

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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The Most Excellent Way

Every week the Elementary School students gather for chapel, where they sing songs, choruses, and hymns, and learn to worship together. They hear Bible stories, learning to apply God's word to their lives. And, for me, a special blessing is the time when classes stand to recite their Bible memory verses. Learning and applying the Bible keeps us on the right path, as Psalm 111:11 says, "Your word have I treasured in my heart, that I might not sin against You." At QCS, we treasure God's word.



As the younger students recite their passages, the older students silently mouth the words -- those students who have been at QCS a while have a lot of scripture stored in their hearts and minds. And we have a program -- Life Passages -- where students are required to memorize key scriptures at different grade levels. This brings back memories of the memorization that I did as a child in an international Christian school grounded on God's word. And I'm still learning to apply lessons from truths that I learned as a youngster. Some schools think that character and morals can be positively developed apart from strong scriptural teaching, careful Bible study, and encounters with God: we strenuously and categorically disagree! A house cannot stand without a firm foundation.

In the secondary school, these worship experiences continue with singing, prayer, and lessons from scripture. Throughout this year, we've been exploring this year's theme of Love being the Most Excellent Way. And recently, we've been examining how that most excellent way includes Christ's teaching on loving our enemies, praying for those who do us wrong, and lessons of forgiveness. It is exciting to see encounters with God's word -- His power transforms!

You are welcome to join us for Chapel. Secondary Chapels are on Wednesdays at 8:00, and be there at 8:20 on Thursdays for the start of Elementary Chapel.

In North America, I come across these yellow signs. These signs indicate that this is a deer crossing area. I always wonder how they ever trained the deer that they would cross the road at these signs.



These signs are really a reminder to the driver to pay attention, to scan the road ahead from shoulder to shoulder and when you see wildlife, be sure to slow down and pass carefully as the animals may bolt suddenly onto the road. Slowing down will give you extra time to respond. Never assume that the animal will move out of the way. Stop if necessary since others may follow.

This sign reminds me of God's command to His people in the beginning. God told man to be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth. The cultural mandate of Genesis told man that he was the caretaker of God's creation. Man, however has not done a great job. There is pollution, deforestation, global warming, and more. Man was selfish and wanted everything his own way rather than God's Way. Certainly, this is not the most excellent way.

Street signs are reminders. This sign is a reminder to all of us that we all need to be responsible agents in God's creation by controlling the litter, curbing emissions, be ecologically wise in our decisions.

Therefore at school, we do composting, curb the litter by making the students responsible to clean up, do a little gardening, recycle paper, plant plants on Beautification Day, and more.



May we all do our part to live in harmony with God's creation, caretaking of the plants, animals and physical things for His honor and glory -- the most excellent way.

Introducing . . .

Glee Williams



I grew up in a church going home in Minnesota. I was a good kid in school, a rule follower, and got good grades. I was in so many clubs and sports that they couldn't list all I did after my picture into the yearbook. My family was a lot like my family today. My parents supported all we kids did, and came to all our activities. I graduated high school in 1973 and went on to the University of Minnesota to become a history and PE teacher. But during my freshman year of college my parents told us they were going to get a divorce. They told us they hadn't kept Jesus first in their lives and their communication wasn't good. I felt like my whole foundation had been ripped from me.

I transferred to the UM Duluth campus. I wanted to meet people, so I joined a social sorority and InterVarsity Christian Fellowship. I was sure on the fence between God's world and the secular world. It was there I met Mark, my future husband. He wasn't a Christian. I justified dating Mark by inviting him to InterVarsity events. At that point though, he was first in my life, rather than Jesus. We broke up after over 5 years of dating! But now God could deal with us separately.

After this, Mark's life wasn't going well. He had been witnessed to enough by others to know what he should do. So in his room, by himself, he asked Jesus to forgive him and to come into his heart. He then read the book [The Cross and the Switchblade](#) by David Wilkerson and saw the power of prayer. Well Mark and I were still friends and I saw in the paper that Dave Wilkerson was coming to Minneapolis, so we went to hear him. At the end of the presentation Dave Wilkerson gave an invitation to everyone to ask Jesus into their heart. I decided to go forward and do this. I now had things in the right order with Jesus first and Mark second. A week later we got back together.

We then went to Urbana '81 Missions Conference. Three months later we were

married. We learned about Mission Aviation Fellowship and Mark had always wanted to fly. Now he found out he could do that and serve God. So we contacted MAF and to go with them someday he had to get Bible, flight, and mechanic training. So we went to seminary and then moved to TN to attend Moody Aviation.

It was in TN that we really learned to depend on God, especially for finances. By stepping out in faith, and not waiting until we had all our bases covered for school expenses, we experienced financial miracles. We give God all the glory because it was He that got us through. We figured if He could take care of us in TN, He could take care of us anywhere and He has. During this time we had four children, signed on with MAF and came to Haiti in 1991. Times have not ever been boring since. It has been our privilege and joy to live and work here. I started teaching at QCS in 1995. I've taught Social Studies 6-8, 10-12, Bible 6, PE 1-5, Chess 1-12, Transitions, Speech, Keyboarding, Weight training, been Guidance Counselor, Athletic Director and coached volleyball and basketball. I have been able to share my faith in a way I never would have been able to had we stayed in the States. My kids can't imagine growing up any place else!

School Calendar

- Friday, Feb 13th - another bake sale
- Jr and Sr High Valentine's Day Dinner
- Mon – Fri, Feb 16-20 - Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week
- Friday, Feb 20th - noon dismissal
- February 23 – 27 - Spring Break – Carnival Break
- Friday, March 13th - last day of the third quarter
- Friday, March 20th - Report Card Day/non-school day
- Parent – Teacher Conferences

The PAC is working out the details of **Teacher Appreciation Week** at QCS. How often do we do an act of gratitude for those we appreciate? One on the many words at times missing from our vocabulary is saying *Thank you*. We need to be encouragers of one another. This is called *one-anothering*. As stated in Hebrews, *let us encourage one another*. We can encourage one another through words, a warm greeting, by showing compassion, by an act, with a smile, through prayer. It is by being cheer leaders in Christ we become a strong school community for His praise. Urge one another on!
The Seven Laws of Teaching

Browsing a Christian bookstore, this book caught my eye. The laws stated in this book are not obscure or hard to reach. They are so simple and natural that they suggest themselves almost spontaneously to the observer.

1. A teacher must be one who knows the lesson or truth or art to be taught.
2. A learner is one who attends with interest to the lesson.
3. The language used as a medium between the teacher and the learner must be common to both.
4. The lesson to be mastered must be explicable in the terms of truth already known to the learner - the unknown must be explained by means of the known.
5. Teaching is arousing and using the pupil's mind to grasp the desired thought or to master the desired art.
6. Learning is thinking into one's own understanding a new idea or truth or working into habit a new art or skill.
7. The test and proof of the teaching done must be a reviewing, rethinking, reknowing, reproducing and applying of the material that has been taught, the knowledge and ideas and arts that have been communicated.

Are you ready?



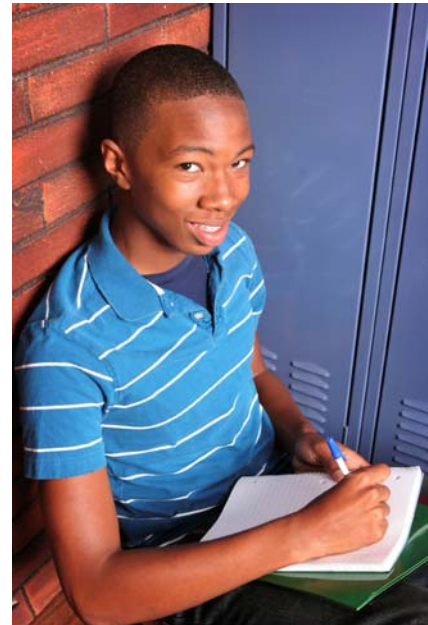
READ-A-THON is coming!
(QCS Elementary Read-A-Thon
March 20th-27th)

Home work is posted for DK's classes – Algebra 1, Geometry and Math 6 each day at: <http://tdkmath.quisqueya.org/>

Along with the mathematics for the day, the morning smile is posted along with the math work for the day.

Please remember the upper parking is for staff only. When you drop off your children, please do not park in front of the gate as others are trying to enter the school grounds. It just creates confusion.

"A good teacher is one who makes himself progressively unnecessary."



Are you committed to your child's education? Are you willing to pray for QCS? Are you determined to help make QCS a better school for your children, your neighbor's children and for the country of Haiti? Then we challenge you to prayerfully consider filling out a questionnaire to be a candidate for the QCS board of trustees.

Questionnaires can be found at the QCS business office. Fill it out, attach your personal testimony and return it to the business office today!