

ESL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER
2009

DATES TO REMEMBER:

July 17, 24

Sailing on the Harbor, \$25

July 28

Class photos on Krieger Quad

July 31

Certificate Ceremony

11am-1pm

Sherwood Room



ESL Picnic: A Learning Experience for Students

Valeria Costadoni This year's summer ESL Picnic was nothing short of a huge success!

With the biggest turnout the program has seen in recent years, it is easy to understand how quickly students, faculty, and staff have bonded. Students from all classes came out to enjoy great weather, play games, meet new people, talk to friends ... and of course, eat!

For many, American picnic food turned out to be a uniquely new experience as they sampled hamburgers, hot dogs, potato salad, macaroni salad, coleslaw, cantaloupe, watermelon, brownies, cookies, and everyone's sticky favorite—s'mores.

When they weren't "chowing down," students played volleyball, conversed with their teachers, compared cultural



Birthday girl Uka sharing a special time with new friends

norms with students from other countries, and even got to try their hand at grilling on the barbeque pit.

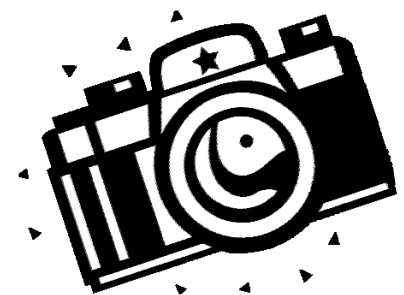
There was even an "ESL first" this summer as one of our favorite students—Uka—celebrated her 21st birthday! After bringing her own cake,

the entire group joined together in singing Uka "happy birthday" and sending her best wishes.

As the picnic wound down, everyone put in their names for the door prize drawing. Many were new to the custom of giving away door prizes, but they were very eager to participate when

they found out there were many chances to win. Three winners each got a \$25 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble bookstore, Niwana Restaurant, and Chipotle. Another nine winners were also drawn for the coveted prize of packs of chocolate bars left over from making s'mores.

After beginning the term with all this excitement, it will be interesting to see how the rest of the summer pans out!



Looking for more pictures? Check out the photo galleries under the *News & Events* page of the ESL website

Artscape 2009: Largest Free Arts Show in America

Vanessa Kaori
Verdine

Baltimore is an exciting place to be during the summer, but this weekend things will heat up even more.

From July 17th through the 19th, the entire Mount Vernon area will become the venue for **Artscape**, the largest free public arts festival in the United States. According to their website, the annual festival, now in its 28th year, “features 150+ artists, fashion designers, and craftspeople; visual art exhibits on and off site, including exhibitions, outdoor sculpture, art cars, photography...live concerts on three outdoor stages;...dance, opera, theater, fashion, film, experimental music and performances by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra; family events...demonstrations, competitions, children’s entertainers and multiple street theater locations; and a delicious, international menu of food and beverages that is available throughout the festival site.” Attendance is now at more than 350,000 people, and takes place in integral Baltimore arts scene venues including the Lyric Opera House, Meyerhoff Symphony Hall, Penn Station, and Charles Theatre.

Artscape celebrates nearly every medium of art, from performance to exhibition to activity. Artists flock to the festival to compete for the Janet and Walter Sondheim Prize, which awards one artist \$25,000 and the opportunity to exhibit at a Baltimore museum. A major attraction for all attendees is the Artists’ Market on Mt. Royal Avenue, which showcases artists making pottery, drawing, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, musical instruments, painting, photography, printmaking, and wood. The musical events range from big-name artists Robin Thicke, Dionne Warwick, and Cake, to the lineup of local DJs at The Windup Space. There are also vocal competitions, including the Billie Holiday and Cab Calloway competitions. There is open-air theater and ballet to be enjoyed as well. In addition to these features, Artscape also hosts a great variety of family activities including jewelry-making, T-shirt decorating, button-making, and paper-sculpture-making, and more.

In a poll taken in 2006 of Artscape attendees, concerts and the artist’s market were listed as the top reasons for attending the festival. The food court, dance, children’s entertainment, art workshops, fashion, theater, and film all also provided incentive



to go. Most tellingly, 87% of people said they would be absolutely attending next year, and 12% maybe or probably would. You can see the festival demographics under *Sponsors*, then *Artscape Demographics*.

The easiest way to get from campus to Artscape is to catch the JHMI shuttle from St. Paul and 33rd to Penn Station. From there, walk towards the Lyric Opera House at 140 West Mt. Royal Ave, which is at the center of the festival. There is also a new Bike Parking Zone on Maryland Avenue between Oliver Street and Mt Royal Avenue. Refer to the website at www.artscape.org for information, lists of venues and shows, a map of the festival, and more.

Word Game: Crossword Puzzle

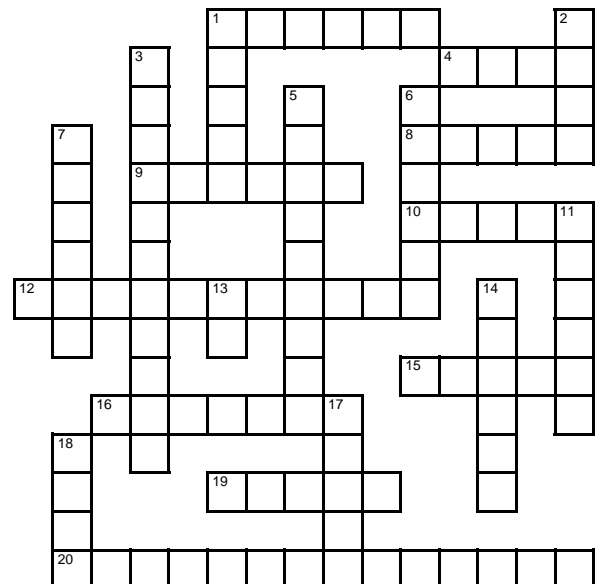
This summer there have been many film events happening around Baltimore. In the spirit of the movies, here is a word game that can be solved by using the clues listed below to form words related to filmmaking. Answers will appear in the next issue of the *ESL Newsletter*.

Across

1. Part II (6)
4. The story. (4)
8. A movie award. (5)
9. Someone who writes movie reviews (6)
10. One of the many people who act in the background of a movie.(5)
12. A movie about real life. (11)
15. A short movie appearance by somebody famous. (5)
16. Where a movie takes place. (7)
19. A short segment of a film. (5)
20. Lights, explosions, and computer graphics. (7,7)

Down

1. A movie in space. (5)
2. A main actor. (4)
3. A big movie production. (11)
5. A cartoon film. (9)
6. A funny movie. (6)
7. A scary movie. (6)
11. Schwarzenegger's film genre. (6)
13. Famous movie alien. (2)
14. What you use to film a movie. (6)
17. Kind of movie. (5)
18. Famous movie shark. (4)



Baseball Game Worth the Wait

Valeria Costadoni On Saturday, July 11th, students came out to enjoy a classic summer event—an American baseball game.

After some worry about the weather, students finally settled in to their upper deck seats for a great view of Camden Yards as the Baltimore Orioles faced off against the Toronto Blue Jays.



ESL family and friends still smiling even in to the extra innings

Some students were confused as to the rules of baseball and how the game is played, but they learned very quickly what baseball is all about. As favored

players came up to bat, the crowd cheered and reacted with great enthusiasm. Students danced along to all the musical flourishes at the ends of each inning, sang “Take Me Out to the Ballgame” at the seventh inning stretch, bought hotdogs and peanuts, celebrated each scoring run, and even learned about Oriole Park traditions, such as the Kiss Cam, the Condiments Race, and the shouting of “O!” during the “Star Spangled Banner.”

One Oriole tradition that students particularly enjoyed was the cheering of left-fielder Luke Scott’s turn at bat by shouting his name in one long syllable: “Luuuuuuuuuke!” Many wondered why the fans were booing a player on the home team, but once they realized what was really happening, they eagerly awaited Luke’s next turn at bat.

The game got tense around the sixth inning as the Blue Jays tied with the Orioles and it didn’t look like the game was going to be



A view of Oriole Park at Camden Yards

settled any time soon. With no clear winner by the ninth inning, the game went in to overtime—a rare event in baseball—and stretched out to the bottom of the eleventh inning. In the end, it was well worth the wait as the Orioles scored a massive final home run and won the game. Everyone jumped to their feet and celebrated a perfect end to a long day at the ball park.

This was definitely one of the most exciting Orioles games in recent summers and we thank all of the ESL students and their families for coming out and making this a very special event.

We hope to see more of you at next summer’s game!

Certificate Ceremony Reminder

As we reach the middle of the summer, it is time to look forward to what lies ahead in ESL.

Don’t forget that the Certificate Ceremony is approaching fast! On Friday, July 31st, ESL students, faculty, and staff will meet in the Sherwood Room of Levering Hall to share international dishes, receive certificates of completion, and look back on a great summer.

Students are encouraged to bring in a

food dish to share with their classmates. In the past, students have also performed songs, dances, and poems as entertainment.

If you’re interested, stop by the ESL office to let us know what you plan to share.

See you there!

