

# ECA CAMPO NEWS

February 9, 2009

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Weekly ECA Parent Bulletin

## This Week at ECA

**February 9-20**  
(date extended)  
ES Art Show

## Admission of Siblings

If you have a younger child that will be applying for admission for August of 2009, please contact us as soon as possible to begin the process. Please remember that the child must be 3 years old **BEFORE** September 30th for entry to Nursery; 4 years old by September 30 for entry to Pre-Kinder and 5 years old before September 30 for entry to Kindergarten. There are no exceptions to this age requirement policy.  
Email:  
joan\_bastianini@eca.com.ve or stop by the admissions office.

## Upcoming Venezuelan Election

Dear ECA Parents,

The Ministry of Education has informed us that classes in all educational centers will be closed at mid-week because of the upcoming election scheduled for Sunday, February 15th. We will have classes as usual on Tuesday, February 10th but students will not come to school from Wednesday, February 11th to Monday, February 16th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, February 17th. Our faculty will be utilizing their websites while school is closed and we hope that our students will continue their work on line.

Make-up for these days will be announced at a later date.

Although it is unlikely that there will be any further changes given this notification, remember that any updates are always posted on the ECA homepage (<http://www.eca.com.ve/emergency>). We encourage you to bookmark this site on your computer for easy access.

Jean K. Vahey,  
Superintendent

**Classes will be cancelled Wednesday, February 11; Thursday, February 12; Friday, February 13 & Monday, February 16th. Classes will resume Tuesday, February 17th.**

## Elementary Art Exhibition

Don't miss the Elementary Art Exhibition in the Multi-Purpose room this week! It's your opportunity to view and appreciate some of the wonderful artwork produced by the children in Pre-K through 5th Grade during the first semester.

The exhibition will be open all day, from Monday February 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Come and enjoy this colorful display of drawings, paintings, prints and much more!

Many thanks,  
Jill Allen and Kiki Krijt, ES Art Teachers



## Elementary School News

# YOU "CAN"!



The "cans for trees" competition for the Elementary School classes and Middle School advisory groups is in full swing! Three classrooms have already collected enough cans for their first tree!

### TIPS for collecting cans:

Ask your neighbors to save cans for you.

When you're out at a restaurant, ask the waiters to give you all their cans.

When you're out at a restaurant, ask the people at the next table to give you their cans.

Be alert at parties... You'll find many cans there!

Heard of a party in your building? Ask if you can collect the cans.

Open your eyes... Cans are EVERYWHERE.

By collecting the cans for this contest, you will not only be helping your class get a tree, but you will also be keeping those cans out of a landfill.

**LET'S SAVE THE PLANET... TOGETHER!**

## Middle School News

### MS Beach Bash

The MS party was a great success. Thank you to the MS Booster Club and all the parents and faculty that worked to make this afternoon so much fun.



## International Fair Planning Committee



The international fair planning committee has already begun organizing this year's fair. We hope to have a representative from each of the 41 countries that make up the student body at ECA. Even if you come from a small contingent, you may be able to join with other countries from your region and find some way of demonstrating pride in your country. Please contact Karen Mazur at [kpmazur@gmail.com](mailto:kpmazur@gmail.com) or [kpmazur@aol.com](mailto:kpmazur@aol.com) for more information.

**The 2008-2009 International Fair will be held on Saturday, March 28th.**

## Battle of the Books: Round One



The first round of ECA’s Battle of the Books has been fought. The Battle of the Books is a reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the ECA Library and supported by our middle school faculty.

On Wednesday, February 4, six teams competed in a round of questioning about the 10 books the contestants had read. The students performed admirably. Congratulations to all!

These teams will compete in the next round:

<b>Los Gringos</b>	<b>L’Maccs</b>	<b>The Former British School Boys + the Giant</b>	<b>The Reading Rebels</b> (had a “bye” in round )
Hayden Turner	Ana Paola Aguilar	Pablo Ramírez	Alberto Mascarenas
Connor McGowan	Maria Jose Perez	Karl Bastos	Alex Trivella
Alex Lohec	Cynthia Aguilar	Shaul Nirpaz	Yan Mo
Brenton Abrams	Cristina Fayad	Santiago Tomassi	Ken Lee
Antonio Riccio	Laura Verdina		Luís Odón

These four teams will compete on **February 18 at 10:45** in the semi-final round: **L’Maccs vs The Reading Rebels** in the **Library**; **Los Gringos va The Former British School Boys** in the **Theater**

### High School News

#### IB Information Evening

**All parents of current tenth grade students** are invited and encouraged to attend an IB Diploma workshop on **Thursday, February 26** at 7:00 pm in the MPR (Campo Dome). Mr. Lowman will explain the basic structure of the IB program and then answer questions. Tenth grade students may also attend though their attendance is not required since a similar workshop will be offered during the school day. Though the workshop will be geared for parents of rising eleventh grade students, other interested parents are certainly invited to attend the meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Lowman in the HS office extension 4002 or [win\\_lowman@eca.com.ve](mailto:win_lowman@eca.com.ve)

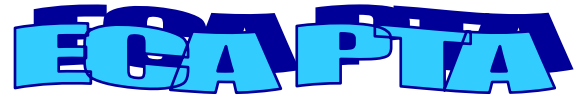
#### IB Theatre Showcase

IB Theatre students have devised original performance for the showcase this year. Performances have been researched, written, directed and staged by students in the course. There will be three 20 minute pieces, each based on a different area of theatre. The first piece is based on aspects of Greek theatre and was conceived and directed by Freggy Hernandez. The inspiration for the second piece was the writing of William Shakespeare and was conceived and directed by Ayana Andalcio. And the final piece was conceived and directed by Erika Smith and is based on the Theatre of Cruelty. This promises to be a thought-provoking evening, one not to be missed.

February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the theatre. Tickets are 10 BsF available at the main office or from cast members. Please note however, there are limited tickets as the seating is on the stage.

Any questions please contact Jeff Aitken at [jeff\\_aitken@eca.com.ve](mailto:jeff_aitken@eca.com.ve)

## Upcoming Events



**ECA PTA OFFICE**  
 Mango Tree Office  
 North Patio ext. 2005  
 Email: [pta@eca.com.ve](mailto:pta@eca.com.ve)



### February

- 9-20 ES Art Exhibit
- 18-19 IB Theater Showcase
- 23-24 Carnival Break
- 26 IB Information Evening 7:00 pm MPR
- 27-29 HL IB Biology Trip

### March

- 3 PTA Monthly Meeting MPR 2:00 pm
- 4-7 CAISSA Boys' Basketball & Girls' Soccer
- 5-7 MS VANAS Girls' Soccer & Boys' Basketball
- 5-8 MS Swim Meet
- 6 Co-curricular ends  
White Shirt Mini Olympics
- 7 Story Time-Library 10:30 am
- 9 Co-curricular begins
- 11 Red Shirt Mini Olympics  
National Honor Society Induction  
Swim Meet
- 13-20 IB Mock Exams
- 18 Swim Meet
- 23-27 10th Grade Internships
- 25 Parent Conferences ES, MS, HS
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- 28 International Fair 12:00-4:00 pm
- 30-2 Arts Night auditions

### April

- 4 ACT
- 6-10 Spring Break
- 14 PTA Monthly Meeting -South Patio 2:00 pm
- 15 Red Shirt Science Olympiads
- 17 Band Concert 7:00 pm
- 18 Story Time-Library 10:30 am
- 20-24 collection week for PTA Book Swap
- 22 IB Art Exam  
White Shirt Science Olympiads
- 23-25 HS VANAS Girls' Basketball & Boys' Soccer Tournament
- 27-1 PTA Book Swap

### May

- 1 National Holiday- No classes
- 2 SAT
- 4-22 IB Exams
- 5 PTA Monthly Meeting -South Patio 2:00 pm
- 7-9 VANAS MS Girls' Basketball & Boys' Soccer Tournament
- 9 Story Time-Library 10:30 am
- 14 Rome Day
- 15 Arts Night 7:00 pm
- 22-26 CAISSA Girls' Basketball & Boys' Soccer Tournament
- 29 Co-curricular ends
- 30 Graduation

### LANGUAGE GROUPS for ECA parents



**English Conversation Group: Tuesday**

**Spanish Conversation Group: Wednesday**

**Spanish for Beginners: Wednesday**

**Portuguese Conversation Group: Thursday**

**Chinese Group: Friday**

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

For more information, please contact Paula Hawkins at [skaneateleslake@yahoo.com](mailto:skaneateleslake@yahoo.com).

**Make sure the school has your correct email address (as well as telephones and cell phones). Please send any updates to: [info@eca.com.ve](mailto:info@eca.com.ve)**