homes and families where positive role models are hard to come by. In these cases especially, I find that a kind but firm personality should be fulfilled by the teacher. I do not believe as a teacher I should dominate the children, but rather work together with them to have the best classroom possible. I have been told I have an inquisitive heart; I suppose it only makes sense that my favorite thing to do is ask questions.

I also enjoy spending time reading, exercising, and spending time with my friends, the arts. I love traveling, and learning and speaking new languages. I have been a believer in Christ for as long as I can remember. However, I really understood who Christ was when I was twelve years old and dedicated my life to him. I worked with many youth groups to help build their faith in the Lord, however, God kept bringing me back to the classroom, which is why I believe God sent me to Haiti.



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

