



# ECA NOTE HOME

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- 1. ELEMENTARY READ-A-THON:** The Elementary classes started their annual READ-A-THON on **Friday, JAN 27** at 4:00 pm and it will continue to FEB 14. We think that rewarding reading could “jump start” youngsters to become life-long readers. Teachers will give students little report forms that say WILD for READING. Help your child select books at or above their reading level. Parents, please initial these if your child finishes a book at home. Ask 1 or 2 questions about the climax or ending of the book to be sure they read carefully. Readers will receive weekly rewards if they meet their individual goal, and if we together read **7,000 pages**, those elementary students who meet their weekly goals will not have to come to school on FEB 17, while the rest of the school has a half day of classes.
- 2. CARNATIONS FOR VALENTINE’S DAY:** Orders must be in by **tomorrow morning, JAN 31**. You do not have to have the messages on the card ready on that day, but we do need the order forms. Please remember to include the money for your orders. Order forms are available in the office until Tuesday morning, JAN 31. The flowers will be given out Tuesday, FEB 14. If you have any questions, contact Miss Davey.
- 3. TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:** This week, ECA will celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. The Board is sponsoring special Teacher Appreciation Week activities on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday. **Friday, FEB 3 has been declared a half day of school with dismissal at 12:50 PM.** After dismissal, the Board will be taking the teachers out to lunch. If your family would like to help with the cost of this special lunch, please place the donation in an envelope marked "Teacher Appreciation Lunch" and bring it to the office.
- 4. CASUAL DAY:** This Friday, FEB 3, is casual day for staff and students.
- 5. SHORT-TERM COURSES:** This year ECA will be offering a week of “Short Term Elective Classes” designed to provide instruction in topics of general interest to our students. During the week of **FEB 27 – MAR 2**, students will take 2 block “elective” courses (15 hours of instruction in each) that would be of interest to them. The idea is to have a varied learning experience woven into the routine of the semester. Please see the attached documents for more information. Sign-up forms will be given to each student today at the end of school.
- 6. BINOCULARS NEEDED:** Mr. Byerly needs binoculars for his Avian Biology short-term course. If you have some he could borrow, please contact him at [abyerly@ecaspain.com](mailto:abyerly@ecaspain.com). Thanks!
- 7. DATE CHANGE:** Visitors Day has been moved from FEB 24 to **MAR 19**.
- 8. PIRATE COSTUME NEEDED:** Mrs. Madsen needs to borrow a pirate costume (for 3 or 4 year old). If you have one she can borrow, please contact her at 91-886-6922 or [secretary@ecaspain.com](mailto:secretary@ecaspain.com). Thank you.
- 9. COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:** The Clodgos need a few childcare helpers for an event at their church in Coslada on the evening of FEB 18. If you are a high schooler who is interested in helping, please contact Tammy Clodgo (91-207-9539 OR [tammyclodgo@yahoo.com](mailto:tammyclodgo@yahoo.com)).
- 10. BEAN BAG CHAIRS:** Looking for beanbag chairs! If you have one that you'd like to part with, I'd love to have it in my classroom. Please contact me at [scarlson@ecaspain.com](mailto:scarlson@ecaspain.com). Thanks! Mrs. Carlson
- 11. BIRTHDAY CAKES:** We need volunteers to make birthday cakes for our staff birthdays for 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester. If you are interested, contact Mrs. Roseman in the school office for more information or to sign up for a specific date.
- 12. DIRECTORY CHANGES & ADDITIONS:** If you have one of the first copies, please change the date from SPRING 2011 to 2012. New address for **Jerry & Elizabeth Dirks**, Avda. de Cervantes, 26, 28880 Meco, same phone. We left off **David & Michale He** (daughter Grace, 4<sup>th</sup> grade), C/ Jose Bardasano Baos, 9, 4-C, 28016 Madrid, Cell: 636-693-392 (D), 639-434-874 (M).

## JUST AROUND THE CORNER:

### February

<b>3</b>	<b>HALF DAY (periods 5-7) - Red (M) Friday</b>
9	Mid-Quarter – Elementary Kids Club (4:15-5:15)
10	<b>Black (T) Friday</b>
13-17	Spirit Week
<b>16</b>	<b>HALF DAY (periods 1-4)</b>
<b>17-20</b>	<b>NO SCHOOL – Winter Break</b>
21	Board Meeting
24	<b>Red (M) Friday</b> – StuCo Lock-In
<b>FEB 27-MAR 2</b>	<b>Short-Term Courses</b>

### March

<b>1</b>	<b>Registration Forms available online for 2012-2013 school year</b>
2	<b>Black (T) Friday</b> – NHS Induction Breakfast
9	<b>Red (M) Friday</b>
13	NHS Pie Sale
15	Elementary Kids Club (4:15-5:15pm)
15-19	ACSI Honors Choir
16	<b>Black (T) Friday</b>
19	Visitor's Day
<b>23</b>	<b>Red (M) Friday</b> – <b>HALF DAY (periods 5-7) – End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Qtr</b> – StuCo Elem. Party
26-30	Missions Week