

**Weekly Calendar**

Middle School Parent Conference  
November 5 - All Day

**Recognition Assembly**

November 7 at 9:05-9:35 am  
in the Theater

**Middle School Community  
Forum**

November 8 5:00 pm  
Room 600

At Risk Behavior - Information  
and Action

Egypt Festival  
November 12-16

**Progress Reports - Edline**

November 22

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**The November Issue of Cairo  
Glyphics**

is available online at the CAC  
Website

<http://www.cacegypt.org/> under  
News & Updates.

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November 2, 2006

**Dear Parents,**

No News is Good News was our motto this week - we need to change that for this News and Views. There is a lot of Good News from the Middle School. As I write the students and chaperones of the Grade 7 and Grade 8 Prime Trips are making their way back to Cairo. We are pleased to report that they had a positive week of travel, learning and adventure in Aswan and the Western Desert. We are also very proud of their behavior. All reports indicate that they served as wonderful ambassadors for CAC during these trips. We hope you are ready to listen to their stories this weekend.

Now the Seventh and Eighth Grade classes were not the only groups to have a taste of a different landscape and culture this week. On Tuesday, the Sixth Grade was able to enjoy some of the sights and sounds of Sub-Saharan Africa through the slides of Cathy Berghahn. Ms. Berghahn is new to CAC this year and is currently teaching science in the Middle School. She moved to Cairo after many years of teaching and traveling in central Africa.

Students were treated to fantastic wildlife shots as well as views of the landscapes of Africa. Human geography was explored through pictures of the Massai tribe and discussion of traditional lifestyles. The challenges this area of Africa faces, as well as conflicts between traditional and modern cultures were discussed. Thanks to Ms. Berghahn for sharing her photos, artifacts, information and enthusiasm!! She also had Grade 6 students going to new heights with their rockets on Sunday.

So the news is that it has been another productive and educational week for the CAC Middle School. Thank you for your support of our international learning community. Have a good weekend.

Sincerely,

**Michael Popinchalk**  
Principal

**Mark Anderson**  
Assistant Principal

## Egypt Festival

All CAC Community Members, please mark your calendars for the week of November 9th - 16th. We can all celebrate the many flavors and tastes of Egypt. Famous artists, craftsmen, henna tattoos, Egyptian food and folk troops are among the many we will share with you. Please check our website for the detailed schedule of events:

<http://www.cacegypt.org/Eg/activities> .

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### Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 5	No School
Monday, 6	5C
Tuesday, 7	6C
Wednesday, 8	7D
Thursday, 9	8H



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### Parent Conferences - Middle School

There are no classes for students on Sunday, November 5 as the Middle School faculty meet with parents. Conference schedules have been established and parents are reminded to please be on time. If you have not scheduled a conference and arrive unannounced, we will not be able to schedule you on that day. Due to the high interest of parents to meet with some teachers, it may be necessary to arrange a meeting between now and the next set of progress reports that will be issued on November 22. Thank you for your interest in meeting with our faculty. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we try to complete the current schedule of conferences.

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## Peppy Painted Panels Perk up the Grade 6 Area

Next time you head across the field to the Middle School building, take a glance up at the striking designs on display created by the Grade 6 Art Exploration classes! They performed excellent collaborative teamwork throughout the process and should feel proud of their achievements! Look for their signatures on the work! Thank you to Ms. Knox and Ms. Klimentos for their artistic Direction.



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## PTO Notice Board

### Multicultural Committee Field Trip

Please mark your calendars now for an opportunity to visit Mohamed Ali's Palace on Thursday, November 9. Transportation by bus to and from the school will depart at 8:30 and return by 2:30. Lunch, at your own expense, will be at the Happy Land Restaurant over the Nile. Tour guide's fee shared by all who attend. To reserve a place or for more information, please contact Soumaia at [Soumaiaashafik@yahoo.com](mailto:Soumaiaashafik@yahoo.com). Deadline for reservations is noon, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Phone Directories

By now, every family should have received a copy of this year's CAC Phone Directory. We have done our best to publish all information correctly. If you do find an error in your listing, please email [pto@cacegypt.org](mailto:pto@cacegypt.org) and at some point a correction may be published. Thanks to the Admissions office and the Information Technology group for help in publishing this book, as well as the PTO Phone Directory Committee: Aida Jebeyli, Yunita Mowry, Dawn Ravesies, Jo Everitt, Erika Harms, Nancy Hughes, Howayda Fayyad, Eva Addison, Riana Van Tonder, Jacqueline Seneshen, Shirley Kendrick, Karen Bloomfield, Heidi Thurmon, and Amy Moritz. If you would like to have more than one copy of the directory, additional copies may be purchased in the PTO Room (Room 18, above the ID Office, the former Lost and Found), on the honor system, for 20 LE. Please place your money in the cash box next to the directories if you take one!

### Recycling Bins for Plastic and Aluminum

The PTO is very pleased to announce that these containers will be put by the MAIN ENTRANCE of CAC early in November. Please recycle and play a part saving Mother Nature. The poor dear is suffocating!

### Staff Appreciation

This event is just around the corner, and we would really appreciate if parents would send a dish with their child to bring to school on November 8 and to drop off at the Elementary Lunch Room as they come in the morning. Thank you so much; your contribution is greatly appreciated.

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## Thespian Production: 'A Midsummer Night's Rockin' Eve' November 14, 15, 16

The Thespian production this year is a modern adaptation of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', and sees a cast of 35 high school students dance, sing and act their way through a fast paced comical script, that includes many familiar hits from 'The Beatles'. Directed by Stacey Goldie, choreographed by Allyson Condrath and with a band directed by Will Coppoc, this show is a must see.

The play is set in South River High School in the present day, and Dr. Desmond-Forest Oates, fine arts chair, is trying to cast 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' for their school production. In real life love is in the air for Allison and Berke, or is it love for Berke and Kelly, and who is this new guy, Striker? Will he get the main part in the play? Will he get the girl? And will real life start to merge with the plot of the play as it unfolds? Come and find out.

All Performances are in the CAC Theater on: Tuesday, November 14 (Preview) at 7 p.m., Wednesday, November 15 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. Tickets are 20LE at the box office (or the front gate from 3.00-3.30pm)

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## THREE CHEERS

Three cheers to all the trip leaders and chaperones of the Grade 7 and Grade 8 PRIME trips. We are grateful for all their efforts to make these wonderful learning experiences a success.

Three Cheers to **Mr. Tutwiler**, CAC Board Member and Middle School parent for his informative presentation to the Grade 7 students on the Aswan High Dam before they departed for their Prime Trip

Three Cheers to the Grade 6 Art Exploratory Classes for making the Middle School building more colorful.



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## Guidance Corner

On Wednesday, November 8 at 5:00 pm the Middle School Counselors will be presenting a parent forum on tobacco, alcohol and drug use by teenagers and more specifically, students at CAC. The forum is structured in such a way that parents will have the opportunity to participate in activities and communicate with other parents as well as receiving information related to the topic. This forum is open to any parent with a Middle School child, but the target audience will be parents of 8 th Graders. Join us in Room 600 on Wednesday, November 8 at 5:00 Thank you for your support.

*Mr. Ridenour, Mr. Kimerer, and Ms. Duke*

## Parent-Teacher Conferences

Regular parent-teacher conferences for all families are an essential building block of home-school communication. These meetings allow parents, teachers, and students to discuss and evaluate a student's progress. Conferences are a time for listening, sharing, and asking questions. It is a time to reinforce the idea of working a team. Even if your child is doing well, it is an opportunity to show your child that what they do in school is important to you.

### **At the conference:**

- Remember that time is limited.
- Come prepared with your questions or concerns.
- Avoid too much small talk.
- Discuss serious concerns immediately.
- Ask to see your child's work, if appropriate. Request specific examples to illustrate any concerns the teacher has outlined.
- Make an action plan and review it together.
- Seek clarification and summarize as you go.

### **Questions to consider**

- What are your expectations for my child?
- Is my child meeting grade expectation?
- Is my child working to his or her fullest potential?
- How is my child's self-esteem?
- How does my child relate to his/her peers?
- Does my child contribute/participate in class?
- Does my child complete assignments?
- Does my child make good use of class time?
- Does my child seek extra help, if needed?
- What extra help is available?
- Does my child show good behavior in class?
- What can I do at home to support learning in the classroom

The conference is a good opportunity to thank your child's teacher. Mention any projects or schoolwork your child has particularly enjoyed or is excited about.

**Concerns:** Sometimes you won't feel satisfied with the outcome of the conference.

- If you are not clear about what the teacher has just told you, ask for an explanation.
- If you are concerned about your child's performance at school, avoid blaming or accusing anyone, but make it clear that you want to explore all options for your child.
- If you suspect your child has difficulties that are going to be ongoing, write up a short summary of the conference while it is still fresh in your mind.
- If you find yourself losing your temper, keep your cool. Avoid insulting or attacking the teacher personally. Treat others the way you wish to be treated.
- If you are upset, try to communicate non-defensively.
- If you feel that the interview was not productive schedule a follow-up conference and find out the best way to continue communication.

By working with your child and teacher(s) as a team, sharing information/concerns and asking questions you can make parent-teacher conferences work well for all involved.