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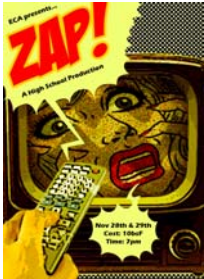
Weekly ECA Parent Bulletin

This Week at ECA

November 18
 MS Parent Chat
 8:30 am MPR

Upcoming:

HS Production: ZAP
 November 28th & 29th
 @ 7:00pm



Upcoming Venezuelan Elections

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 elections scheduled for Sunday, November 23rd. We will have classes as usual on Tuesday, November 18th but students will not come to school from Wednesday, November 19th to Monday November 24th. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 25th. 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,
 November 19, Thursday, November 20,
 Friday, November 21 & Monday, November
 24th. Classes will resume
 Tuesday, November 25th.**

Middle School Parent Chat

Alicia Brown MS Principal
 Kris Paulson MS Counselor

Transitions: This parent chat will address two major transitions that students may experience in middle school

The transition into middle school: This part of the chat will answer questions about middle school expectations. How can I help my child at home? How much homework should be expected? How can I help my child adjust socially?

The transition to a new place: Whether you are just arriving in Caracas or are preparing to leave, this part of the workshop will address the social and emotional needs of this unique age group. How do I prepare my child for the move? How can I help my child adjust to a new place?

When: November 18, 8:30 am for coffee. The chat will begin at 9:00 am.

Where: The MPR near the field.

Elementary School News



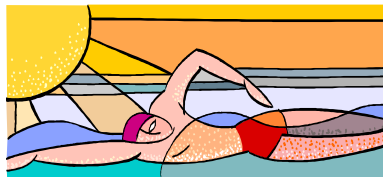
PTA ES/MS Book Sale a Success!

ECA Masters Swim Team

A huge congratulations to the following ECA staff members for their outstanding swimming performances over the past few weeks:

At the Copa ECA Masters – Puerto Azul de Aguas Abiertas on November 9th (a 3 km swim!)
 Leah Brownell - 49:49 (2nd overall female)
 Marie Claire Sanz - 1:05:24
 Maria Isabel Szotoyori - 1:20:15

At the Campeonato Nacional Masters “Triple Corona” Isla de Margarita our ECA Master’s swim team, coached by Victor Montero finished 2nd overall. They were lead by ECA’s own Leah Brownell who won 7 gold medals and 2 silvers!



Middle School News

Middle School-Battle of the Books



ECA’s second annual Battle of the Books is underway. The Battle of the Books is a reading motivation and comprehension program sponsored by the ECA Library and supported by our middle school faculty. The goals of the program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, to broaden reading interests, to increase reading comprehension, and to promote academic excellence.

Our middle school has eight teams that will begin competing in the second semester. Watch the Campos New for the dates and times of the competitions.

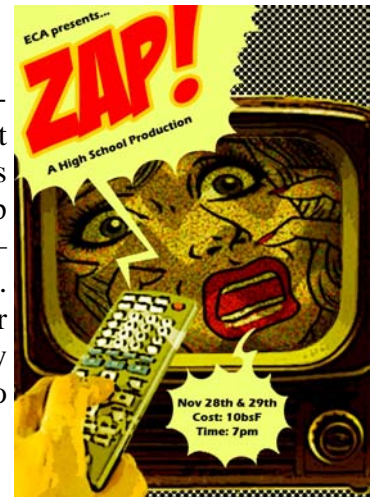
A special congratulations to Luca Guevara, the winner of this year’s Battle of the Books Logo Contest.

High School News

HS Theatre is proud to present the comedy ZAP

Aimed at a generation of short attention spans and a taste for razor-sharp comedy, the rapid-fire ZAP is a smart, farcical new play for high-school students that's ready to bring the house down.

When they're not dusting off the old classics — over and over — high-school drama departments are constantly in search of new material. But what play could possibly suit the point-and-click attention spans of kids born with remote controls in their cribs? Cue the lights for ZAP, a nonstop farce that juxtaposes seven different plays — performed simultaneously — ZAP flicks rapidly back and forth from play to play, with hilarious results. As characters from one play end up on the set of another, their befuddlement, exasperation, and brave attempts at improvisation are truly priceless. A hoot to read, ZAP is a dream to perform — and even better to see live!!!



November 28th and 29th @7:00pm in the theatre

Tickets 10Bsf available from the main office of the school

Appropriate for general audiences. ES students must be accompanied with an adult.

ECA Students Participate in SAMUN

SAMUN was a tremendous success once again for the ECA delegations. Alejandro Cavero and Fadi Turjman successfully defended their cases at the ICJ, Ana Luisa Atencio was awarded “Most Effective Chairperson”, and over a dozen of our students had their personal delegate resolutions debated and approved by the General Assembly, a new ECA record. 12 of our lucky students will now hone in their debating skills at the upcoming UN conference in the Hague, Netherlands, during the last week of January.



Upcoming Events

November

- 18 MS Chat: Transition 8:30 am
- 19-24 No classes
- 25 Classes resume
- 28 Co-curricular ends
- 28-29 HS Production: ZAP 7:00 pm

December

- 1 Co-curricular begins
- 2 PTA Monthly Meeting-MPR 2:00 pm
- 5 Band Holiday Concert 7:00 pm
- 6 SAT
- Storytime 10:30 am Library
- 12 Choir Holiday Concert 7:00 pm
- 15-18 HS Final Exams
- 17 No Classes
- 19 Last day before winter break

January

- 12 Classes resume
- 23 VANAS (Venezuelan Association of North American Schools) Conference- No Classes



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Latin American Literature Book Group
Saturday, November 29
11:00 a.m.
ECA Library



Poetry selections: Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz

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.



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ECA Academic Calendar

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| August 10-14 | New student orientation week |
| August 14 | Orientation day 1-12th grades |
| August 17 | Classes begin (1-12th grades)
Orientation Nursery, PK & K |
| August 18 | Classes begin (Nursery, PK & K) |
| October 12 | National Holiday |
| October 19-23 | Fall Break |
| December 16 | Last day of class for 1st semester |
| January 12 | Classes resume;
2nd semester begins |
| February 15-16 | Carnival |
| March 29-April 2 | Spring Break |
| April 19 | National Holiday |
| June 11 | Last day of school |

Returning ECA students are expected to begin classes on the first day. Double absences will be assigned to all consecutive days.

Spanish Book Group



Interested in joining a new Book Group for Spanish speakers? Meetings will be held once a month; discussions will be held in Spanish. The Book Group is open to all adult members of the ECA community.

Please contact Alicia Galan for more information at aliciagalann@gmail.com !