

This Week at ECA

September 5

Superintendent
 Candidates Interviews
 8:30 –12:15 MPR

September 6

Story Time
 10:30 am
 at the ECA Elementary Library



Late buses leaving at 4:45 will begin on September 8th. Students who are already bus clients can leave at either 3:30 or 4:45 pm. It is also possible to use the bus service only in the afternoons.

For more information and costs contact the bus company at 993-1862; 993-3922 ext. 1503

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

Four Candidates Interview for the Position of ECA Superintendent

As I announced last year, the 2008-09 school year will be my final year as Superintendent of Escuela Campo Alegre. ECA is a special place and it will be difficult to leave in June 2009. However, the opportunity to be the Executive Director of the European Council of International Schools is a position that I could not refuse. Fortunately, the Board of Directors has had several months to work with a search agency in securing candidates for the position of superintendent. September 2-6, four candidates will be visiting ECA and talking with various groups. On Friday, September 5 from 8:30-12:15 in the Multipurpose Room, the candidates will meet with parents. Each candidate has been allotted a 45 minute time frame to talk about themselves and to answer questions. The ECA parent community is invited to attend these sessions. Below in alphabetical order is a picture and brief description of each candidate.



Bill Johnston, currently head of Academic Cotopaxi, Quito Ecuador. He has previously worked in Uruguay, Brazil and the US. He is married to an elementary school teacher and has three adult children.



Laurence McLellan, currently head of Overseas School of Colombo in Sri Lanka. He has previously worked in Belgium, Vietnam, and Colombia. He is married to a teacher and has two children in grades 6 and 8.



Jeff Paulson, currently high school principal of ECA and acting superintendent when the superintendent is traveling. He has previously worked in the US, Peru, Malaysia, and England. His wife is a middle school guidance counselor and they have two children in grades 4 and 7.



Tom Quinn, currently superintendent of Springs School in East Hampton, New York. He has previously worked in Argentina and was an assistant elementary principal at ECA in the 1990s. He is married to a teacher and has two adult children.

All of us look forward to sharing our wonderful school with these candidates and to learn more about them. Please make them feel welcome when you see them at ECA.

Jean K. Vahey,
 Superintendent

**You Are Invited to
Join the ECA Community Choir!**



Please join us Thursday afternoons
from 3:40 – 4:30 pm in the Choir Room (Campo Dome C).

We are a fun singing group that welcomes singers of all
abilities from beginner to professional.

The first rehearsal will be on September 11. We will sing at
the Holiday Concert on December 12.

**Co-curricular program to begin
Monday, September 8th**

The co curricular program will be divided into three
sessions:

Session I September 8-November 2
Session II December 1-March 6
Session III March 9-May 29

For more information:

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HS and MS, the swimming and tennis programs for ES,
MS and HS. Scott_banack@eca.com.ve 9933922, ext.
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Kathy Furrer PK-12 Activities Coordinator, in charge of
school wide activities that are not sports related.
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Elementary School News

Elementary School Back To School Night – Thursday, September 11, 2008 6:30 pm

Parents of students in the elementary school, Nursery-5th Grade, please mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 pm**. This is the date for our **Elementary Division Back To School Night**. The evening begins in the theater at 6:30 pm with all parents and faculty, and then teachers will host parent informational meetings by grade level and specialist subject. The evening concludes with a brief social time in the STAR Plaza, ending at 8:45 pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to get to know each other. **Children do not attend this event, so you will want to make arrangements for your child/ren on that evening***

You will be receiving more information regarding this event in your child's weekly grade level newsletter. We look forward to seeing all of you on Thursday, September 11th!

***Este evento es solo para padres de ES, se agradece no traer a su(s) representado(s)**

**STORY TIME
at the ECA Elementary Library**



**Special Guest Reader: MR. NORDNESS
Saturday, September 6
10:30 a.m.
ECA PTA Friends of the Library**

Story Time is a monthly Saturday morning program organized by the ECA PTA Friends of the Library. A faculty Guest Reader reads books aloud to elementary children in the library from 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Music, craft activities, and a small snack for the children follow. Coffee and tea are available for parents. A great opportunity for families to check out books, too!

AIDS Benefit Gala



This year the Aids Benefit Gala will be held on Friday October 10th at 7:00pm.

All staff, parents, and adult members of the community are invited to perform. This is one of the few events of the year where the performances are mostly by adults from the ECA community (although some groups in the past have recruited students). However, we ask that the majority of the group consists of adults.

The idea is that the adults in the ECA community will make every effort to raise money for this valuable cause. All proceeds go to support the Aids Hospital. This yearly event is the hospital's main source of income, so please get involved.

In the past we have had acting monologues/dialogues/scenes, instrumentalists, vocalists, performance art, slideshows, dances, jugglers etc. So whatever your talent, start preparations now!

Please email Jeff Aitken if you are interested in being involved jeff_aitken@eca.com.ve

Middle School News

WELCOME NEW MS STUDENTS!

The Middle School welcomed 62 new students last week. Thirty-six students came to us from the ECA elementary school along with the twenty-six students new to ECA. These new students quickly felt a part of our student body thanks to the many students who helped welcome them. On August 18, Orientation Day, twenty-six ECA buddies along with some extra helpers welcomed incoming students and showed them around the school. It was evident by the end of the day that some lasting friendships had been made. This buddy relationship will continue throughout the first part of the year as new students adjust to ECA.

In addition to the New Student Buddy Program, this year every incoming 6th grader will have an upper classman mentor. This mentor is a 7th or 8th grade student from their advisory group who will know who they are, greet them in the hallway, answer questions and help in their adjustment to middle school.

The amount of volunteers for programs like these speaks highly of our student body. The Middle School would like to thank all students who have volunteered to be a buddy or a mentor and all the other students who have helped and will continue to offer a hand in friendship towards our new students.

High School News

IB Retreat

- **IB Retreat** will be held on Saturday, September 13. All IB Diploma candidates in 11th and 12th grades should attend. We will meet at 10:00 am in the MPR. The event will end at 12:30.
- **College Evening** for seniors, especially parents of seniors, will be held on Tuesday, September 16 in the MPR at 7 pm.
- **ECIS College Tour** will come to ECA on September 18. Workshops for students will be held from 9:30 to 10:00 and the college fair will held from 10:00 to Noon. Parents are very welcome to attend the college fair. (Please see the attached list of colleges.)

Standardized Testing Dates

SAT (Test dates for seniors)

October 4 (online registration deadline September 9)
 November 1 (online registration deadline September 26)
 December 6 (online registration deadline November 5)

ACT (Test dates for seniors)

October 25 (online registration deadline September 19)
 December 13 (online registration deadline November 7)

Library

Once Upon a Time...

A beautiful sculpture of a mother and child sharing a book, Er C Una Vez, has been donated to the ECA Library by the mother of three fine ECA graduates, Sra Leslie Reverditto-Baraybar. The sculpture can be viewed in the magazine area of the main library.

Like the mother in this lovely work of art, parents are welcome to come to the library to share a book with their children every Saturday from 9am until noon.





Upcoming Events

September

- 8 Co-curricular program begins
- 9 MS Back to School Night 6:30 pm
- 11 ES Back to School Night 6:30 pm
- 13 IB Retreat
- 16 PTA Monthly Meeting-MPR 2:00 pm
- 16 College Evening 7:00 pm
- 18 ECIS College Tour
- 25-26 Class Trips for 9-11th grades
- 25-27 Class Trip for 12th grade

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Interested in Scouting?

All boys age 11 and up are welcome to visit BSA Troop 8 at their first meeting: Wednesday, September 3rd, at 7:30 pm in the ECA Covered Court. Contact Scoutmaster John Olson, jwolson@mac.com, 0414 800 9725



The New Ballet Studio

Registration days: Monday
1st and Thursday 4th from
3:30 -4:30

Grades PK - 12th grade

For information please contact
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The Campo News is distributed each Monday with your family's youngest child for students in elementary and middle school. Each week it is also posted at : <http://www.eca.com.ve/cnews/>

High school families can check the CN electronically. Some paper copies are always available in the Main Offices and each division office if you wish to have a paper copy.