

# Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Friday, October 16, 2009 A.D.

Under Construction

First Quarter ends today! Teachers will calculate final quarter grades this week, and report cards will be given parents at the Parent/Teacher Conference on Friday, October 23 from 7:00 to 1:00. This is an important time for parents and teachers to connect to discuss behavior, academics, and QCS. For this conference, middle and high school students are welcome and encouraged to come. It is often helpful to have a meeting where students, teachers, and parents discuss schoolwork.



This will be a time when teachers want to listen to parents to get insights into the life of a student and perhaps find ways to relate to the student better. And this is also a time for teachers to report on behavior and academics to parents, so parents will have a wider view of what is happening at QCS. It will be especially good for students to be there and give an evaluation of their learning.

I enjoy interacting with the involved, interested, supportive parents that help make up the QCS community, and I'm looking forward to this opportunity to, once again, live out the values of communicating well that we hold to.

Congratulations to Rebekah Boyer, a Senior at QCS, who is being recognized as an Outstanding Participant by the National Achievement Scholarship Program. She has scored in the top 3 percent of more than 160,000 Black Americans who requested entry into the program. QCS salutes Rebekah!

## Right Attitude – service

Remember the fiery furnace story in the Bible? In the Old Testament we read of the life-and-death decision Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego had to make. If they chose to worship the golden image, they would live; if they refused, death was certain. Their response to the king was:

*Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace . . . . But if not, . . . we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.*

Service is singleness of heart and mind. Service is a life choice. And those who belong to the family of God really have no choice. Our choice needs to be the same as Joshua's response or the friend's of Daniel. We will serve the living God.

Jesus came to serve and we certainly see that in His lifestyle – even at the last supper - He washed the feet of the disciples. We are Christ followers and we follow a Christ who loves others. We need to practice that love from day to day in all we do and say. This is possible because we have the gift of the Spirit who has given us gifts for service – to build others up.

In the ES chapels we have been looking at the fruit of the Spirit. The fruit of love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control are certainly not **I-focused** but **other-focused**. We are here to shine like stars. That reminds of a song that the children sing, *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*. We are still under construction and we are still learning to serve. But in our learning, we must radiate the light of the Son.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
God has made you what you are.  
Shining with the word of life;  
Shining bright for Jesus Christ!  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
God has made you what you are.



# Parent-Teacher Conferences

QCS has three Parent Teacher conferences each year. The first conference occurs shortly after the school has started and beginning comments can be made about the child's behavior and work habits. The second conference takes place after the first quarter and it certainly has an academic focus. The first two conferences are intended for all parents. The third conference is by request only – the parents may request a conference or the staff member will request a conference. This usually happens during March so that a 'course' correction is still possible for the student.

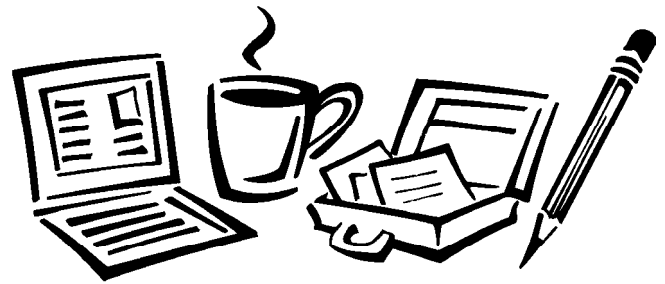
## General Purposes of the Conference:

- to enable the home and school to meet the needs of the child most effectively.
- to establish a working relationship with parents in the interests of the child.
- to assure a two-way communication between home and school.
- to share with the parents what is known about the growth characteristics and the needs of specific age groups.
- to share with parents the educational program of the school in general, and of your class in particular.
- to suggest ways parents can help children succeed in school.
- to arrive at common objectives for the child at home and school.
- to interpret to the parent the child's growth and progress in his school work.
- to share with parents knowledge about social and emotional development of their children.
- to help the teacher acquire understanding of the child's relationship to his parents, brothers, sisters, and other family members.
- to help the teacher understand the family's aspirations for the child, his routines, interests, out-of-school activities, and the emotional tone of the home.
- to provide opportunity for the teacher to perceive the parents' reaction to the school

**See you next Friday to discuss the progress of your child(ren) at QCS..**

## School Calendar

- Today/Oct 16<sup>th</sup> - last day of First Quarter  
- non-uniform day ☺
- Mon/Oct 19<sup>th</sup> - staff PD Day – no school for students
- Tues/Oct 20<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter begins  
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade to HOPE  
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades small field until 4:20  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades big field until 4:20
- Wed/Oct 21<sup>st</sup> - HS/MS Soccer
- Thurs/Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades big field until 4:30
- Fri/Oct 23 - report card day  
- **parent teacher conferences 7 AM – 1 PM**  
- no school for the students
- Mon/Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> - All Souls' Day – no school
- Wed/Nov 18<sup>th</sup> - Vertieres Day – no school
- Thurs/Fri/Nov 26/27 - Days of Thanksgiving – no school
- Sat/Dec 5<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Bazaar
- Mon – Wed  
Dec 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> - High School Exams – noon dismissal
- Wed/Dec 16<sup>th</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter ends/end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester  
- noon dismissal – non-uniform day ☺
- Dec 16<sup>th</sup> – Jan 4<sup>th</sup> inclusive = Christmas Break**
- Tues/Jan 5<sup>th</sup> - start of third quarter



## BOARD MEETING

The QCS Board of Trustees held our monthly meeting on Wednesday of this week with the linkage meeting for parents at 2 pm. Among other items discussed and decisions made, this years' school budget was reviewed and accepted. We were encouraged to see that 55% of student tuition for the 2009-2010 school year has been paid in full. We praise God for meeting the needs of QCS families and the school! A single parent that attended the linkage meeting testified that when she learned of the new way that tuition would be structured, she was concerned. However, after paying for the full year she discovered that it was actually a benefit to her so that she could begin now to plan and prepare for next school year.

Your QCS Board of Trustees continues to monitor and work on, among others, the following pressing issues: stateside non-for-profit status, confirming our status with the Haitian Government, dual accreditation, future building plans and continued communication to the QCS community. Again, you are invited to participate on committees to help accomplish these and other tasks. If interested, please see Steve Hersey at the school office.

If you missed attending the parent linkage, we still want to connect with QCS parents. Simply write down your comments and/or concerns, and leave them at the front office. Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> the Board of Trustees will meet again and we invite members of the Parent Action Committee to join us at 2 p.m. in the Chapel for the next QCS community linkage meeting.

We are grateful for your prayers as we work together for the QCS school and its community.

Sincerely on behalf of the QCS Board of Trustees,

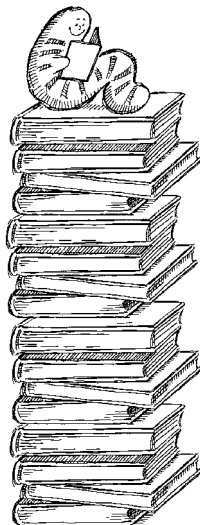
Beth Charles

### **A Cheerful Heart is Good Medicine**

*My teacher always used to tell me that double negatives are a real no – no.*

### **Educational Tip of the Week "Read to Your Child Every Day"**

Children who read, succeed. Reading is the single most important skill a child needs in order to do well in school. And reading to your child every day is the single most important activity you can do to help your child become a better reader. It's never too late to start. You can help your children succeed in school by reading aloud to them starting today.



The QCS board meets monthly to discuss policy, to meet with stakeholders, and to monitor the progress of the school. While concerns about the day to day operation of the school should be brought to the attention of the administration -- please feel free to share concerns with Board members as well, especially concerns about policy, strategic planning, and the long-term vision of the school.

The board not only invests much time and prayer into the school - - they donate their financial resources, make donations, and serve selflessly. Thank the board for their fine work. The board will be engaged in intense strategic planning for the rest of October, so please encourage them, pray for them, and give input!

So, a big thanks for the work of Tim Banks, Chair, Johanne Buteau, Vice Chair, Ad de Blaeij, Treasurer, Shelley Tluczek, Secretary, Patrick Brun, Beth Charles, Tim DeYoung, Ruth Van Dam, and Stefan Vervloet.

Big plans are in the works . . . stay tuned.

Steve Hersey  
Director



We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.

And they'll know we are Christians  
By our love, by our love,  
Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love.