

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Under Construction

From the Principal's Desk

A major part of the preparation for a new school year is the staffing. Having an experienced staff aboard the enterprise called Christian education is a real blessing. Yet, new staff brings with them innovative ideas. The old staff gives stability. And together we give the place credibility. The Lord has blessed us with a great mixture of staff working together for His kingdom cause – proclaiming that Christ is also Lord in education. He is Lord of all!



As parents are asked questions about their desire to enroll their children in Quisqueya, the staff hired are also asked why they would desire to be a teacher at Quisqueya. A sampling of the questions could be:

- Why do you desire to be a teacher?
- Why at Quisqueya?
- Describe your personal relationship to the Lord. How do you foster growth in that relationship?
- What does Christ have to do with education?
- How would you teach Science from a Christian perspective?
- How do you envision discipline?
- Describe what your classroom would look like?
- What would I enjoy as a student in your class?
- What attributes will benefit the school with you being employed here?
- What are some areas in which you need growth?
- How well do you receive constructive criticism?
- Is this a short term or a long term commitment?

Stay tuned for next week responses by some selected teachers.

The Board is receiving applications for those wishing to serve on the Board. See the attached form.

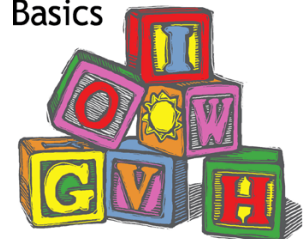
Through a Child's Eye

Last week the newsletter certainly did have an educational focus - Why parents send their children to a Christian school. Some were questions that parents or the school might ask to see whether we can serve one another in the nurturing of the children entrusted in our care by our God. Our most treasured possessions/treasures are the children we have. How do they feel about the school their parents have chosen for them?

I decided to ask the students and what follows is a sampling from the grades 2 – 11.

- I like this school because the teachers are compassionate.
- I love this school.
- I like this school because it is a Christian school. I have a good teacher and good friends.
- This school is very interesting. I get to make new friends, learn new things and get to know God better each and every day.
- It's a great school. I really hope to get my Math, Bible, English and History teachers next year. The cafeteria food is not great.
- I am here because I have to be here, but I'm glad I'm here. Sometimes I say I don't want to be here, yet I am happy I am. I may not like all the school rules but I like this school.
- I love QCS. I have been here since pre-K. I am happy that I am here because QCS is a welcoming community.
- I think that QCS is a great school because the staff and kids are nicer. The academics is better and I like learning more about God and Jesus. What I also like is that all the teachers speak perfect English and they explain things you don't understand thoroughly.
- QCS is a good place to hang out with your friends and the projects the teachers do with the kids are great. On Fridays, school should end at noon.

Back to Basics



School Calendar

May 7	Fri	- HS School supper & dance - half day for ALL the students
May 18	Tues	- Flag Day – no school
May 26	Wed	- Kindergarten program grade 6 step-up grade 8 promotion
May 26	Wed	- noon dismissal for all
May 27-28		- Teacher work days
May 29	Sat	- Graduation

Aug 17 First school day for the 2010/2011 school year!

For the QCS families, did you guarantee a place for your child with a deposit of \$500 for each child?

Educational Tip of the Week

"Teach Your Child to be a Responsible Person"

Irresponsible children don't do their assigned chores, frequently leave needed books at school, and announce at bedtime that they forgot to study for a test. But children don't develop skills and attitudes that lead to responsible behavior by osmosis. They must be taught.

You can teach your child how to do chores by demonstrating the task step by step. Never redo the job, even if its not perfect. This sends her a message that her work isn't good enough.

You can also model how your child can fulfill school responsibilities. Teach her to set up a daily schedule, to pack her backpack, by checking her homework and assignment book, and to develop a study schedule for tests and long-term reports.

Teaching your child self-discipline, dependability, and accountability will benefit her now and will pay off later in high school, in college, and on the job.

Praise/Prayer Corner

- Many families are picking up applications, Lord. May the people of Your choosing be selected so that the identity of the school stays true – a learning community desiring to do Your will.
- Thank You Lord for the neat bunch of students we have. Help us all to finish the year well.
- It is a real blessing to be able to use the whole soccer field again Lord. Thank You.

A Teacher's Prayer

We still start each school day with chapel. Any day, needs a 'kickstart' with the Lord. It helps us to be GodStrong. Doing my devotions is my beginning each and every day. During the day's events, I also talk with Him as he encourages me along my way. A great encouragement I received was to see many of the volunteers at school reading their Bible and/or doing their devotions throughout the day. I need to talk to my Father each and every day.

Lord,
*Grant me the things I will need
To do my job and always succeed.
Help me to know what to do and say
To help those few students who refuse to obey.
Teach me how to love every child
Those who are busy and those who are mild.
Show me the gifts you've placed in each one
Help me to mold them to be like Your Son.
Give me Your eyes to see all their fears,
Give me the words to bring them good cheer.
Make me Your servant and help me to serve
Allow me to give them all they deserve.
Keep my heart humble in all that I do
And help me to teach them to be just like you.
Thank You for caring and hearing my prayer
And thank You for always being right there.*

Kim Lutherbeck



- Presently the school enrolment stands at 72 students.
- More than 300 information packages about QCS have been picked up by interested families.
- The army personnel have left our campus.
- The number of doctor/nurse/volunteer groups have diminished greatly – approximately 75 individuals still eat/sleep here each day.
- The national workers have returned to their houses and/or temporary shelters.
- Keyboarding will be part of the elementary curriculum next year.
- The school computer lab has been upgraded and has a 'fresh' look. There will be enough computers in the lab to serve a class.
- All report cards will be online through a very user friendly service. The classroom will also post their weekly class letters online. They will be able to see whether or not you have 'visited' your child's class ☺

To: Potential Trustee Member

From: Quisqueya Christian School, Board of Trustees

Re: Application to serve as a Board Trustee Member

The Board of Quisqueya Christian School is committed to looking for leaders who are mature men and women of God, and who live authentic, balanced, grace-filled lives of service. The QCS Board Policy Manual states the following qualifications for board members as well as duties of the Board (See the Board Policy Manual at the front office or online). We ask that you prayerfully consider serving on the Board of Trustees. If you desire to serve the school in this way, we ask that you complete the questionnaire that is attached to this cover letter.

Qualifications for board members are as follows:

- a. Shall be a born again committed Christian; are mature Christians who are daily growing in their personal relationship with Christ (a written testimony of one's faith will be submitted to the board);
- b. Are actively involved in a Bible believing church;
- c. View their service on the school board as a ministry and calling from God;
- d. Understand and are committed to a Biblical world view and a Christian philosophy of education;
- e. Shall agree to sign a statement declaring agreement with the QCS Constitution and personal belief in the school's Statement of Faith;
- f. Shall not have a spouse nor child presently serving on the board;
- g. Shall not be an employee of the school, and preferably shall not be the spouse of an employee.

Note: It is preferable, but not mandatory that the member have a child or children currently attending QCS.

Duties of the board shall include:

- a. Establishing the school's governance policies, which includes, but is not limited to; "End" policies, Executive Limitation policies, Board-Director policies, and Board Governance policies;
- b. Providing the necessary leadership and vision that will guide the school in its on-going operation, development and growth;
- c. Overseeing all financial matters including the adoption of an annual budget; appointing the director as the CEO, who will carry out the policies and mandates of the board;
- d. Establishing the job description of the director;
- e. Holding the director accountable for implementation of the board policies and the daily operations of the school;
- f. Completing other such duties as needs shall dictate;
- g. Serving as "custodians" for the owners of the school and to connect with this group to give updates and receive feedback;
- h. Monitoring the success of the school in fulfilling its mission;
- i. Shall be the final authority in board level appeals.

Terms of service as a board member shall be three years, beginning the day after the last official day of the school year; however, appointments may be made by board action for shorter durations to fill un-expired terms. The first elected term of a new board member will consist of a one-year probationary status, followed by the remaining two years of the three-year term. An appointment of less than four (4) months does not count as a consecutive year. Each May, by a five-ninths (5/9) majority vote, board members shall be elected for the coming year. The names of the proposed new board members shall be presented at a meeting of the board at least two (2) weeks before a vote is taken.

Quisqueya Christian School

Questionnaire for Prospective Board Member

Thank you for prayerfully considering serving Quisqueya Christian School in the role of Board Member. This position requires diligence and whole hearted participation and should only be considered by a person confident that God is calling him (or her) to this ministry.

Please complete this questionnaire, returning it to the School Business Office attached to your typed personal testimony, as soon as possible.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Home address: _____

Your occupation: _____

Your passion: _____

Name of your spouse: _____

Name of child(ren) and their grade that are currently attending QCS:

Name of child(ren) and their age that are not currently attending QCS:

How long has your family been at QCS and how have you been involved in the school?

What has led you to complete this questionnaire?

Will you be committed to attend all scheduled board meetings (2nd Wed. each month, 10am-3pm)?

Will you be committed to participate in board committees? _____

Where do you and your family attend church, and are you a member of that church?

How long and in what capacity have you been involved in your church?

Are you presently serving on a board or have you in the past? If so, when, for how long, in what capacity and for what organization?

Please tell us about other organizations that you have been or are affiliated with and your function within that organization.

What are your personal strengths? _____

What are your personal weaknesses? _____

List two personal references, in Haiti, that the Trustee Board may contact:

Name _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Your signature _____ Date _____

My personal testimony of faith is attached (check here) _____

Please return to the QCS business office.