

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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From the Principal's Desk

The last few issues of the newsletter has focused on the education enterprise at Quisqueya Christian School. Today's focus will be a basic ingredient to help nurture the graduate of the school as we would like to see it. That main ingredient is not the textbook, although they have their place. It is not the facility which the Lord has granted us to use but this place does help us along our journey of learning. It is the teacher who has a lasting effect to nurture, mold, spur on, lead the students in the way to go so that the learners truly are able to continue their journey of learning in joy.

As I asked the students why they were here and what's good about it, I also posed the same question to the staff and here are a few of their responses. May it enlighten you as to who we are and what we do and why we are here.

Teachers, why are you here?

Being a teacher at QCS means being involved in the lives of students and teaching them rather than teaching material or a curriculum. It means earning the right to be heard by listening to the students. It takes time and that is why it has taken years to have the right to speak into the lives of students without them feeling judgment, rejection or a critical spirit. Desiring to teach students not subjects is my goal and I have that freedom here at QCS.



I teach here so that I might reach into the lives of students with a more complete revelation of truth from God than I could at another public or private school.

I teach at QCS because it is a wonderful place to impact young lives with the truth of God's revelation.

I teach at QCS because of the opportunity to address issues teens face with Scripture. This is available all the time and I have the freedom to speak about that truth within the school where I work.

Denny D. Day

When I first made the choice to teach at QCS, I had applied to another school too. But I choose QCS because I wanted my children to go here.

I love being at QCS because of the wonderful staff. We work together with a unified purpose.

I also love the relationships I have with families here. My very first kindergarten class will be seniors next year. Some students I have known most of their lives!

Jodie Ackerman

I am always looking forward to a new day at QCS. God placed me here to nurture these little hearts to the best of my ability. Hopefully the students will understand through my teaching and behavior that our relationship with Jesus is the center of our existence and those who take refuge in Him are placed under His protection.

Sandra Jean-Charles

I like teaching at Quisqueya because I love walking through literature together.



I love exploring characters and adventures, then having great discussions!

I love having small classes – everybody gets lots of attention.

Katie Kilpatrick

From the moment I walked on campus of QCS in April 2008, I felt I was entering a sanctuary. I knew in my heart that this was a very special place set apart by God to be a refuge for staff and students. Before the earthquake I had the opportunity to work with high school students to take responsibility for the country they live in and give back by serving in different ways.

When QCS reopened after the quake, I was thankful they had a place for me. I have learned so much from the eleven 5th and 6th graders I share a classroom with. I am so excited to see what God has in store for us in the future and am grateful to be a part.

Carol Heath

I had a student tell me last semester that he appreciated that I didn't claim that God called me to Haiti. The truth is that I came to Quisqueya because I was asked. I received a personal request to fill a need which I had the ability to meet, so I did. Sometimes it's not about grand calls, just about going where you're needed. And I'm so glad that I didn't make excuses; being at QCS has been one of the greatest adventures of my life. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Tony Kulpa

I like teaching at QCS because of the community that it supports. I enjoy the opportunity to share knowledge with young people and be a Christian witness to them.

Ben Kilpatrick

God is at work in Haiti and at QCS. QCS is a great place to join where God is already working.

QCS is a fun place to work:

- ✓ Good co-workers
- ✓ Enjoyable families and students
- ✓ Classes, sports, etc

QCS helps families who are helping Haiti. We can be directly involved with Haiti but also provide education and help to those people working here.

Art McMahon

I feel privileged every time I stand in front of my students and help them develop the wonderful mind that God has given to them. To be part of this great process is priceless to me.

- ✓ I like working at QCS because of the Christ-centered education the students are getting.
- ✓ One can truly see the work of Christ in this place.
- ✓ I am honored to be part of this wonderful place called Quisqueya Christian School.

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**Listen
Hear
Understand
Grow**

The Christian school employs teachers who are selected for their Christian commitment, personal qualities and professional competence.

The Board is receiving applications for those desiring to serve on the Board. The form was attached to last week's newsletter. Prayerfully consider taking an active role in Christian Education. Want to know more, talk to the administration team.

School Calendar

May 7	Fri	- HS School supper & dance - half day for ALL the students
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	Sat	- Graduation

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

For the QCS families, did you guarantee a place for your child with a deposit of \$500 for each child? Other applications are being processed at this time.

Educational Tip of the Week

"Schedule Family Vacations to Coincide with School Holidays"

I'm the last person to argue the educational value of travel. But think about it. In many states, school is in session about 180 days a year. That leaves 185 days to travel without pulling your child out of school.



Teachers spend hundreds of hours planning lessons, grading papers, and ensuring curriculum requirements are delivered according to time lines established by your local board of education. It's only human to become annoyed when these efforts are ignored by parents who remove their children midstream for a family vacation.

Compounding their aggravation is that parents ask teachers to perform additional tasks of preparing assignments in advance, providing makeup exams (which often means writing a new test), and tutoring their child when he returns to catch him up with the rest of the class.

Although your child will certainly enjoy his vacation, he too will suffer frustration and anxiety, trying to catch up. It takes some children several weeks to recover from a seven day absence. Don't purposefully put your child at a disadvantage.