



ECA CAMPO NEWS

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This Week at ECA

October 15

ES Parent Chat– 8:45 am MPR
(see details p. 2)

October 16

9th Grade Pharaoh Project-MPR
(see details p. 3)

October 16

MS Drama Showcase
7:00 pm
Forrest Broman Theater

October 20-24

Fall Break

Hearing & Vision Screening

The school Health Office will screen hearing and vision in the Elementary School children during the ES Parent Conferences on October 29th and 30th. We encourage all parents to ensure all students attend the screenings and to remind them to bring their glasses/contacts.

If while screening any child appears to fall out of the normal range, a letter advising parents of the need for further testing will be sent home. For those children who fall within the normal range, no letters will be sent.

If you have any questions feel free to contact the health office.
nursedepartment@eca.com.ve or
ext. 1401

Attendance Policy Reminder

With the October Break approaching and as you make plans for the Winter Break we want to remind you of the importance of consistent attendance. When students are absent they miss important classroom instruction. Absences do negatively impact your child's learning. The school calendar for the following year is always published for parents in January in order to give families enough time to make travel plans that fit within the school calendar. In an effort to provide for family trips, the calendar has a week break in October, three weeks in December and a week in the second semester.

The ECA policy states that:

- At least 90% attendance is required to attain credit for a year long course or promotion to the next grade level based on a 180 day school year. All absences, both excused and unexcused, are counted when computing the 90% attendance requirement.
- A formal administrative review will be required to grant credit where the above attendance guidelines have been exceeded. Continued enrollment at ECA will also be reviewed in such cases.
- **Absence on the days preceding and succeeding holidays will count as double absences for computation of the percentages.**
- When a newly enrolled student enters at other than the beginning of a marking period, the percentage will be applied to the number of days the student is enrolled.
- If a student is to be excused from Physical Education for medical reasons, a note from a doctor is required. This note should be handed to the Principal.

Elementary School News

Story Time



Thank you to second grade teacher Mr. Cipriano, who donned a Santa Claus suit for his Halloween costume and entertained a library full of superheroes, mermaids, princesses and witches at the last Story Time! The next Story Time will be Saturday, November 1.

Soccer for 1st & 2nd Graders



We have already started with our soccer program for the year and currently have a few openings left for the 1st and 2nd grade team. Practice sessions are on Wednesdays 3:00-4:00 pm in the tennis courts. We are hoping to schedule friendly matches on Friday afternoons starting in January, 2009. If you are interested in enrolling your child please contact Ana Elena Carazo at: 0414 900 1385 or aecarazo@yahoo.com.

You are invited to an Elementary School Parent Chat... UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS REPORTS

We are pleased to announce a PARENT CHAT entitled Understanding your Child's Progress Reports being held at **8:45 am on Wednesday, October 15 in the MPR.** Please join the principal, assistant principal, and members of the elementary school faculty as we help you put the puzzle pieces together to understand what your child will be learning this year and their level of progress. Topics will include:

- * What you will learn at the upcoming Student-led Conferences on October 29 and 30.
- * Understanding the term "standard" and how the school measures your child's progress on a standard.
- * What the new progress reports and report cards will look like and how to interpret them.

As always, there will be coffee, snacks, and time for your questions.

We hope to see many parents on Wednesday, October 15!

Upcoming Elementary School Events

Mark your calendars for these important elementary school events...

Wed, October 15 at 8:45 am	Parent Chat- Understanding Your Child's Progress Reports
October 20-24	Fall Break
Wed and Thurs, October 29 and 30	Student-led conferences (Please contact your child's teacher if you do not yet have a time scheduled on one of these days.)
Fri, October 31	Halloween parade and classroom parties
Fri, November 7 at 8:45 am	Parent training session-Learning the New Family Access Computer Application-SKYWARD

MS Parent – Teacher Conferences Wednesday, October 29

8:30 – 9:00 Parent sign-in period for Session 1
9:00 – 12:00 Session 1 (Last Name A – M) Individual Conferences

1:00 – 1:30 Parent sign-in period for Session 2
1:30 – 4:00 Session 2 (Last Name N – Z) Individual Conferences

- * Sign ups for teacher appointments will be 30 minutes before each session begins in the MS Terrace (8:30 am; 1:00 pm).
- * If you miss the 8:30 am or 1:00 pm sign-up time, you will need to go to individual teacher's rooms and sign up.
- * All conferences will be 10 minutes with each teacher
- * All Conferences will be in individual teacher classroom
- * PE teachers will be located in the MS conference room and Teacher work room.
- * Training on how to access SKYWARD to see your child's grades will be available in the HS Lab B at 9:00am, 12:00 and 3:30 pm

Middle School News

MS Drama Showcase

On Thursday, October 16th, students in the middle school drama from all grade levels will be presenting a series of short skits that they have practiced and created in class. The show begins at 7:00 pm.



High School News

The 9th Grade Pharaoh Project

The annual Pharaoh election will take place this year on Thursday, October 16th for 9th graders. This year, all 9th graders will be participating in the same event. The event will begin at 8:40am and end by approximately 10:15 am; it will take place in the multi-purpose room. All parents are encouraged to come out to watch the 9th grade students campaign to win your vote for who should be the next Pharaoh of Egypt. Mr. Smith and Mr. Jimenez hope you can make it to see your children's hard work in preparing for this event!"



MS and HS Soccer Players: Wednesday, October 15

Deadline to Make your Commitment to Soccer

Due to the field improvement project, we are proposing two different options for the soccer programs this year. This is only a ONE YEAR option as we are anticipating being able to use our own field at some time next year.

- Option 1 – We will enter a team in the LIGA and have them participate in VANAS/CAISSA
 - * We will employ a new coach from outside the ECA Community
 - * Practices will be at Calle La Cinta's dirt field
 - * Games will be at Calle La Cinta's dirt field or we will travel to our competition's home field
 - * A minimum commitment of 20 players will be required to ensure that we are able to field a team every week
- Option 2 – ECA will run a FUTSAL league and participate in VANAS/CAISSA
 - * We will employ ECA teachers as coaches
 - * Practices will be shared between La Cinta and the ECA Tennis courts
 - * Futsal games will be at Los Campitos new sports complex
 - * The seasons will run concurrently with our VANAS/CAISSA seasons

Contact Athletic Director, Scott Banack by Wednesday, October 15th to: scott_banack@eca.com.ve

Upcoming Events

October

- 20-24 Fall Break
- 25 ACT
- 29-30 ES Parent Conferences
- 29 MS & HS Conferences
- 31 Halloween ES Parade & classroom parties

November

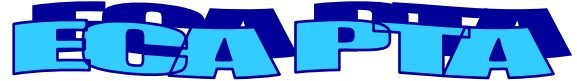
- 1 SAT
Storytime 10:30 am Library
- 4 PTA Monthly Meeting-MPR 2:00 pm
- 5-9 CAISSA HS Volleyball Tournament-Quito
- 7 Parent Training Session-Learning the new Family Access Computer Application
- 8-11 SAMUN
- 10-14 PTA ES & MS Book Fair
- 13-15 Boys Softball Tournament
- 26 HS Career Day & Tribal Games
- 28 Co-curricular ends

December

- 1 Co-curricular begins
- 2 PTA Monthly Meeting-MPR 2:00 pm
- 5 Band Concert
- 6 SAT
Storytime 10:30 am Library
- 12 Choir Concert
- 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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The PTA Community Service underwrite the vegetable garden at the Casa Hogar Jose Gregorio Hernandez. Some vegetables will be available at the bi-monthly bake sales.



MEXICAN FIESTA

TEACHER AND STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCHEON

EVERY YEAR THE PTA ORGANIZES AN APPRECIATION LUNCH FOR THE ECA FACULTY AND STAFF. THIS YEAR'S LUNCH WILL BE A MEXICAN FIESTA HELD IN THE SCHOOL CAFETERIA ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29. WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP? PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM INSIDE THIS WEEK'S CAMPO NEWS AND LET US KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE! OR SEND AN E-MAIL TO PTA@ECA.COM.VE.

Tennis at ECA

The construction of the new sports facility has temporarily resulted in our losing two of our three tennis courts. Those courts have been converted into a play area for recesses and P.E. classes. Unfortunately this means that it is much harder to get space on the remaining tennis court. During the school day, the court is not available because of student use but after school and on weekends ECA parents or students may sign up to reserve the court. Please email the athletic director, Scott Banack at scott_banack@eca.com.ve with the time you would like to use the tennis court and he will confirm availability. This must be done for each time you would like to play as we can not block for multiple dates. Private and semi-private classes are also available to members of the ECA community. Classes are not available to outside guests. Contact the tennis instructor, Demian Rodriguez demainrodriguez@hotmail.com or 412-611-3392

