



Progress Reports in MS & HS Home Today

The primary function of the report is to inform both the student and the family how learning is proceeding at this point in the year. Teachers have been assessing how student attitudes and skills are impacting the student's classroom performance. By informing students and their family midway through the semester, teachers can help students focus on those areas that need attention before the end of the semester. The assessment also helps the teacher clarify what teaching strategies are working with the students or if adjustments need to be made.

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 29th
 MS & HS Parent/Teacher Conferences— NO
 CLASSES

October 29 & 30th
 Elementary Student Led Parent/Teacher
 Conferences-NO CLASSES IN ES

The parent conferences on Wednesday and Thursday in Elementary and on Wednesday in the Middle and High Schools, give families the opportunity to discuss their child's current achievement directly with the teacher. Elementary students lead the discussion with their parents and teacher in their conferences. Middle and high school students are encouraged to attend with their parents.

Parent conferences are an excellent way of involving you directly in your child's learning. It is exciting for students to see their parents engaged with their teachers in supporting and maximizing the learning process.

Elementary School News

Halloween Information for Elementary Students

Dear Parents of ECA Elementary Students,

ECA is happy to announce that we will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31st. Celebrations like this are great for building school spirit and we look forward to a fun event. It is also a day of instruction. We believe that this schedule gives students time to learn and also time to enjoy the holiday.

Basic Guidelines:

The Halloween celebrations are limited to the times shown for parades and parties.

Students may come to school in costumes.

Costumes may not be violent in nature and no weapons or representation of weapons may be part of costumes.

Gory make-up should not be used.

Schedule (start times):

- N-PK Parade: 11:00 am start.
- N-PK Party: 11: 30 am (or when parade ends)
- K-5 Parade: 2:15 pm start
- K-5 Party: 2:30 pm (or when parade ends)



During the parade, students will march around the plaza and parents will have a chance to take pictures. A class picture will be taken in the homerooms during the parties.

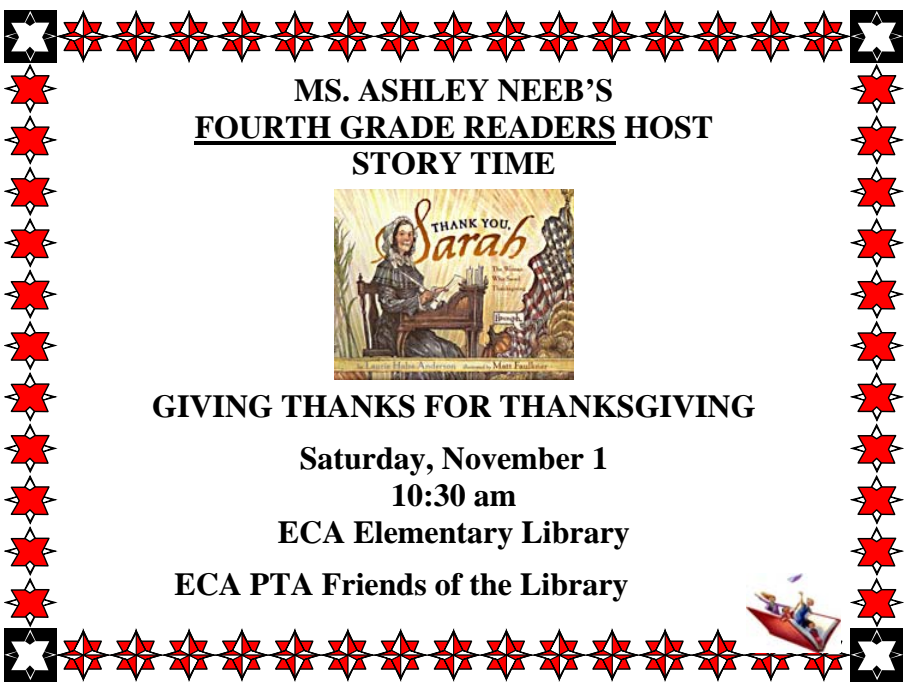
This schedule helps us meet the goals of instruction and fun. We appreciate your kind attention to this information as you help your child prepare for the day.


A final note—if you do not want your child to participate in Halloween activities, please contact your child’s homeroom teacher. An alternate activity will be prepared.


If you have questions, please contact us or your child’s teacher.

Happy Halloween, everyone!

Sincerely,
 Kurt Nordness, Elementary Principal
 Virginia Udall, Elementary Assistant Principal



MS. ASHLEY NEEB’S
FOURTH GRADE READERS HOST
STORY TIME


GIVING THANKS FOR THANKSGIVING
Saturday, November 1
10:30 am
ECA Elementary Library
ECA PTA Friends of the Library


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

Middle School News

Dear Parents of Middle School Students,

The high school's International Travel Club has arranged a student trip to Paris and Versailles for spring break this coming April. The focus is on culture and history at a student level. The schedule will include numerous sites of popular interest as well as incorporating student planned activities.

We currently have openings for 4 or 5 students and would be able to accommodate 7th and 8th grade students. The cost of this high season trip is between 3500 and 3700 US dollars and includes everything except snacks and shopping money. Thus all ground and air transportation, taxes, hotel accommodation, three full meals a day and entry to all galleries and events would be included in this cost.

If you would like for your child to have an exciting and culturally enriched week in France, please let us know immediately so we can save a place. We must submit a final count and make substantial nonrefundable deposits for this trip by the 31st of October, thus we need to hear from you before that date.

For further information please contact us at ECA by email. We will be guiding and chaperoning the students throughout the trip. A parent's night to discuss all trip details is planned in January if you decide to enroll your child for this experience.

Thank You,
 Ms. Jean Boyd Molly (English Department) at jean_boyd_molly@eca.com.ve
 Mr. Roger Wolbert (Math Department) at roger_wolbert@eca.com.ve



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 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.

Students wishing to participate should stop in the library to sign-up and to check out a B.O.B. book!

High School News

CAREER DAY-NOVEMBER 26

On Wednesday, November 26, Escuela Campo Alegre will conduct its annual Career Day. This event is designed to utilize resources from the community at large to provide high school students with information that will help them make decisions about their future. A vision developed during high school and college, while it may certainly change, will help lay the foundation for a successful and meaningful career. We are looking for speakers from all walks of life to provide presentations on a variety of career choices for our students.

Your participation would greatly enhance the success of our program if you would be willing to volunteer your time for two sessions of 45 minutes each. Career day will consist of 2 sessions, each one broken down into a 30-minute talk followed by 10-15 minutes of questions and answers. A faculty member will be assigned to help you during your presentation.

The schedule for Career Day will be as follows:

Assembly-Guest Speaker	8:30 am-9:05 am	Theater/Trade Fair	11:10 am-11:50am
Session I	9:15 am-10:00 am	Lunch	11:50 am-12:15pm
Break	10:00 am-10:10 am	Athletic Council Activity	12:30 pm-2:00pm
Session II	10:15 am-11:00 am		

We would like students to come away from the day with:

- * An appreciation of the wide range of career opportunities available, both around the world and in their home country.
- * Exposure to the nature of these careers and what it takes to get there.
- * A better understanding of their own skills and interests, and how well they match career requirements in society.

If you would like to participate please fill in the following information:

Name of Speaker: _____ **E-mail and Phone #** _____

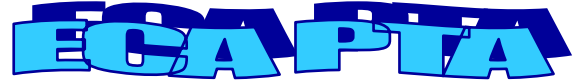
Career field: _____

Language you will be speaking: English _____ Spanish _____

Audio Visual Equipment: TV/VCR _____ Computer _____ MMP _____ Overhead Projector _____

Please attach a brief biography; this will be useful by the teacher that will introduce you at the beginning of each session. **Please return this information by the first week of November** to Ana Maria Avalos in the HS office or Kathy Furrer. Once again your participation is greatly appreciated and we're looking forward to a successful career day. For more information contact Kathy Furrer at 9933922, ext.4006 or at kathy_furrer@eca.com.ve or Ana Maria Avalos ana_maria_avalos@eca.com.ve at 9933922, ext. 4014.

Upcoming Events



ECA PTA OFFICE
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October

- 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
- 7 MS Movie Night 7:00 pm
- 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

**SCHOLASTIC
BOOK FAIR**

**Elementary School
and
Middle School**

November 10 - 14

ALL BOOKS: BsF. 10

ECA PTA



Congratulations to the Hope Club on the tremendous success of the AIDS Benefit Gala on Friday, October 10. The PTA Community Service Committee has donated 10,000 BsF. to the Hope Club to help in their support of the AIDS patients at the Algodonal Hospital HIV Ward. Please remember that every time you buy a cupcake or cookie at one of the Community Service Committee bake sales, order one of their Thanksgiving pies, or purchase their Valentine's Day flowers, you are pitching in to help with the charity causes the committee supports!

ECA PTA

