

Quisqueya Eagles Newsletter

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Under Construction

At the end of this school year, QCS has a number of end-of-the-year rituals: kindergarten graduation, 6th grade step-up to middle school, 8th grade promotion to high school, and, of course, the last official function of the year, Commencement, when QCS graduates the seniors.



As we prepare to honor our friends who are leaving - - the seniors and others - - it is important to say goodbye appropriately, to thank those who need to be thanked, to apologize to those we need to, and to celebrate with those who have played meaningful parts in our lives.

While QCS wishes to celebrate the seniors, special recognition goes to Josine Vervloet, who started at QCS in pre-kindergarten and is now finishing 14 years at QCS. Congratulations!

The following students will participate in Commencement Exercises on May 29, 2010:

Jessica Ackerman will attend Indian University where she will study Business Management

Rebecca Boyer will attend Brown where she will pursue pre-med.

Philippe Gabriel will attend HEC in Montreal where he will study business.

Fabrice Gehy will attend American University where he will study Business Management

Klaus Manigat will attend Florida International University where he will study mechanical engineering

Stephan McCarn will attend Virginia Tech where he will study Computer Programming

Colin Pierre-Louis will attend Polytechnic Institute of New York University, where he will study Electrical Engineering

Josine Vervloet will attend LaSalle in Montreal where she will study photography

Christopher Zuraik will attend McGill University where he will study Environmental Science.

Learning for Serving

The following is my devotional for the staff/board get together this Friday night. I thought it was also good to share with the school community.



Joshua is one of my heroes. What a testimony he has! Remember what the Scriptures said about him? *Israel served the Lord throughout the time of Joshua and of the elders who outlived him and who experienced everything the Lord had done for Israel.* Wow!

When his life was coming to an end, he gathered the people and recalled for the people what the Lord God had done for them. I liked the challenge he gave to his followers, *Who will you serve? But as for me and my household, we will serve the living God.*

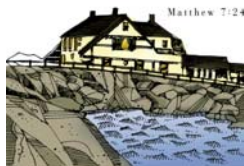
We certainly have experienced the Lord's presence this school year. We have seen His great and mighty acts and how He upheld us with His outstretched arms. He used QCS in mighty ways, and in more ways than you and I will ever know - the volunteers including doctors, nurses; the many donations of food and medical supplies, the army's presence and their help, the huge outreach by the relief centre, the schooling and stability for our students, God's healing hand through those who served, His protective hand during and after, the total effect of Quisqueya's presence in the community. Great and mighty are the deeds of God. He used us and this place, His place, to be an instrument of His peace.

Fearing the Lord means to love Him and keep His commandments. Love God. Love man. That love comes to expression by the way we live out His commandments. They will know that we are Christian by the work we do. We help establish the kingdom of God on earth and by the way we act towards our neighbor. We are workers in His vineyard.

So here we are tonight, to stop and wonder all what has happened this past year. We stop and wonder many times in our lives, wondering what we are doing, where we are going, did we make the right decisions? All of God's children do that wondering. The children of Israel did. I do. Where was God in all of this?

Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house upon the Rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against the house; yet it did not fall because it had its foundation on the Rock. But everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house and it fell with a great crash.

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.



Serving the Lord is not a way to escape the hard realities of life. The rains, the floods, the winds beat upon both houses - those who serve the Lord and those who do not. Both are effected by the same storms of life. Many things happen to both - the sinner and the saint - disease, death, quakes, accidents, catastrophes, and more. Neither prosperity nor poverty indicate whether or not a person is living the Christian life. Then why serve the Lord?

The gospel does not say that we will be free from suffering if we are in Christ Jesus. But it does strengthen our spirit so that we can face the troubles of our times. The house founded upon the rock does not fall with the winds and the rain. Being founded upon Jesus we know

Our source of strength - being GodStrong
 Our source of riches - being ChristStrong
 Our source of hope - being SpiritStrong

Living for Jesus is a life that strives to please Him in all I do. Living wholeheartedly for the Lord will bring forth good fruit - fruit of the Spirit - and not the material riches that many people imagine and hope for. They will know we are Christians by our love. Joshua was known for his walk with the Lord. Are we known for our walk with the Lord? What is your memory of Qusiqueya of this past year? May it once again be that we have chosen to serve the Lord, not only in our learning, but also in our doing to show our loving.

It is my prayer that what you and I did this past year pleased the Lord our God. We did and will continue to share His love by our doing. We are founded upon the Rock. We are kingdom builders today for eternity. His kingdom will come in full. May we all be ready and in the meantime continue to build upon the Rock. We truly are under construction.

School Calendar

May 18	Tues	- Flag Day – no school
May 24	Mon	- regular class – all day
May 25	Tues	- Classes in the AM - field day in the PM
May 26	Wed	- Kindergarten program grade 6 step-up grade 8 promotion - plan to attend
May 26	Wed	- noon dismissal for all - report card day ☺
May 27-28		- Teacher work days
May 29	Sat	- Graduation @ 4PM @ QCS

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

OUR SCHOOL CLOSING WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 26 AT 10:30 A.M. AT THIS TIME THERE WILL BE THE GRADUATION OF THE FIVE KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS, THE STEP-UP OF THE SEVEN GRADE SIX STUDENTS AND THE GRADUATION OF THE FOUR GRADE EIGHT STUDENTS. COME AND JOIN US FOR THIS CELEBRATION.

IT IS GOOD TO COME TOGETHER

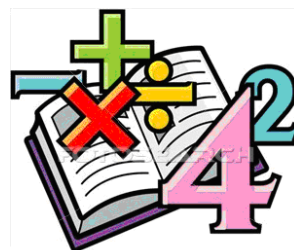
**TO GIVE PRAISE
TO GIVE THANKS**

TO GOD FOR HIS GOODNESS AND HIS FAITHFULNESS.

Educational Tip of the Week

"Project a Positive Attitude About Your Own Learning"

Telling your child that you always hated math when you were in school sends the message that it's OK for her to hate it, too.



Be careful not to give your child an excuse to do poorly in school. Kids often claim to hate a particular subject or teacher, when in fact, they find the subject matter difficult or the teacher demanding.

Help your child understand the real problem and work toward a solution. Try saying, "I know math is difficult for you. Let's sit down together and I'll help you with your homework."

Calling all textbooks and/or library books!!! If your child has school books at home, please bring them to school ASAP.



Our enrolment continues to grow with both the old and the new students. Exciting times putting all this together as we finish this school year and also prepare for the new year. Are you a part of this excitement?



A REMINDER TO PARENTS

This is the last month of the school year and the 15th will soon be here. Don't forget to pay any outstanding tuition and fees before or on that date in order to avoid the 5 % late fee which will be added after that date. **Note also** that report cards and transcripts will not be issued if there are any unpaid dues.



Prayer Corner

- Continue to be in prayer for the needs of the school as we continue to plan for the new school year.
- Continue to pray for the healing of the nation – that Haiti may rise up and rebuild itself and continue to call on the name of Jesus, just as they did just after the Quake.
- Pray for the wisdom and insight of the leaders in the communities and in the country that they make right judgments for the good of the people.
- As we approach the end of the school year, it is my prayer that both the staff and students finish well. May we all run the race that is set before us to the best of our abilities.
- As we approach the end of the school year, it is good to stop and reflect what the Lord our God has done for us throughout this school year. Today, once again, it is time to thank Him for His daily presence in our lives. Thank You Lord what You have done in this place, Your place, throughout the school year 2009 – 2010. What a mighty God we serve!

When You Thought I Wasn't Looking (WYTIWL)



- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my drawing on the refrigerator, and I wanted to draw another one.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and it wasn't even my birthday, and I knew that little things are special things.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I believed there is a God I could always talk to.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I felt you kiss me goodnight, and I felt loved.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you become very angry, and stay calm and "use your words", and I learned to do that too.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give my clothes that didn't fit any more to those less fortunate, and I learned to reach out to others to help.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you read, just for fun, and I learned to love books, and learning.
- When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you look at the night sky, and I learned to see beauty in the world around me.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you sing as you worked, and I learned that work can bring great satisfaction.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you fail, and make mistakes, and I saw you keep doing your best, and I learned perseverance.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
- When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked . . . and wanted to say thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.