



ECA CAMPO NEWS

February 25, 2009

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Weekly ECA Parent Bulletin

This Week at ECA

February 26
IB Information Evening
7:00 pm MPR

February 27-28
HL IB Biology Trip

February 27-28
Puerto Azul Swim Exchange

Reminder about Uniforms

The school sweatshirt is a required part of the official uniform. Please make sure that your child uses only the school sweatshirt these can be purchased in the uniform room near the Main Office.

Change in the 2009-2010 Academic Calendar

The last day of class in December 2009 will be **Friday, December 18th**. Please make your plans accordingly to avoid double absences and the inability to make-up exams and assessments.

Plan to Recapture Instructional Time

Dear Parents,

Although the ECA online learning program was effective in maintaining a learning mode for our students, it does not take the place of teachers working with the students in a classroom setting and students receiving the benefit of the interaction of other students. The ECA administration and faculty have developed a plan to recapture some of the instructional time that was lost during the recent school closure for the elections.

1. The following Wednesdays will be full days of school **until 3:30 pm**

February 25
March 4
March 25
April 15
April 22
April 29

Because a curriculum consultant is coming to ECA to work with faculty and there are scheduled student swim meets on March 11 and 18, those days will remain with a 2:00 pm dismissal.

2. Parent Teacher Conference Days will be instructional days.

The third quarter reporting timeline has been changed. Quarter three will now end on March 27. Regularly scheduled conference days will become instructional days. Due to these changes, parent teacher conferences will be held in the afternoons during the week of March 30 and from 2:00-6:00 pm on April 1.

The principals will email any changes in plans for their division as a result of the time dedicated to recapturing instructional time.

A special thank you to the parents who completed the Zoomerang Survey regarding the online learning experience. Once again, thank you for working in partnership with us to provide the best possible learning environment for your child. If you have any questions, please contact your principal or me.

Jean Vahey
Superintendent

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

Elementary School News

Dear Parents of ECA Elementary Students,

In addition to the information Superintendent Vahey has provided about school schedule changes, we provide the following information that is specific to the elementary school.

- * Students in Nursery and Pre-kindergarten will also have a longer school day on the Wednesdays listed in Mrs. Vahey's Campo News article. **Nursery and Pre-kindergarten students will attend school until 1:00 pm on these Wednesdays.** For students in daycare, the daycare program will begin at 1:00 pm on these days and run until 3:30 pm as usual.
- * Mini-Olympics—for White Shirts and Red Shirts--will be postponed until later in the school year. Mini-Olympics is a valued part of our elementary program, but we feel it important to use the days as days of instruction at this time. We will send additional information about this once new dates are chosen.

More detail on both of these changes will be coming to you. If you have questions, please contact me or your child's teacher.

Sincerely,
Kurt Nordness
ECA Elementary School Principal

ECA Earth Day 2009 Competition For ES & MS Classrooms "Cans for Trees" Continues!

- * The competition continues and ends on April 17, 2009.
- * Each grade is invited to collect **rinsed and crushed aluminum cans** in a plastic bag provided by the Environment Committee for their classroom. When they have collected 10 kg. of cans -- enough to fill one large plastic bag -- they will receive one "ECO-money Certificate" good for one tree.
- * The PTA Environment Committee will collect the filled bags and provide new empty bags, tracking the number of bags collected by each classroom.
- * The winning classroom will be announced at the Fun Run in April 2009 and will receive a prize!
- * Please note that the competition includes only crushed aluminum cans; no cash can be collected toward this competition.



KEEP SENDING IN YOUR ALUMINUM CANS !

Middle School News

High School News

Mix It Up Activity

On Wednesday, March 4 the high school and middle school will participate in the Mix It Up activity during lunch breaks. The purpose of the activity is to encourage understanding of others and develop new friendships. Research has shown that interaction across group lines can reduce prejudice and misperceptions of others. During the lunch breaks on Wednesday students will be assigned to different tables that will have a mixture of grade levels. While the students eat, there will be some questions or an activity for the students to complete. Discussion will take place either before or after the activity. In preparation for the Mix It Up activity there will be a showing of the movie "Pay It Forward" (PG13) on Friday, Feb. 27 from 3:45 -6:00. Parents must pick up students after the movie.

2009-2010 Academic Year

If you know that your family will not continue at ECA for the next academic year, please make sure that you have contacted the admissions office to begin the paperwork for your child's withdrawal. If your family is leaving before the last day of school, please include the last day your child will attend classes.

Please email to:
admissions@eca.com.ve

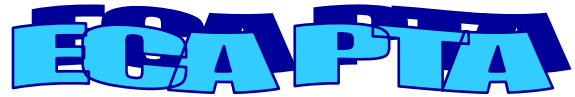
**Middle and High School Students:
It's Movie Time
Pay It Forward**



In preparation for the Mix It Up activity on Wednesday, March 4th we will be showing a movie. On Friday, Feb. 27 we will be showing the movie "Pay It Forward". It is a PG13 movie. We would like to invite the middle and high school students to the movie.

Parents are also invited. There is no charge for the movie. Parents must pick up students after the movie. Refreshments will be available after the showing for a small price. The movie will start at 3:45 and finish about 6:00pm.

The movie is about a teacher who gives an assignment where the students are to think of a way to change the world in a positive way. A student devises a plan where he can make a difference to others. If parents want to check out the appropriateness for your son or daughter please visit the web site. <http://www.parentreviews.com/movie-reviews/pay-it-forward.shtml>.



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Upcoming Events

February

- 25 Full Day- 3:30 pm dismissal
- 26 IB Information Evening 7:00 pm MPR
- 27-29 HL IB Biology Trip
- 27-28 Puerto Azul Swim Exchange

March

- 3 PTA Monthly Meeting MPR 2:00 pm
- 4 Full Day- 3:30 pm dismissal
- 4-7 CAISSA Boys' Basketball & Girls' Soccer
- 5-7 MS VANAS Girls' Soccer & Boys' Basketball
- 5-8 MS Swim Meet
- 6 Co-curricular ends
- 7 Story Time-Library 10:30 am
- 9 Co-curricular begins
- 11 2:00 pm Dismissal
National Honor Society Induction
Swim Meet
- 13-20 IB Mock Exams
- 18 2:00 pm dismissal
Swim Meet
- 23-27 10th Grade Internships
- 25 Full Day- 3:30 pm dismissal
- 28 International Fair 12:00-4:00 pm
- 30 Progress reports home
- 30-2 Arts Night auditions

April

- 1 Parent Teacher Conferences 2:00-6:00 pm
Normal class day with 2:00 pm dismissal
- 4 ACT
- 6-10 Spring Break
- 14 PTA Monthly Meeting -South Patio 2:00 pm
- 15 Full Day- 3:30 pm dismissal
- 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
- 21 Choral Workshop 12:30 -3:30 pm
- 22 Full Day- 3:30 pm dismissal
IB Art Exam
White Shirt Science Olympiads
- 24 Choir Concert 7:00 pm
- 23-25 HS VANAS Girls' Basketball & Boys' Soccer Tournament
- 25 PTA Fun Run
- 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
- 11-14 MS Class Trips
- 14 Rome Day
- 15 Arts Night 7:00 pm
- 22-26 CAISSA Girls' Basketball & Boys' Soccer Tournament
- 29 Co-curricular ends
- 30 Graduation

International Fair Planning Committee

Please contact Karen Mazur at kpmazur@gmail.com or kpmazur@aol.com for more information or to learn how to help in this great event.

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

Latin American Literature Book Group

Saturday, February 28

11:00 a.m.

ECA Library



A World for Julius

by Alfredo Bryce Echenique

The book group is open to all adult members of the ECA community. Join us!

For more information, please contact Paula Hawkins at skaneateleslake@yahoo.com.



ECA PTA Friends of the Library