

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Friday, March 6, 2009 A.D.

*The Most Excellent Way*

QCS is full of activity! Recently the Ladies soccer team from both middle and high school have been competing hard, getting good physical exercise, and building strong relationships. Stop by and watch their good teamwork and strong, aggressive play. The Men's basketball team is strong as well, working on teamwork, cooperation, and sportsmanship.



I'm proud of the QCS athletes! Many times under stressful situations I've seen our students react calmly, in ways that honor Christ.

And these life lessons in sportsmanship and teamwork start in early elementary, where teachers stress getting along with each other and playing nicely! Mrs. Blesh works with many cooperative games in Elementary PE to give kids exercise and to work on teamwork and sportsmanship.

I'm thankful for the strong commitment of teachers and volunteers who make QCS Athletics and PE strong, from Elementary PE and intra-murals to HS varsity sports. A big thanks then goes to coaches, teachers and parents: Mrs. Denise Blesh, Ms. Miriam Powdrill, Mr. Denny Day, Mr. Art McMahan, and Mr. Simon Haddad.

Last, if you haven't seen a sport's event, please come out and cheer on QCS. Many of the life lessons children learn are on the playing field, not in the classroom, so please encourage them!

Reenrollment and new admissions is well underway. The deadline for reenrollment is March 13. If you have any questions or concerns about admissions or the fee structure, please feel free to contact me at [shersey@quisqueya.org](mailto:shersey@quisqueya.org).

Travelers know this sign. Watch for fallen rock and be prepared to avoid a collision.



Rocks. Stones. Same difference.

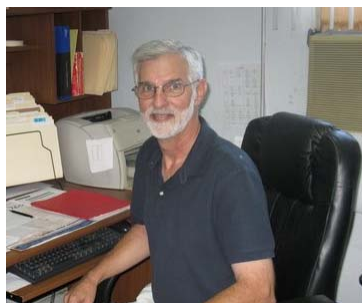
As I travel up the mountain, I peer at the sides and look for the possibility of rocks falling upon the road way. It could happen, especially when I experience all the rocks on the road after a severe thunder storm. Then just driving to avoid all the rocks becomes a challenge. I am prepared to avoid a collision.

Rocks also remind me of the face carved into the rock up the mountain. That must have been a great challenge, and it is certainly a traffic stopper for visitors going up the mountain to visit other tourist attractions. Once again I need to watchful of the traffic.

But rocks also remind me of the pile of stones the Israelites piled up after they crossed the river Jordan as they were told to do by the Lord. God was their Guardian and Guide during their wanderings in the desert and upon entering the new land they were told to build a monument with the twelve rocks. Why? It would serve as a reminder of God's faithfulness during the way they traveled – how He protected them, fed them manna, and quail. Even their clothes did not wear out! He was with them all during their traveling.

As I travel through the activities of each day, how do I remember God's faithfulness and goodness. Where did I see God this day? I need to be observant and watchful for rocks which may cause me to crash and keep me from going the most excellent way, serving Christ in all I do and say. Lord, be our vision as we finish this school year, traveling with You always – in the most excellent way. Allow me to introduce myself.

My name is Bill Smith and I serve the students in the area of Guidance Counseling.



My family and I arrived in Haiti in May 1990 with the Assemblies of God church and our association with QCS began soon thereafter. Our children, Amy and Bradley, were enrolled in 6<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades, respectively. Amy graduated from QCS in 1997 and Bradley in 1998.

Either my wife, Dorothy, or I have served QCS in the following roles: room parents, PTF (now PAC) member, PTF Board rep, school Board member, all-school principal, Dean of Students, middle school principal, secondary principal, teacher and bookkeeper/financial manager (Dorothy). It has been exciting to watch QCS evolve into what it is today, and to watch the students grow physically, academically and spiritually in their journey. Realizing members of the senior class were born after our arrival in Haiti causes me to feel a bit older, but glad to have played a role in their development.

When I am not at QCS, I continue to work with a child sponsorship program called Latin America ChildCare. We provide assistance in six schools, three in the capital and three in the province.

**Prayer Concerns**

We praise the Lord for Olivier’s (grade 6) return to the school and pray for a total healing. We are glad that he’s here as part of the classroom community.

Krysta diagnoses shows that she has a long road ahead of her. We will continue to pray for her and her family, for healing, for strengthening power, for endurance, and for God’s presence in her life as she deals with her ailment and recovery procedure.

We give thanks for the rains. Just look how green the school grass is once again. WoW! PTL

**School Calendar**

- Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> - third quarter ends – non uniform day
- Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> - start of the last quarter
- Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> - parent-teacher conference 7 - noon
- report card day
- no school for the students
- April 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> inclusive – Easter Break – no school
- April 24<sup>th</sup> - progress reports go home
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - Agriculture and Labor Day
- no school
- May 18<sup>th</sup> - Flag Day
- no school
- May 26<sup>th</sup> - grade 8 promotion
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - Grade 6 Step-up
- May 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> - high school exams – noon dismissal
- May 27<sup>th</sup> - last day of school
- non-uniform day
- May 30<sup>th</sup> - Graduation at 4 PM

**March Snack Shop Menu**

<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>
2 BBQ Chicken Rice & Beans Salad	3 Lasagna Garlic Bread Salad & Fruit	4 Turkey in Sauce White rice with Bean sauce Salad	5 Hot Dogs French Fries & Fruit	6 Grilled Chicken Rice & Beans Salad & Fruit
9 Mash Potato Chicken Wings Salad & Fruit	10 Turkey Griot Rice and Beans Salad & Fruit	11 Hamburger French Fries Fruit	12 Beef in sauce with okra White Rice with Bean sauce	13 Fried Fish Rice and Beans Salad & Fruit
16 Fried Turkey Rice and Beans Salad	17 Macaroni & cheese with Chicken Wings Salad & Fruit	18 Beef Tassot Rice and beans Salad	19 Chicken Sandwich & French Fries Fruit	20 no school for the students report card day conference
23 Spaghetti with Ground beef Salad & Fruit	24 BBQ Chicken Rice and Beans Salad	25 Tuna Fish Sandwich French Fries Fruit	26 Turkey in sauce White Rice with Bean sauce Salad	27 Beef Tassot Rice and Beans Salad & Fruit
30 Chicken in sauce Rice and Beans Salad	31 Turkey in sauce With vegetables White Rice Salad & Fruit			

Dear Parents,

The QCS Read-A-Thon Committee invites you to help us prepare your elementary student(s) to...



## **“RUN THE RACE AND READ!”**

### **Wednesday, March 25th**

Promotional posters are due for judging. Turn into the Elementary Library before school.

### **Thursday, March 26th**

Promotional poster will be judged by select QSC staff.

### **Friday, March 27th**

“Parade of Nations” - come to school with a flag or banner that represents your family’s country of origin and run into the chapel for the Read-A-Thon kick-off assembly at 8:15 a.m.!

***Parents are encouraged to attend!***

### **Monday, March 30th**

“Come Into HIS Rest to Read” - wear your pajamas, bring a pillow and/or blanket.

### **Tuesday, March 31st**

“Get Warmed up to Read” - wear your work out/warm up clothing.

### **Wednesday, April 1st**

“Get Ready to Race” - wear your favorite Olympic sport uniform.

### **Thursday, April 2nd**

“Run with Team QCS” - wear QCS colors (purple & gold).

### **Friday, April 3rd**

8:00 a.m. all reading logs are due; Read-A-Thon ends.

### **Monday, April 6th**

Read-A-Thon awards ceremony at 8:30 a.m.

***Parents are encouraged to attend!***

*\*This year’s Read-A-Thon will be raising funds to benefit the community service project efforts of Ti Malice [www.timalice.net](http://www.timalice.net), a Haitian literacy program for children. There will also be a community service project made available for senior students through these efforts.*

This will be a fun time of learning for everyone as we read along the way. Please help your student (s) to...

- register sponsors before Read-A-Thon begins,
- read, read, read and keep track of their minutes read,
- participate in the dress up days (listed above) and
- collect sponsor pledges after Read-A-Thon is over.

Thank you for encouraging your child(ren) to read and to be a part of the activities!

Sincerely,

Read-A-Thon Committee: Coby deBlaij, Beth Charles, Julie White, Susie Day and Ruth Hersey