

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Under Construction

Middle and High School chapels are having a series on Relationships -- relationships with ourselves, with parents, with others, with God. And proper relationships is our first listed core value: " Right Relationship: We will seek to bring students into a proper relationship with God through evangelism and discipleship; and we will cultivate a Christian community in fellowship with God and with one another, respecting God's creation and the authorities that God has placed over us."



At QCS, as we reach for academic excellence in the classroom, as we play on the playing fields, as we worship in Chapel, and as we share a snack around a picnic table, we long for a right relationship with God. That's why we start our days -- and our classes -- with prayer. It's why we have Bible courses -- learning God's word so we can know Him better. It's why faculty and staff regularly meet to worship, read scripture, and pray. We want a right relationship with God!

And we want good, strong relationships between students and between parents and teachers. Right Relationship ties in well with Right Communication, which I have written about often this year. Our values weave together, reflecting who we are and who we want to become. So we'll keep up the accurate, timely communication, and this, surely, will help us build strong ties with each other.

As you have ideas on how we can live out our core values more effectively, do not hesitate to share them!

I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Today we experienced our first Parent – Teacher conferences. The emphasis of the conferences was on exchanging beginning observations because the child's performance can only be shared in a beginning way so early in the school year. During the sharing, the question was continually raised, *How is my son/daughter doing? What are the grades?* Success is based on the grades for many of the parents.

Although grades do tell a story, they do not tell the whole story. Success can not be measured only by the grade. What was the effort the student put into the work? Did the learner really give his all to achieve the prize – the grade – which was displayed on the progress report? We must never settle for good enough! Mediocrity.

Ever been a jogger? Looks easy and yet when I jog without practice, my jogging becomes a walk. No endurance because no practice. Practice makes perfect. Practice jogging makes me a real jogger. So too is it with schooling.

Each quarter I need to give my best to earn the prize – the grade. I need to focus on my task and give my all in all. Each quarter is but a short term goal. My goal for the year must be using my gifts/talents to the best of my ability. Giving my best may be a C on the progress report. It may be an A. It depends on the gifts I am gifted with. All of us can not cross the finish line in first place, but all of us can press ourselves towards excellence and cross the finish line. We just need to give our best.



... let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.
Hebrews 12:1

May we all press toward the right attitude of excellence.

Introducing . . .

Dave Farquharson

I am a third generation Canadian who happened to be born in Scotland during World War II. I was raised in the interior of British Columbia (roughly same climate as Reno, Nevada – just colder in the winter.)

After graduating from high school I attended the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, BC – one of the prettiest and cleanest cities in North America – for a total of 8 years, spread out between 1962 and 1977. I finally qualified for a Bachelor of Science with Majors in Elementary Education, Secondary Education, Mathematics, Computer Science, Physics, Chemistry and Psychology. As part of that extended university stint I took teacher training and now hold a permanent professional teacher's certificate for the province of British Columbia.

I joined the Canadian Army reserves in 1960 at the age of 15 and continued (with a couple of breaks) until coming to Haiti in 1986 – holding the ranks of private, corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, captain. From 1963 to 1970 I worked for the Canadian National Railroad in the positions of trainman, switchman and finally (after a serious car accident stopped me from working in the operating trades) car checker.

I began my teaching career in 1972, and taught all subjects to grades 1 through 7 until 1984. At that point the school district needed a high school science teacher so I was pulled out on my Grade 5 class and transferred to high school in September. There I taught mathematics, science and automotive to grades 8 through 12. My wife and I moved to Port-au-Prince in 1986, where I taught mathematics, physical science, chemistry and physics to grades 9 through 12 at Quisqueya Christian School until June 1995.

From then until the present I have worked for various Haitian firms as office manager, computer and network consultant plus IT supervisor. I've also been involved with installing advanced communications systems in Haiti and other Caribbean countries.

Some of the defining moments of my life, in both the positive and negative directions, are: failing my grade 12 English final exam in 1962, falling off the front of a train and having the engine plus 120 boxcars run over me in 1966, receiving back injuries in automobile accident in 1969, organizing a national convention of Canadian Undergraduate Physics Association in 1971, marrying Ann and turning back to the Lord in 1979, moving to Haiti in 1986.

My walk with the Lord has been long and inconsistent. I was sent to Sunday School (along with my younger brothers) as a child and ended up choosing my own church at age 11 or 12. At that church I accepted the Lord and asked Jesus into my life during a revival service at age 16. By the age of 18 I was attending university and turned away from God, leading me to become an active, practicing anti-Christian (while at the same time knowing God was there and keeping my alive for some reason). I made the decision to turn back to God after marrying Ann in 1979 and have been attempting to discern and follow God's leading since that time.



School Calendar

Mon/Sept 21st - Gr 1,2,3 boys/girls soccer 3:10- 4:00
Fri/Sept 25th - half day for the students – staff retreat
Oct 16th - last day of First Quarter

Note from PAC (Parent Action Committee)

Thank you to one and all who helped make last Saturday a success. 275 people had lunch at the school but there were many more who enjoyed the activities of the day.

Thank you to all those who signed up to help with the Christmas Bazaar in December. We will start planning the event next month. We will contact you to help out for the services for which you volunteered. Thank you for serving.

The various classes have been assigned a service project for this year. Throughout the year I'll include photos of their service so that you, our readers will see what areas of the community our young people are serving.



Progress Reports

At the parent teacher conferences, the activation code in order to see the report cards online was given to the parents. If you did not attend, please **drop by the school office to obtain the code** so you will be able to see your child's grade anytime. This will hopefully keep you updated and aware of the progress your child is making during the school year. No surprises. A great way to stay in touch.

Technology is great as long as it serves the mission and vision of the school. In this case, communication with the parents or right relationships, so that the home and school together press toward the goal of excellence.

The home of Belony Michel, one of our workers in the elementary building, burned down last Saturday, September 12, leaving him and his 4 children with only the clothes on their backs. The fire started accidentally in one of their three room house and burned all their belongings plus those of a tenant who rented one of the rooms. Belony just got paid the day before and the money was burned in the fire, along with uniforms he had made for his children to go to school.

Belony has worked at QCS for the past 21 years. He is a single parent since six years ago his wife became sick and died.

QCS is very pleased with many of your children who have already responded and want to help in whatever way they can. We are sure we can count on you, our Quisqueya family, to help replace the things that was lost in the fire and also to repair Belony's house. Many have already given some items and money but we still need more. School has already started for the children and we are in the rainy season. We need to act fast.

Please consult the list below to see what is needed. You can contact Jennifer Paultre at business@quisqueya.org or stop by the office with whatever donations you have.

	Belony	Jean Dony 20yrs	Jeff 16 yrs	Dimitry 7 yrs	Barbara 13yrs
Shirt	M	M	M	?	
Pants waist	29"	30"	28"	?	
Shoes	8 ½	8	7 ½	5	8
Dress Size					Small

General items needed

- Clothes for everyone, including underwear, socks, uniforms for children, hair clips
- Shoes for everyone
- 3 twin beds
- dining table with 6 chairs
- radio
- 8 bed sheet sets
- 4 bed spreads
- knives, forks, spoons
- set of dishes for 8
- 12 glasses
- blender
- 2 aluminum basins for washing
- can opener
- mirror
- iron
- iron board
- 6 pillows
- cupboard to store kitchen items
- hanging clothes cupboard
- curtains for doors
- pitchers
- kitchen knife
- serving spoons
- pots & frying pan
- clock
- pylon
- grater
- strainers
- serving bowls
- cups & saucers for 8
- demi tasse set
- percolator for coffee
- serving pot for coffee

Materials for house

- 350 blocs - 10
- 100 blocs - 15
- 40 sacs ciment
- 36 barres fers - ½ X 30
- 36 barres fer - 3/8 X 30
- 50 barres fer - ¼ X 30
- 1 porte en bois (front)
- 20 livres. fil à ligature
- 25 livres. clous - 2 ½" with head
- 25 livres. clous - 2" with head
- 5 outlet box
- 15 tuyaux electriques - ¾"
- 10 courbes electriques - ¾"
- 4 portes plywood