



Dear ECC Faculty:

Happy 2009! The following explanation of ECC culture came to us with a gift of a pomegranate from Dr. Carol Cowles, Dean of Students. It is such a wonderful analogy that we asked her if we could share it with you, our faculty colleagues. At this time of year when this funny fruit is widely available in local grocery stores, please consider how our ECC family is like the pomegranate. And this Thursday we come back together again to continue our work as members of our ECC family.

Thank you, Carol, for permission to share this sentiment with our colleagues!

With our best wishes,  
Sarah, Dan, Sue, Dave, Cindy, and Linda  
Your ECCFA Officers



**A pomegranate is not much to look at from the outside. It does not grow and develop in the richest of soil and is covered by a tough skin. Yet when you take the time to open it, the jewel-like individual fruits are wondrous. They are separated into segmented groups and within each segment, there are fruits that are fully developed and others that are developmental. The colors range from a deep burgundy to a pale tan and each has a unique flavor. Once opened, pomegranates must be handled with care. So take a taste and then another. Just when you think you have fully enjoyed your pomegranate, you feel a tiny pit left on your tongue...but don't spit it out; it is crunchy and delicious. Our ECC family *is* like the pomegranate.**

