



# ECA CAMPO NEWS

October 5, 2009

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Weekly ECA Parent Bulletin

## Upcoming at ECA

**October 5-9**  
FCD visit (Freedom from Chemical Dependency)

**October 5-9**  
Photo week



**October 8**  
PTA Community Service Bake Sale

**October 8**  
FCD Parent Workshop  
2:15 pm MPR

**October 10**  
SAT

**October 12**  
No classes

## 2009 YEARBOOK PHOTO SCHEDULE

Monday October 5	Tuesday October 6	Wednesday October 7	Thursday October 8	Friday October 9
8:30am Gr. 6 Pihowich x2	8:30am Kinder Szotyori	8:30am 3-Velasquez	8:30am Kinder Kopecky	8:30am 4-Neeb
9:00am Kinder Robledo	9:00am PK-Cedeño	9:00am 4-Barcenas	9:00am PK-Cruz	9:00am 4-Orth
9:30am 3-Chan	9:30am Nursery	9:30am PK-Alvarez	9:30am 1-Morrill	9:30am
10:00am Gr. 6 Group	10:00am Grade 7 Group	10:00am PTA	10:00am 1-Ghinaglia	10:00am 5-MacDonald
10:30am	10:30am Coffman, Ludwig, 7th	10:30am	10:30am Maintenance	10:30am
11:00am 1-Martinez	11:00am 5-Fitzpatrick	11:00am	11:00am	11:00am
11:30am 2-Cipriano	11:30am Pihowich 7th	11:30am 2-Robinson	11:30am 5-Deutsch	11:30am
12:00pm 2-Ross Jones	12:00pm	12:00pm Grade 8 Group	12:00pm 3-Nalepa	12:00pm
12:30pm	12:30pm	12:30pm Brownell, Cadenas, Gonzalez 8th	12:30pm	12:30pm
1:00pm	1:00pm	Plus ESL Science & HS MATH	1:00pm	1:00pm
1:30pm Grade 9	1:30pm Grade 10	1:30pm	1:30pm Grade 11	1:30pm Grade 12

Students should be out of uniform on their designated photo day.



**Elementary School News**

**More Reading Tips**

**Too busy to schedule** read-aloud times? Here are some tips from parents on ways to squeeze reading into a busy day:

**Breakfast.** One mom make sure her kids get a “breakfast of champions” by scheduling read-aloud time first thing. Best of all, she says, her kids are so engrossed with the story they’ve stopped fighting with each other!

**Bathtub time.** On hectic days, one family schedules read aloud time during baths for good, clean fun.

**Commuting.** If your child rides to work with you, try tape-recording a favorite book during one of your regular story hours. Your child can pop in the tape, read along with the book, and enjoy the commute.

**Start a family library** so your child’s favorite books can be enjoyed again and again. Of course, few families can afford to buy every book their children like. But with a little planning, you can have a library that will spark your child’s interest in reading

**How can you tell whether a book** is on your child’s reading level? Some educators suggest using the “rule of thumb.”

Have your child read a page of the book aloud. Have her hold up one finger for each word she does not know. If she hold up four fingers and a thumb before the end of the page, the book is probably too hard for her to read alone. But it might be a great book to read aloud.

**For a very early reader,** you can turn your whole house into a reading lesson. Make labels for everything your child sees or uses: door, wall, sofa, bed, light, switch. (Hint: masking tape won’t hurt walls of furniture)

Connie Turner  
Elementary Principal



**Saturday Library  
for October**

Please make note of the library schedule for Saturdays in October.

October 10	CLOSED
October 17	9:00-12:00
October 24	CLOSED
October 31	9:00-12:00

Normally, when a school holiday is attached to a weekend, the library is closed.

**The MS VANAS Softball team  
at CIC Carabobo.**



## High School News



### For the Parents of High School Students

The International Travel Club is offering a Spring Break Trip to Rome and Florence for high school students from the 27<sup>th</sup> of March to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April, 2010.

The trip will include the major sites of Rome such as the Trevi Fountain, Coliseum, Roman Forum, Catacombs, St. Peters and the Vatican and the Spanish Steps. In Florence the itinerary includes the Duomo, Palazzos Medici, Pitti, and Vecchio, Michaelangelo's David, Boticelli's Venus among other beautiful and historic experiences.

Although the basic nature of this trip will be educational, it would be customized for personal student interests with the potential to include such activities as a football match in Rome or a painting class in Florence. Daily journals would be distributed and maintained throughout the week.

The price for this program to Rome and Florence is 3500 USD which includes the following:

- \* Bus transport to and from ECA with security escort
- \* Accommodation in clean and comfortable centrally located tourist class hotels, in rooms with private facilities
- \* Full meals: all daily breakfasts, lunches and dinners
- \* Airport transfers in and out of Rome
- \* Intercity transfers (for Rome/Florence/Rome)
- \* All local city transport tickets as needed
- \* All entry fees to sites and museums and activities as scheduled
- \* Writing supplies (journals, pens, postcards and stamps)



Two teachers escorting and caring for students at all times

To additional information and/or to register your child for this trip please contact Ms. Jean Boyd Molly at [jean\\_boyd\\_molly@eca.com.ve](mailto:jean_boyd_molly@eca.com.ve) or Mr. Francisco Montilla at [fmontilla@eca.com.ve](mailto:fmontilla@eca.com.ve) by the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. A sizeable deposit would need to be made before the end of the month.

## Middle & High School News

### FCD Parent Workshop

As part of our health education program and ongoing commitment to prevention and wellness, ECA will be joined once again by a health educator from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) Educational Services. FCD educator Chris Kelly, will visit the ECA community during the week of Oct. 5-9. He'll be working with students in grades 5 – 12, spending a more extended period with 7<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> graders. FCD is a non-profit organization that provides substance abuse prevention education for schools. Since 1976, they have taught over a million students of all ages. Their mission is to:

- \* provide educational communities with the guidance and training necessary to implement comprehensive, effective approaches to substance abuse prevention
- \* educate students, parents, teachers and school administrators on the physiological and psychological effects of alcohol and other drugs
- \* promote awareness of drug addiction, including alcoholism, as a progressive, chronic and often fatal disease
- \* teach students and adults how to recognize the early warning signs of substance abuse and to intervene appropriately
- \* empower young people to make healthy, responsible choices regarding alcohol and other drug use
- \* encourage and support the non-use of alcohol and other illegal or illicit drugs during the growing years

FCD educators are highly trained health professionals who have achieved long-term recovery from alcohol and/or other drug addictions. This unique "I've been there" perspective not only enhances the credibility of their message, but provides students with role models for happy, healthy, drug-free living. The FCD educator will host a parent workshop on **Oct. 8 at 2:15 in the MPR** to offer parents support and guidance in helping their children to enjoy a drug-free adolescence. We encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to pose any questions or concerns you may have to experts in the substance abuse prevention field.

## Upcoming Events

### October

- 5-9 FCD visit (Freedom from Chemical Dependency)
- 5-9 Photo week
- 8 PTA community service bake sale
- 10 SAT
- 12 No classes
- 14 PSAT testing- HS
- 16 End of the 1st quarter
- 19-23 Fall Break-No classes
- 24 ACT
- 26 2nd quarter begins
- 28 Parent Teacher Conferences-all divisions; no classes
- 29 ES Parent Teacher Conferences- ES students do not have classes
- 30-1 HS Biology field trip

### November

- 2-6 FCD survey-MS, HS
- 4-5 IB Showcase (date change)
- 7 SAT
- 9-13 PTA Book Fair
- 11-15 CAISSA Volleyball Tournament
- 14-17 SAMUN South American Model United Nations
- 19-21 MS VANAS Volleyball Tournament
- 25 HS Career Day & Tribal Games
- 30 Session II Co-curricular program begin

### December

- 3-5 HS VANAS Softball Tournament
- 4 Holiday Band Concert 7:00 pm
- 5 SAT
- NHS Maintenance Lunch
- 11 Holiday Choir Concert 7:00 pm
- 12 ACT
- 14-16 HS Final Exams
- 17 No classes in HS

### January

- 11 Classes resume; 2nd semester begins

**As you make your travel plans remember that absences immediately before and after vacation breaks count as double.**



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### Language Groups for ECA parents



English Conversation Group with Odette & Phind: Tuesday  
Spanish Conversation Group with Elziane: Wednesday  
Spanish for Beginners with Gabriela: Wednesday  
Portuguese Conversation Group with Marcia: Thursday  
Italian conversation Group with Gabriela: Monday  
French with Lynn Tardif- Wednesday \*\*10 - 11\*\*

**All groups meet once a week  
at 8:45 a.m. on the annex patio.**

For more information, please contact  
Elziane Coutinho at elziane.c@uol.com.br.

*The Culture Committee is hosting Tango Night  
Wednesday, October 13th  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.  
The Star Plaza  
15 Bsf per person (ECA students are free)*

*Refreshments will be offered  
Everyone is invited  
RSVP gertradisl@gmail.com*



### ECO FACT



If just 25% of U.S. families used 10 fewer plastic bags a month, we would save over 2.5 BILLION bags a year.

