



# ECLC NEWS

A not-so-regular  
Newsletter from the Head of School  
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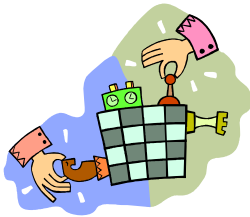
## From Andy's Desk

The *Winter Wonderland* performance was a smashing success! More than 350 family members attended this event. Thanks to all who stepped up and made this a meaningful experience for the children and a great opportunity for parents to see their children in action. A special thanks goes to Kirsten Layer and Sarah Hunziker for their tireless organization and support and for Miss Charlotte and Mr. J.B. for all their extra work with the kids at school in getting them ready for the performance. There were many others involved that contributed to the success of this events for which I also extend sincere appreciation. Well done by all!



## Learning Games

Many teachers at ECLC are developing and playing a variety of games with the students in our classrooms. There are several reasons for this. Playing games with young children helps them develop a sense of organization, taking turns, and fairness (as well as developing strategies for playing the game itself). These are all aspects of our learning program which we hope children develop during the school year. Game playing is an excellent way to promote this. Age appropriate board and card games are excellent ways to enhance a child's learning in a fun and exciting way. Give it a try!



## New Schedule for January

When the students return to school in January they will likely receive a new schedule of Special classes—especially Music and Physical Education (P.E.). The school has extended Mr. JB's music teaching duties from half-time to full-time. This means that all classes will be having music class twice a week. Also, all Preschool classes will be having P.E. twice a week. Some other P.E. class schedules have been adjusted so they will not be held 2 days in a row. Finally, we have reduced playtime on the roof by 5 minutes for the Preschool and K1 classes but have also reduced the number of classes having recess from 3 to 2 at any one time. This will make playtime safer and more enjoyable as there will be more room to run around and more opportunities for children to play with the equipment. To make up for this reduction of time we have added, where possible, an extra playtime in the afternoon for these affected classes.

## Good Bye and Hello!

We sadly bid a fond farewell to Mrs. Sylvia, Toddler teacher, who will be leaving ECLC at the winter break. She will be greatly missed by all. When we return to school in January, we will be welcoming Casey Lavender to the ECLC faculty. Casey has a Bachelor degree from Florida State University in English, ESL and Education Studies. She has most recently been the Assistant Faculty Manager at an English language institute here in Korea. Welcome, Casey!



## And Finally...

As we all enjoy a break from our usual routine over the next few weeks, please find time to pause and reflect on the wonderful sense of joy and magic that our children bring to our lives. Find time for that extra hug, a second story at bedtime, or any other way to show your child that he/she is loved.



I look forward to seeing bright, enthusiastic faces returning to school on January 11, 2010. Happy holidays to all!