



Newsletter

Monday 14th April 2008.

Diary Dates

28.4.8- 12.05.08 Mid-Term Holiday.

13.05.08 Back to School

19.05.08-23.05.08 Book Week

Management

Paul Mos, Lesley de Quartel and Sue Goddard are responsible for the smooth running of Elckerlyc from the 1st March 2008. Most parents will already know Lesley and Sue in their capacity as co-coordinators of the International School. In the absence of Paul Mos they will also be responsible for the running of both the Dutch and International departments.

Should you have a question, a problem or indeed a compliment, please do not hesitate to get in touch with them.

Paul Mos, is our new Director. He began his career in education in 1980 in Zoetermeer. Within three years he was appointed co-director of a school and within another three years he was asked to become Director.

In the meantime, he continued his studies in the evenings and in a space of ten years was successful in completing three studies. A Higher Teacher Academic Training Course was completed in Tilburg. This was followed by a two year course - School Director - in Amsterdam. A Master of Education was

later achieved at the UVA (University of Amsterdam) and the University of Nottingham.

He was appointed Director of a newly established Montessori School and at the same time completed a Montessori Education Course. He was also responsible for overseeing various school developments under the umbrella of MZH (Montessori Zuid Holland) and assisted with the problems at the Montessori school in Alphen. He was a member of the start group in Zoetermeer of the concept "dagrandscholen" (school and aftercare) and of the action group-Primary School Directors, for the Ministry of Education. He is familiar with the international school concept from close up, in that his family in their work capacity for Shell and Heineken have travelled the world. In his free time he has helped as a travel guide for people with disabilities and has been politically active as a backbencher. His main hobbies are horse riding and squash, but a broken ankle in 2006 put a premature end to these activities. He is looking forward very much to his new task as Director of Elckerlyc.

MR Meetings

The next open MR meetings are as follows:-

Thursday, 22.May Monday, 23.June

The meetings start at 20:00 and are open to all unless otherwise stated on the agenda, which can be found on the

bulletin board the week prior to the meeting.

Second hand book sale

Oliver Cable, a former student of this school and now in his final year at Rijnlands, has held a second-hand book sale at Elckerlyc each year for the past 3 years. Most of the books are children's books and in very good condition. This year the book sale will be on Wednesday 16 April from 12.15 in the aula. This is Oliver's last year at school and the sale will be the biggest ever with lots of fiction and non-fiction books in English and some Dutch books too. In the past, this has been a really popular event and books sell out very quickly. All proceeds will go to support projects to educate and train the street children of Guatemala City. (see www.safepassage.org)

Piano Lessons

Mrs. Lidia Flatz-Stranksy a former Elckerlyc parent and music teacher gives piano lessons in Oegstgeest. If you are interested in taking lessons her details are on the notice board in the entrance hall.

Extra Leave

It has been noted that requests for this facility are being submitted late and indeed sometimes when the child has already left. We would like to remind all parents of the regulations governing this facility.

Elckerlyc International School is a state subsidised school, governed by the Ministry of Education. The school is not permitted to grant leave outside the designated school holiday period, except in very special circumstances (i.e. bereavement, etc) Such leave may only be granted once per year and may not be for more than 10 school days. **Leave cannot be granted to extend school holidays**, so therefore cannot be granted just before of after a main holiday period.

All requests will have to be filled out on an official form and applied for one month in advance. If leave has been authorized parents will receive a copy of the form for their administration.

End of year celebration

Some time ago you were asked to feed back your preferences for the whole school end of year celebration. Thank you for your replies. We can now tell you that there will be a celebration followed by a BBQ - more information will follow which exact details but for now mark 20th June in your diaries.

Teddy Bear hospital

A big thank you to all parents who helped transport groups 1 and 2 to the Teddy Bear hospital in Leiden. What a fantastic day – you can take a look at us having a fab time on the Elckerlyc web page.

A baby is born

Donna Knopper and her husband Ruud have a baby boy - Jeffrey born at 6:24 on Sunday 30th March weighing 3.46 kg measuring 51 cms and sporting loads of hair.

Congratulations to you from all at Elckerlyc

Holiday dates for 2008/2009

1st day at school	1 September 2008
Leidens Ontzet	3 October
Autumn holiday	18 - 26 October 2008
Christmas holiday	20 December 2008 - 4 January 2009
Spring holiday	14 - 22 February 2009
Easter holiday	10 - 13 April 2009
May holiday	25 April - 5 May 2009*
Ascension day	21 and 22 May 2009
Whitsun holiday	1 June 2009
Summer holiday	11 July - 23 augustus 2009

*The dates for the May holiday are not yet definite – there is a possibility that some days may change.