

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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The Most Excellent Way

This past week we did Stanford Achievement testing for grades 3 through 11. Each day, students took tests in various subjects. This is an important tool for QCS to measure programs, and it is a pleasure to see the considerable growth that happens from year to year in the children. We'll share these results with you near the beginning of next school year, but, if trends continue, QCS students do very well compared to their peers in the United States. These tests show us where we as a school need to strengthen programs, and these tests show the strengths and weaknesses of students.



At QCS, we continue to assess programs -- from academics to athletics, from service projects to student services -- with the goal of striving for excellence. One area that needs attention at QCS is facilities. The art and music building is aging, as is the auditorium. The auditorium cannot seat the full student body, much less the students along with parents. Because of this, the Board of Trustees is studying ways to build a new auditorium at QCS which will include space for art and music. Such a large project takes the commitment of the QCS community, and, if you would like to be involved in planning and giving, please let me know.

In facilities, as in every other area, QCS will strive for excellence, providing a better space to learn and grow.

In the reviewing of the curriculum, I am presently looking at the science program throughout the school. What follows is a good preamble to the teaching of science at QCS.



The Creation was brought forth by God's creative acts. Mankind can learn much about God's Creation from his experience with and observation of physical things, of plants, of animals, of man, and of how these realms interact and interrelate. As God's image bearer, man has been given dominion over the earth. Man is subject to God's laws and has the responsibility and duty to maintain the harmony in the created order. Understanding the nature of the living and non-living created things in their environment enables man to become a better steward of God's Creation.

The Creation is orderly and reliable in accordance to the natural laws set and upheld by the Creator. Science tries to describe things as they exist or occur. The description of these scientific laws can form theories and statements which reflect the order of created reality. Yet this attempt to describe things as they actually exist or occur need to be modified/changed at times to make a better reflection of the unchanging law of God. As part of man's forming powers, science is subject to man's sinfulness. Only God knows the whole truth about His Creation and man "sees through a glass darkly."

The Creation was structured by God. Yet Science examines this creation in order to make our lives more meaningful through a deepened understanding and better application of man's service. All of Science activities should help to understand reality and man's role in the Creation. No single act will comply with the law of the Creator unless man in his sinfulness, in genuine sincerity, surrenders to the Redeemer, to work from the fullness of His power.

Introducing.... A. Randall Chabot

I came to Haiti in 1979 to help as a short-term missionary with the Caribbean View Children's Home, a children's home run by the late Virginia Brady-Louis. I also taught as a sub at QCS that year and later went to work with Zoë Mission in Fermathe where I served in their office and as a Bible School teacher. In 1980 I was married to my college sweetheart and we returned to Haiti to serve together with the Ind. Holiness Mission which provided ministries of helps to other organizations. We have 4 children - all who grew up here in Haiti and loved it! They currently live in North America and have all made return trips to visit us.



Over the years I have served as Bible School teacher at the Zoë Mission Bible Training Center in Fermathe, office manager and programs co-coordinator for Blue Ridge Christian Homes in Cazeau (overseeing the distribution of USAID Section 416 commodity foods to schools, clinics, and orphanages as well as their well drilling program), International Missions Outreach in child sponsorship programs office, pastored a church in Thomassin for over 10 years, served as Bishop of the Ind. Holiness Mission on Hispaniola's churches and schools for over 15 years, served as vice-principal at Victory Christian Academy, principal at Calvary Holiness Academy and the director of Calvary Holiness College, sang with the International Community Chorus of Haiti since 1983 to present, performed in Haiti's opera, along with a host of numerous ministries of helps. I currently also serve at St. James Episcopal Church as an assistant to Father Macdonald Jean. My wife, Anita, has mainly taught school for the past 29 years including subbing these past two at QCS.

When I first came to Haiti I met some missionaries who had been here 17 years and I thought that they'd been here a long time. This year is my 30th and I feel that the time has gone by quickly. I enjoy being here and serving in Haiti. I have many friends and many whom I consider to be as if they were my very own family. Yes, we have had our difficulties and serious incidents over the years but that's a part of the process of growing and progress. Rarely does anything that's worth much ever come easily.

As a full time member of the team here at Quisqueya Christian School since the fall of 2007, I have grown personally in my walk with the Lord and have enjoyed working with the children of many parents whom I've had the pleasure of knowing for many years. I consider it a privilege to serve here and thoroughly enjoy being part of the teaching family. I have excellent co-workers who are all dedicated to giving their best efforts to help your children learn all that they can and who give of themselves on a daily basis beyond what one could reasonably ask of them. We are a team - we work together - for the common goal of providing a quality Christian education.

School Calendar

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| April 24 th - today | - progress reports go home |
| May 1 st | - Agriculture and Labor Day - no school |
| May 4 th | - Staff PD Day - no school for students |
| May 18 th | - Flag Day - no school |
| May 26 th | - grade 8 promotion |
| May 27 th | - Grade 6 Step-up |
| May 25 th - 27 th | - high school exams - noon dismissal |
| May 27 th | - last day of school - non-uniform day |
| May 30 th | - Graduation at 4 PM |

Today progress reports came home for all the students who are on probation as well for those students below C level in various subject areas. Please ask your son/daughter if they received theirs.

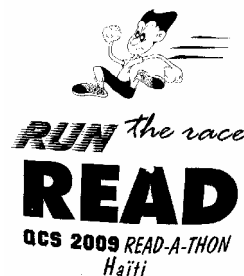
The Read-a-thon

Committee had T-shirts made for Readathon this year with the theme, *Run the Race Read on the front.*

We have about 6 small, 4 medium and 6 large left.

Small would be a bit big for 2nd and 3rd graders, but upper grades could fit small and medium. Large would be adult unless kids want them for big sleep shirts? We are asking \$5 US for the shirts or 200 gds. If the students have a read-a-thon shirt, they may wear it on the day the Bakers come back to receive the read-a-thon check from the school.

Parents, please be sure if your child was sponsored for their reading, send the money to school as soon as possible.



PAC is inviting people willing to let their name stand for service on the Parent Action Committee. See the attached letter.

Calling all QCS parents!

Quisqueya Christian School needs you! The children need you. The school community needs you to help promote community. Will you, can you help us?



As we are teaching the children to serve one another, how can you, as parents, serve the school? Volunteer your time and talents and join the **PAC**.

The **PAC (Parent Action Committee)** is looking for new members for the 2009 - 2010 school year. As a member, you commit to attend monthly meetings to plan, to facilitate the various functions that bring the school families together to develop community. Do you remember the Christmas bazaar; the family sports day; the fall barbecue? These are a few of the different activities that PAC sponsors. We need your involvement, ideas, and suggestions so that we can continue to provide fun things for our families to grow together and develop community.

We are open to any and all new ideas and look forward to some new members to help give us that community. YOU are the voice of the parents! Won't you please consider becoming a parent representative? **Come join the PAC team!** The school community needs you.

If interested, just send an email to tdekoter@quisqueya.org or fill out the form below. We would love to hear from you.



Yes, I would like to join **PAC** for the 2009-2010 school year!

Name: _____

Phone number: _____

My children are attending QCS in grades: _____

Email address: _____