

Weekly Calendar

Winter Social

January 31, 7:00-9:30 pm in the High School Gallery

Recognition Assembly

February 5- 9:00-9:30 am in the Theater

Spirit Week

February 10-14

Progress Reports

February 14

Professional Development Day

No School for Students

February 17

Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 3	8H
Monday, 4	1A
Tuesday, 5	2E
Wednesday, 6	3B
Thursday, 7	4F

January 31, 2008

Dear Parents,

A cold rainy week has not dampened the spirits of the Middle School as we get ready to celebrate the life and work of William Shakespeare. We had a wonderful assembly today and the students worked hard to take us back to the "Days in the Globe". We thank all of the teachers and Ms. Yendall for her effort in creating this year's event.

Middle School Soccer is off to a great start with a large number of boys and girls participating in the program. The EMAC sports festival students have been working hard this week and are in their final preparations before heading off next week to represent CAC in Amman Jordan. We have our first social event of the year tonight and we are expecting a large turnout for a fun night of games and dancing. Our last social in December was attended by over 200 Middle School students. Parents we ask that you are there at 9:30 sharp to pick up your students.

Students Council is busy right now planning Spirit Week. The committees are planning the grade level competitions and we are looking forward to a great week of grade level camaraderie and spirit. Though we love fun in the Middle School we are also committed to academics and the third quarter is rapidly approaching the mid point. Progress reports are coming on the 14th of February and we are proud of all of the excellent work and classroom activities that our students are producing and engaged in. Please be in communication with your students to ensure that they are following up with all the curricular expectations our outstanding faculty are providing them with. Next Tuesday we will be recognizing many of these achievements at our recognition assembly.

Michael is in Iowa at the recruiting fair and he mentioned it is a comfortable 35° F below zero. We are excited and looking forward to hearing about our future Middle School teachers. The campus has been a quiet and empty this week as the High School is off on their Week Without Walls program. A small group of High school students have spent this week in the middle school as teacher apprentices. They have been helping out in classes and teaching a few lessons as they experience the opportunity to view education from the teaching perspective. We thank them for their service and choosing to work in the Middle School.

Have a great weekend and stay warm,

Sincerely,

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Shakespeare Rehearsal

Cold Weather

Mornings are damp and chilly, but many students are coming to school with light weight clothes. Parents, please make sure your child wears something warm in the morning.

Middle School Activities

It is a busy time around the middle school at lunch and after-school. Students have a wide variety of offerings available this quarter such as board games, electronics club and ping pong at lunch as well as Horseback riding, arts and crafts, environmental action, knitting, fencing, Math Workshop, Virtual Science Fair and Flag Football. These are just a few of the offerings available - students must listen for morning announcements to see when these clubs and activities meet. For more information please contact Angela Dillon, adillon@cacegypt.org

Parental Reminders

New Year Reminder: No CAC ID - No Entry to Campus

Thank you to parents as well as Middle and High School students for ensuring that you carry your CAC identification card with you and show it to our security personnel in order to gain entry to the campus. We very much appreciate your support as we introduce new guidelines for our students in Grades 6-12 and adhere to our guidelines for adults.

Please remember, if an ID holder neglects to present a valid CAC ID card after 5:30 p.m. for a second time, the individual will be prevented from entering campus until he or she locates the card and shows it to our security personnel. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Podcast

Did you know that, besides receiving the middle school morning announcements as an email it is posted as a Podcast on the CAC Webpage? If you go to the CAC Webpage, then the Middle School link, on the right-hand side you will see a link for the Morning Announcements. Click on it and choose the day you want to listen to. The Podcast is generally a condensed version of the written announcements so for further information refer to the announcements you receive by email or look for the announcements posted at strategic locations around the middle school.

The morning announcement Podcast are brought to you by Mr. Johnson's Podcasting class.

Thank you and happy listening.

Printer Cartridge Recycling

Middle School students and staff are encouraged to recycle computer printer cartridges.

Bring cartridges in for recycling whether they are from printers here at school, your home, or other workplace (parent's office).

Special collection boxes are located in Mr. Paul's Computer Lab 65 and the Faculty Room. Recycling ink cartridges is an ongoing Green Team initiative, so please make it a habit to recycle your printer cartridges throughout the year.

Cartridges accepted for recycling:

- All brand names
- Both black and colored ink jet
- Black toner (no color please)

So far this school year, MS students and staff have brought in 36 empty cartridges for recycling. Ecotek, a local Egyptian ink cartridge recycling company, has paid us 471 LE for our empty cartridges. They will then refill and refurbish the cartridges to be sold again.

The money we have received in the past for recycled cartridges has been put toward supporting other green initiatives here at CAC including the:

- Purchase of green bins for paper recycling in the classrooms & offices
- Purchase of blue barrels for plastic and aluminum can recycling
- Purchase of a water bottle refill station near the Health Office (New! January 2008)

If you have any further questions about this or any of the green initiatives here on campus, please feel free to contact one of us. Thanks for your ongoing support to be *Clean and Green at CAC!*

Sincerely,

MS Green Team Reps

Mr. Popinchalk

Ms. McAninch

Mr. Oswald

PTO Notice Board

PTO EVENTS 2008

The PTO will be holding two events this semester, an international Spring Fair and a Garage Sale:

One of the attractions of the Spring Fair will be a themed Basket Raffle which raises money to fund specific projects to benefit our school, as well as a percentage being donated to charity. This would be an opportune time to think about items that you can donate as contributions to our Basket Raffles. Contributions of any size are welcome.

CAC-PTO Garage Sale



Cleaning out your closet or need to get rid of too much stuff? Why not rent a table at the PTO Garage Sale on:

February 23- 2008, at Cairo American Softball Field (opposite to Victoria college), between 9am - 1pm.

Any CAC ID card holder may rent a table for:

100 LE for Goods and Things

200 LE for Food Stall

Entrance Tickets will be sold at CAC between: Sun -Thurs: 17-21 Feb and on the day of Garage sale at **Cairo American Softball Field** for 10 LE

For more information and to reserve your table, please contact:

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Community Announcement

The Digla Dash Event: Mark It on Your Calendars

On Friday, February 8, the annual Mike Ross Digla Dash takes place. This is an opportunity to raise money for charity by walking/running in Waadi Digla. It's a family-friendly, fun and healthy activity for the weekend, and we hope that all members of our CAC community will get involved and support the event. There is a 2.5 kilometer course for younger children and a five and ten kilometer course for older students and adults with a start-time of 11 a.m. at the race site (buses depart from the CAC front gates at 10 a.m.). Registration forms can be completed by visiting the CAC website, or you can call the Athletics Office at 2755-5417 for more information.

Counselors Corner

New Student Orientation Trip

Last Friday, Jan. 25th, new students and Peer Buddies got together and visited historic Coptic Cairo. A professional guide helped the students learn about early Roman influence, the Hanging Church, first Synagogue in Cairo and much more. Later, all were treated to a short Nile cruise along with a great Chinese food lunch. It was a great opportunity for new students to socialize with each other and learn more about the Egyptian Culture.

Building Responsibility: Reading With Your Child

Keep your child learning after you close the book. Some of the best reading times take place after you've closed the book. Once you've finished your read-aloud time for the day, there are ways you can boost your child's reading skills even more. Following are some tips on what to do after you've closed the cover of the book. Ask your child:

- To tell you the story in his own words.
- What he would do if he were in the story. In Tom Sawyer, would he want to be Tom or Huck?
- What would he do in Crispin's place in the Newbery Award winning book, Crispin, the Cross of lead?
- To make connections to his own life. Has he ever felt like one of the characters in the book he's reading?
- To think about different points of view. How would Little Red Riding Hood be different if it were told from the wolf's side?
- What he liked and what he didn't like. Why? You might even challenge him to write a review of a book.
- To talk about lessons he has learned from the book. For example, what did he learn about managing his temper from the story of Daren McCall in Center Court Sting?
- To find locations where books were set. Get out maps or a globe. Find the countries or cities mentioned in favorite books.

Ms. Jo Jean Schulte A-K

Mr. Patrick Kimerer L-Z