

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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The Most Excellent Way

QCS has long been a blessing to the community and will continue to be. When disaster struck



Dessalines and Cabaret, QCS students, parents, and teachers donated clothing, food, and toys. When a school building collapsed in Petionville, QCS staff visited the hospital to aid the injured and comfort grieving parents. And QCS students showed their generosity by donating funds to help grieving parents with transportation costs to and from hospitals.

And QCS serves as a community resource in other positive ways: Port-au-Prince Fellowship meets in the QCS auditorium every Sunday morning for worship, a group of men from this fellowship meet for prayer and Bible study every Wednesday afternoon. The Haitian Table Tennis Association recently held a tournament in our auditorium, where a dozen of the best players in Haiti battled it out in a number of thrilling matches.

Each Thursday afternoon a group of men -- mostly QCS parents, have formed the Quisqueya Soccer Club, where they engage in good exercise, exciting competition, and strengthening friendships.

QCS has teamed up with ASI, the Association Sportive Interscholaire, under the direction of Jasson Valbrun, to have basketball games on our campus. This will increase opportunities for QCS students to engage in sports with other schools and well as provide a secure place for competition.

These are some ways QCS serves and reaches out to the community, ever being mindful of Christ's words that "For everyone to whom much is given, of him shall much be required" (Luke 12:48). Reaching out takes effort and makes some nervous and carries with it some risk, so reasonable screenings and security precautions have been taken as we continue to move forward to create positive experiences for QCS students, parents, and the community.

Traveling Speed

When traveling by car I don't see many road signs telling me the maximum speed I can travel. When I drive to the beach I do pay attention to the trucks and busses which travel as they own the road, driving at any speed. I move out of their way.

When I drive outside of PAP, I most likely make many drivers angry because I am enjoying the wonderful scenery God created. I would like to take in all the scenery I can. I would not only watch for the speeding vehicles but would also try to gaze out of the side windows, trying to take it all in. Driving to a destination always takes me longer because of all the distractions along the way.

On the road of learning there are also many distractions that slow us down in reaching our destination or doing our daily work -- the games we play, the friends we meet, the parties we attend, etc. These are some distractions on the road of learning. I like to do my own thing. I will do it in my time, my way. Don't push me or don't rush me would be their motto.

Paul gives us excellent advice. He was a full speed ahead type of guy. He would have to watch out that he didn't exceed the maximum speed. He tells us *What ever you do, do with all your heart, as working for the Lord and not for men.* When a student puts her/his whole heart into learning, he/she is on the journey of learning in joy. Watch out, she/he will go places. That is a most excellent way.

T. DeKoter



Introducing . . . Carol Heath

Swimming, climbing trees, and horseback riding were some of my favorite activities while growing up in a small rural town in Florida.



One hundred acres of an orange grove surrounded our family home where I lived with four older siblings, mom and dad, my grandmother, and quite a few animals.

After high school graduation I attended Florida State University, but because of life's bumps and bruises, did not finish my degree until ten years ago. I began teaching English at a small Christian high school in Deland, Florida, eight years ago.

My husband Tim and I and our little dog Levi, have lived in the Deland area for the past twenty-five years. We have three grown children: Summer, Alan, and Adam.

Reading, writing and traveling are on my favorite to do list. My husband and I have been blessed to be able to take teams of teenagers on mission trips. We have been to Costa Rica, Kenya, and this past April, Haiti.

I am looking forward to living in Haiti and being part of the great things God has planned for QCS this year.

Food Drive

The National Honor Society at QCS will be collecting **non-perishable** food items from each class, Pre-K through 12th. The food drive will be from **November 17th - 25th**. We will collect the items brought by the students and organize the donations into boxes and present these gifts to the national workers on November 26th. The contributions need to be brought to the homerooms in the MS/HS and the classroom teachers in the ES.



School Calendar

Thurs/Fri, Nov 27th /28th - Days of Thanksgiving

- no school

Saturday, Dec 6th - Christmas Bazaar

Tuesday, Dec 9th - Georgiana Methodist Church Choir

Friday, Dec 12th - Start of the HS exams

Mon/Wed, Dec 15-17 - HS exams continue in the mornings
- school in the AM only

Friday, Dec 19th - report cards may be picked up

Develop a range of activities to encourage a love of reading

- searching author of the month including Internet searches and emailing the author - also having books and audiotapes of his/her work.
- explore web sites which promote children's literature
- book talk sessions
- small reading groups
- reading a book to the class; in ES, have props to help with the story
- DEAR (Drop Everything and Read); USSR (Uninterrupted Sustained Silent Reading)
- dramatizing a favorite scene from a book
- finding music to create the atmosphere to go with a book
- organize a book related enterprise activity e.g. book review magazine to sell
- students maintain a reading diary
- books events: book weeks; authors, illustrators and storytellers visits; inviting people from the community to come in and read or tell stories; read-a-thons

Plan now to attend the QCS annual Christmas Bazaar!

Saturday, December 6th

1 - 6 pm



The QCS Senior class will benefit from the sale of vendor tables this year. Do you or someone you know, desire to have a booth to sell items? For applications, contact a senior or a member of PAC, go to the QCS front office or log onto our website at www.quisqueya.org

PAC is looking for volunteers to work a 1 or 2 hour shift the day of the event. If you would like to help and have not yet been contacted, please leave your name at the QCS front desk or ask for a PAC member.