

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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QCS recognizes that, as the Handbook puts it, "God has given children to their parents with the responsibility for their academic and spiritual training. QCS exists primarily to assist parents in fulfilling this divine responsibility to train their children to obey God in every area of life." The responsibilities that come with parenting can sometimes be overwhelming -- and we all want the very best for our children in every area. QCS knows that parents are the experts on their children, and that the responsibility for their academic and spiritual training ultimately rests with the parents. I am pleased that QCS has served so many parents and students well through the years, and it is a privilege and a pleasure to partner with parents to find ways to best serve every student. And, the stronger the partnership between school, church, and home, the better the schooling will be.



To this end, please come out for the picnic Saturday -- and don't forget to show up for the parent-teacher conferences -- keep the communication strong between parents and teachers.

Also, because you know your particular situation better than we do, if, because of illness or civil unrest, you don't send your child to school, we certainly respect that, and we ask you to communicate this to the office in a timely manner.

A big thank you for partnering with QCS on this adventure of schooling!

The QCS Board of Trustees held our first meeting of the 2009 - 2010 school year this week. We were very pleased to see all that's happened on campus already and we're excited about what is yet to come.

We elected this year's board officers:

Chair: Tim Banks  
Vice Chair: Johanne Buteau  
Secretary: Shelley Tlucek  
Treasurer: Ad deBlaeij

Each month the board meets with various groups from the QCS community in our linkage forum. We'd like to take this opportunity to **invite parents to meet with us on October 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm** in the Chapel. This is your opportunity to connect with the board directly and share your thoughts about QCS.

The board also has a number of sub-committees that work to make QCS the best it can be. We invite parents with an interest to be a part of some of these committees. We currently have places for volunteers on the Long Range Planning, the Promotions, and the Building Committees. If you are interested in being a part of one of these committees, contact Steve Hersey in the office.

Tim Banks



The following was the conclusion of a devotional given at the new parent Open House.

Schooling is on. It is a life long program. We are called to serve one another and the Lord. And while your child is at QCS, we -- the staff -- will work side by side with you, the parents, doing our best each and every day so that your child will become the independent, responsible learner we all desire him/her to be. May we all learn our lessons well throughout the year -- striving for excellence.

## Right Attitude - Excellence

*In the beginning God created* the children hear time and time again. At the start of the school year, it is important to start at the beginning. It also states that *God saw that it was good*. At the end of the creation days, God saw that all that He had created was excellent in every way. I am part of that creation and He is pleased in how he created me. God created me for a purpose. I am unique. You are You - nique.

Yet the world tells me that I can be whatever I want to be. I just need to work hard. I can be a teacher, preacher, candle stick maker, or a fireman, policeman, basketball player or even a nurse. But can I?

I am not a carpenter because I hit the wrong nails, and that hurts. I am not an electrical engineer because I have no sense how to wire a house, much less to see how electronic equipment works. But God did pack within me the love for children, ability to do administration work. As I grew and matured in His creation, I slowly discovered my gifts and who I was. I can be anything God wants me to be.

And in becoming what He wants me to be I need to give my best. As God saw that all was good in the beginning, I too must give my best in my daily living which includes my school. As we approach the first set of parent - teacher conferences, may it be said of both staff and students alike, they are striving towards excellence, using their God - given gifts in their learning for serving.



## Introducing . . .

Hello everyone. My name is Miss Nichole Steiner. I am the fourth grade teacher here at Quisqueya Christian School. I have two sisters named Michelle and Brooke. My wonderful mom's name is Tammy and my dad's name is Wes. They are both teachers back in South Dakota where I am originally from. I graduated in May from the University of South Dakota with a degree in Elementary and Special Education. I also received my reading minor and coaching endorsements for basketball and volleyball.



For the past four years I have worked at a hospital and school for children with disabilities and this summer I had the honor of substitute teaching. I believe that this experience has helped me to learn patience and kindness to students at all levels. I am a firm believer that all students can learn and one of my favorite quotes is "No one rises to low expectations" along with Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through CHRIST who strengthens me."

I am very excited to be in Haiti at this time and look forward to seeing what God has in store for me here in Haiti! God bless you all and have a wonderful year!



The parent Teacher conferences are next Friday afternoon - September 18<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 until 4:00 pm. Plan to attend. At these conferences you will receive results of the Stanford test your child took last year and you will be given the necessary information so that you may see your child's academic progress online. We are excited about this new development. Be sure that you check us out at our web site.



## School Calendar

- Sat/Sept 12<sup>th</sup> - school family picnic  
Mon/Sept 14<sup>th</sup> - Gr 4,5,6 boys/ girls soccer – 4:30  
Tues/Sept 15<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade to H.O.P.E. Orphanage  
- Soccer for MS/HS after school  
Wed/Sept 16<sup>th</sup> = Volleyball for HS after school  
Thurs/Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - Soccer for MS/HS after school  
Fri/Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - parent teacher Conference 12:30 – 4:00  
- sharing Stanford test results  
- sharing beginning schooling thoughts  
Mon/Sept 21<sup>st</sup> - Gr 1,2,3 boys/girls soccer 3:10- 4:00  
Fri/Sept 25<sup>th</sup> - half day for the students – staff retreat  
Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - last day of First Quarter

A note went home regarding **Elementary SOCCER!**

There was such an overwhelming response regarding the ES soccer that a letter has been sent home to set up a soccer league for the ES. This form must be returned to the office by September 18<sup>th</sup>

### Note from PAC (Parent Action Committee)

Hello parents. Many of you are aware of the phrase “Community Hours” if you have a high school student. Well, we as parents also need to do our share of “community hours” here at QCS. Although no one is tracking hours, we are looking for parents to volunteer their time and energy to helping out with the variety of activities around the school. Tomorrow at the family picnic we will be having a sign up sheet so that you can sign up to help out in different ways. Please come prepared to volunteer your time or energies in one or more of the specific places we will need help. Here are a few of the examples:

Head up one of the committees for the Christmas bazaar such as:

- Decoration/Sound Committee
- Ticket Committee
- Safety and Security Committee
- Food and Drink Committee
- Publicity Committee
- Vendor Committee

Or help out with the planning and implementation of the teacher/staff appreciate week, the spring picnic, or parent seminars. We look forward to working with you this year!



Students serving in the community.

Let's come together!



## Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. at QCS Campus

### Fall Family BBQ!

The Parent Action Committee (PAC) will provide grilled chicken, hot dogs, fries, rice and drinks.

**Parents with students in the Grades 8-12  
Are asked to bring a side dish or a dessert**

**A - M bring a dessert  
N – Z bring a salad**

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.

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

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

### Sports Schedule for the Picnic

#### Soccer Field:

- 9:30 - 10:00 Elementary Soccer
- 10:00 - 10:30 Middle School Soccer
- 10:30 - 11:00 High School Soccer
- 11:00 - 11:30 Mom-Daughters, Women Soccer
- 11:30 - 12:00 Dad-Son, Men Soccer

#### Basketball Court:

- 10:30 -11:00 Middle School Foul Shooting Contest
- 11:00 -11:30 High School Foul Shooting Contest/ 3 point shooting contest/ Shooting Games
- 11:30 -12:00 Elementary Shooting games
- 12:00 - ? Adult Shooting games, foul shooting contest, 3 point shooting contest