

This Week at ECA

September 30
 Principal Chat– MS ESL
 Program MPR 2:30 pm

October 2-4
 VANAS HS Volleyball
 Tournament

October 4
 SAT
 &
 Storytime 10:30 am
 Library

STORY TIME
 at the ECA Elementary
 Library



COME IN COSTUME!

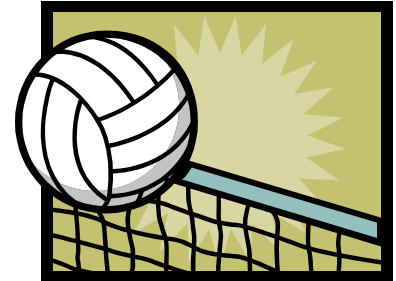
Guest Reader: Mr. Cipriano
 Saturday, October 4
 10:30 am



**ECA PTA Friends of the
 Library**

HS VANAS Volleyball Tournament

On Thursday,
 October 2 through
 Saturday, October
 4 ECA is proud to
 host the HS



**VANAS Volleyball tournament once
 again this year. Teams from
 Valencia, Maracaibo, Puerto La Cruz,
 and Caracas will all be competing
 against 4 teams from ECA. Come out
 and watch some great volleyball
 action and support the COUGARS!**

Saturday Swimming Class for Little Ones (Siblings of ECA Students)

ECA will have Saturday Swimming Class
 for children ages 6 months to 2 ½ years.
 Please contact Oswaldo Garcia
oswaldo_garcia@eca.com.ve or at the
 pool for more information.



Elementary School News

YEARBOOK PHOTO SCHEDULE 2008

<i>Sept. 29</i>	<i>Sept. 30</i>	<i>Oct. 1</i>	<i>Oct. 2</i>	<i>Oct. 3</i>
8:30 PK Soto	8:30 K Kopecky	8:30 1 Morrill	8:30 5 Van Fleet	8:30 3 Velasquez
9:00 4 Orth	9:00 Nursery	9:10 5 Banack	9:00 3 Steere	9:00 4 Fitzpatrick
9:30 K Szotyori	9:30 2 Robinson	9:30 3 Chan	9:30 2 Ross-Jones	9:30 K Robledo
10:00 4 Neeb	10:00 2 Cipriano	10:00	10:00 1 Ghinaglia	10:00 PK Copland
10:30 S. Coffman 7	10:30	10:30	10:30	10:30
11:00 Bonnet 7	11:00	11:00	11:00	11:00 T. Gonzalez 8& ESL8
11:30 Cadenas 7	11:30	11:30	11:30	11:30 1 Orjuela
12:15 Pihowich 7	12:15	12:15	12:15 Grade 8 Group	12:15 Grade 7 Group
1:30 Grade 9	1:30 Grade 10		1:30 Grade 11	1:30 Grade 12
	2:15-3:30 Grade 6 Group Indv.Art/ IT/Drama & Adv. Choir 6	2:15 Bonnet 8		2:15 T. Gonzalez 8 ESL 8
		2:45 Curran 8		2:45 Pihowich 8
		3:10 Cadenas 8		

Middle School News



PRINCIPAL CHAT: Meeting ESL Students Needs

When: September 30th from 2:30 – 3:30’pm

Where: Multipurpose Room (MPR)

This meeting will answer many of the questions you may have about the philosophy behind the ESL program, along with some guidelines on how to help our children achieve their best. What language should we speak at home? How can I help my child if I don’t speak English? How long will it take for my child to be fluent in English? What are BICS and CALP? These are some of the questions to be discussed during this chat.

Esta reunión responderá a muchas de sus interrogantes sobre la filosofía detrás del programa ESL, además de entregarles algunos consejos de como ayudar a nuestros hijos a dar lo mejor de sí. ¿Qué lengua deberíamos hablar en casa? ¿Cómo puedo ayudar a mis hijos si no hablo Inglés? ¿Cuánto tardará mi hijo en tener un Inglés fluido? ¿Qué son BICS y CALP? Estas son sólo algunas de las preguntas que se tratarán en este chat.

High School News

Freedom from Chemical Dependency Workshop October 6-10

As part of our health education program and ongoing commitment to prevention, ECA will be joined by a health educator from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD). Stephanie Haines, the educator, will visit the ECA community during the week of October 6-10. She will be working with students in grades 5-12, spending more time with the 7th and 10th graders. FCD educators are highly trained health professionals who have achieved long-term recovery from alcohol and/or other drug addictions. They provide a unique perspective and credibility to their message. They model lives that are happy, healthy, and drug-free. Stephanie Haines will host a parent chat on Thursday, October 9th at 2:30-3:30 pm in the multi-purpose room. We will be discussing an article, entitled, "Ten Questions Parents Ask FCD". You may pick a copy of the article from the main office or go to the link, <http://www.fcd.org/content/resources/parents.asp>. Then click on the article. Come join us!

Parent Chat: October 9th at 2:30-3:30pm

Multi-purpose Room

Article: "Ten Questions Parents Ask FCD"

Article Found: <http://www.fcd.org/content/resources/parents.asp>

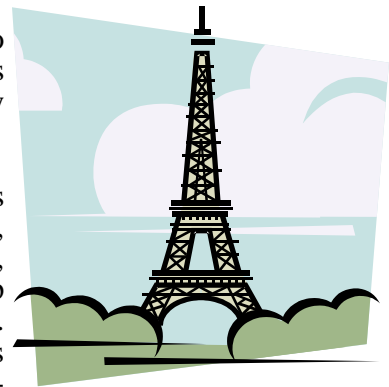
Come and join our Parent Chat!

HS International Travel Club

Dear Parents,

The new high school International Travel Club is planning a trip to Paris and Versailles for Spring Break 2009. Plans are to leave Caracas on Friday evening the 3rd of April and return the following Saturday so that students can celebrate Easter Sunday with family.

This trip will include a very full itinerary of the classic sites of Paris such as the Eiffel Tower, Arc de Triomphe and Champs Elysees, Notre Dame, Musee du Louvre, Rodin Gallery, Musee d'Orsay, Montmartre and Sacre Coeur and a cruise along the Seine. A day trip to the palace and gardens of Versailles would also be included. Students have suggested they would like to visit some of the sites from Dan Brown's *DaVinci Code*, and as this will be a student-planned trip, their wishes would be incorporated as much as possible.



The anticipated cost of the trip is 3500 to 3700 USD which includes all flights and transfers, hotel accommodations, coach transport in France, three full meals a day and entry tickets to all sites. Students would only need spending money for snacks and souvenirs.

If you would like your child to be a part of this culturally exciting and educational week in France, please have your son or daughter sign up before Wednesday, 15th of October. There is a limit on the number of students we can accommodate so please sign up as early as possible.

Sincerely,

Ms. Jean Boyd Molly (HS English department)

Mr. Roger Wolbert (HS Math department)

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Upcoming Events

October

- 4 SAT
Storytime 10:30 am Library
- 7 PTA Monthly Meeting-MPR 2:00 pm
- 10 AIDS Benefit Gala
- 20-24 Fall Break
- 25 ACT
- 29-30 ES Parent Conferences
- 29 MS & HS Conferences

November

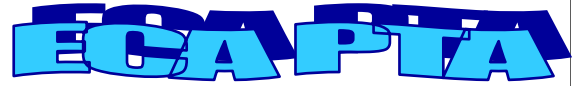
- 1 SAT
Storytime 10:30 am Library
- 4 PTA Monthly Meeting-MPR 2:00 pm
- 5-9 CAISSA HS Volleyball Tournament-Quito
- 8-11 SAMUN
- 10-14 PTA ES & MS Book Fair
- 13-15 Boys Softball Tournament
- 26 HS Career Day & Tribal Games
- 28 Co-curricular ends

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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Recycling Campaign

What does ECA recycle?

We are currently collecting and selling the recyclables (e.g., paper, cardboard, aluminum, etc.). We are still looking for customers for batteries, CDs, and other kinds of plastics.

How much does ECA recycle?

The PTA Environment Committee encourages the entire ECA community to “do its best” at recycling! Over the coming months, we will be tracking the amount of recyclable material ECA collects. After we estimate our monthly totals, we will be able to commit to clients who require a minimum amount of material before they will send a truck. If we don’t collect enough, they will not come to collect our recyclables. Take advantage of the new Auto-Recycle Program on Wednesday mornings and make a difference in our community and in our world!

Auto-Recycle Program

Recycling at ECA just got easier! On Wednesday mornings, drop your recyclables off at school without even getting out of your car! Just drive by the Recycling Center, on Level 1 of the parking garage, between 7:30 am and 8:30 am and we will take the recyclables right out of your car for you.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please e-mail the PTA Environment Committee at delnegro94@yahoo.com

CHINESE LANGUAGE GROUP



Starts Thursday, October 2

*2:30 pm
Star Plaza*

*For more information, contact Yvonne Ho
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or at 286-2580.*