

Weekly Calendar

February 28, 2008

Dear Parents,

High School Registration Meeting for Grade 8 Students
March 2 & 3 - Room 70

We have completed another positive and productive week of classes in the Middle School. The week also included standardized testing, a concert, important discussions on healthy choices and guest speakers on environmental awareness.

Grade 8 Parent Night for High School Registration
March 4 - 7:00-9:00 pm - High School Gallery

The consultants from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) have completed their two weeks of meeting with students at CAC. FCD, based in Newton MA, provides alcohol and other drug education to U.S. and international school communities. Grade 7 students received programming in small group settings and a parent forum was held last night. The overall goal of their visit was to address individual/group attitudes and behavior thereby minimizing the risks of substance use and abuse. We thank the FCD representatives, Mr. Tim Ryans and Ms. Connie Kim, for joining us here at CAC and doing an excellent job interacting with CAC students on these important issues.

Middle School ISTA Auditions
March 2-4, 3:15-5:00 pm

Middle School NESA Virtual Science Fair
March 4-6 - Room 600

The Middle School musicians stood out on Wednesday night at the Band and Strings Showcase in the theater. The Beginning Band performed for the first time in public and their five musical numbers were the opening to a wonderful concert. The 7/8 Band showed they were ready to contribute to the High School Symphonic Band in the future and the contributions from Middle School students to the Jazz Band and String ensemble made it a special evening of music. Congratulations to all the musicians and we acknowledge the professional efforts of Mr. Fedorak and Ms. Jeung.

Social Night
March 6 7:00-9:30 pm in the High School Gallery

Grade 6 Luxor Trip Parent Information Meeting
March 10 - 2:00-3:00 pm

Winter Athletic Award Night
March 11 - 7:00-9:00 pm in the Theater

Next week the Middle School will highlight the importance of science as various teams present their research at the NESA Virtual School Science Fair. This is our second year of participation in this event and we have twice the number of teams involved from a year ago. Please visit campus next week to see the projects that have been completed. Have a good weekend and we thank you for your continued support of our Middle School learning community.

CAT Team Meeting
March 12 - 3:30-5:00 pm in the Counseling Center

Counseling Community Forum on Sun Safety
March 17 - 9:00 am Room 600

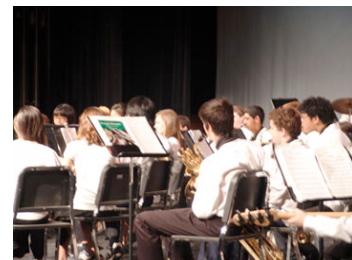
Sincerely,

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Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 2	3B
Monday, 3	4F
Tuesday, 4	5C
Wednesday, 5	6G
Thursday, 6	7D



Middle School Activities

Middle School Hosts Two Speakers

Geography students in Grade 7 have been studying the impact of oil exploitation on the environment and people of the Niger Delta as well as the desertification process in the Sahel. Two representatives from the Shell Oil company spoke to these students this week in the Middle School. Mr. Austin Igbuku, Manager of safety, health, environment and sustainable development and Mr. Hossam Ezzeldin, environment advisor represented the company. Mr. Igbuku is Nigerian, from the Niger River Delta and Mr. Ezzeldin is Egyptian. Mr. Igbuku spoke very successfully with our students last year and we were pleased to have him back. Students posed thoughtful questions which both men answered in a forthright manner. They had an effective and stimulating powerpoint presentation which reinforced their current study of the issues in both areas. The Middle School acknowledges the efforts of Mrs. Placht who coordinated this interesting presentation for the Middle School.



The Local Portion of The NESAs Virtual Science Fair is coming up next Wednesday March 5th.

The set up day for our 26 teams is on Tuesday March 4th, judging and viewing by the classes will take place during the day on Wednesday March 5th.

In the evening of March 5th from 5-7 pm students will present their projects to parents and the community. Come out to room 600 that evening and see the wide variety of projects done by a talented group of young people. This year we have over 50 student participants.

All participants received a letter this week with further details about their projects and needs for next week. If you have not seen it yet, please ask your child to show it to you.

CAC's Multilingual Book Collection

Last Thursday CAC conducted a formal celebration of International Mother Language Day. As this is also the Year of the Reader, it is a perfect time to encourage a visit to the Multilingual Book Collection in the CAC library. Currently there are more than 1,500 books representing 36 languages on the shelves, and there are still many more in the process of being added. Financial support for

the collection has been provided by the CAC Academic Innovation fund, as well as the PTO. In addition, several families and teachers have also generously donated new and used books.

This year the focus has been on books for the Middle School and High School students, so you will begin to find a variety of fiction and nonfiction that support the CAC curriculum (e.g., translations of Hamlet and To Kill a Mockingbird), as well as popular books students want to read simply for personal interest and enjoyment.

We are especially appreciative of those parents and students who have helped us purchase books in other countries to bring back to Cairo. Many others have provided invaluable help translating titles so that we can enter them into our English-based circulation system. In fact, right now, we need help in translating Thai, Japanese, French, Dutch, and Norwegian. If you would like to help us purchase books (we still have some funds available for reimbursing you for new books this year) or translate titles, simply contact Beth Hawley (bhawley@cacegypt.org). Spring Break travel will provide a perfect opportunity to pick up one or two more books to put on our shelves!

Parental Reminders

Athletic Awards Night

CAC parents and sports fans, we need your help! The Athletic Awards Night is scheduled for Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 P.M. in the CAC Theater. Booster Club needs photos of your students involved in Winter Season JV and Varsity teams to create the slide show. If you have game, practice, travel, or just fun photos of you or your child or their teammates, please email Melanie Nelson at: melanieextex@hotmail.com and arrange to either put the photos on a CD or a memory stick and get to her as soon as possible. As ISST athletes only return to school on the 10th and the Awards Night is the 11th, you can see that the turnaround time to create the slide show is extremely short this season.

Varsity and JV teams included this season are: JV Boys & Girls Soccer, JV & Varsity Basketball, JV and Varsity Tennis, JV & Varsity Wrestling, JV & Varsity Cross Country, and JV & Varsity Swimming.

Booster Club wants to include all teams in the slide show but it is up to you to provide the photos of a great season! Congratulations to all our athletes this season and thanks to all our parents for your support!

CAC Counseling Community Forum - Topic: Sun Safety Monday, March 17 - 9:00 am - Room 600

Although the weather lately has been cool, it will be warming up soon! And as the sun begins to make more frequent and longer appearances, it's time to be reminded how we can enjoy the sunshine in safe and healthy ways.

Join us for a presentation by Dr. Scott Kennedy, US Embassy Medical Officer, on the topic of Sun Safety on Monday, March 17 at 9:00 am in Room 600.

Middle School Yearbook

Guess What? It's that time of the year again! Yearbooks are now officially on sale. Don't be late, reserve yours now at the school store! Cost is the same as last year. LE 250 before April 1. After April 1 until April 15 the cost is LE 270. Hurry before supplies run out!

Lost and Found

Parents, we are urging you to check the lost and found in the room beside the ID office. There are many clothing items and prescription glasses. This week we cleaned out the Middle School hallways - so please take a look!

DHL Rate Increase

We have recently learned that DHL will be increasing their rates. Please be advised that beginning March 9, 2008, the rates will increase to LE97 for the basic rate (half-kilo). Thank you for your understanding.

Larry Kraut - CAC Business Manager

PTO Notice Board

The PTO Board has reluctantly decided to cancel the Spring Fair on March 15th due to a lack of volunteers.

Community Announcement

Water Bottle Refill Station



Purpose:

- Minimize the use of disposable plastic bottles.
- Offer the CAC community a means of refilling reusable water bottles with bottled-quality water.

Details:

- Tap water is filtered using the reverse osmosis technology. This is the same process used by commercial bottled-water companies.
- As with all our campus drinking fountains, water quality tests are coordinated by our school Health Office to ensure safe, clean water.
- Filters are monitored and changed regularly to maintain bottled-water quality.

Location:

Right of Health Center Entrance

Sponsored by:

CAC Green Team Committee

CAC Maintenance Team



THREE CHEERS

Three Cheers for the entire Middle School for their behavior during the Elementary School Kids Day event - we appreciate your support and cooperation during the day long event!

Three Cheers to Aly Sheta who found money on the field and returned it to the office - thank you Aly for your honesty!

Three Cheers for the Middle School musicians who performed during the Band and Strings Showcase concert!

Three Cheers to all the students preparing to present their research at the NESAs Virtual School Science Fair!

Counselors Corner

High School Course Registration for Grade 8 Students

The course registration process for our Middle School Eighth Graders will be presented on March 2nd and 3rd next week. The Grade 9 High School counselor, Susan Tennyson, will be meeting with our Eighth Graders in small groups over this two day period here at Middle School to explain the registration process and give information to the students about the courses available and the course selection card. While these small group meetings are for students only, the High School will be having a parent presentation on March 4th in Room 600 from 7:00pm to 9:00pm to explain the registration process and answer questions that parents may have. Please make sure your Eighth Grade student is not absent during the registration process.

Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS)

This past week all of our Middle School students took the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) tests. This was a standardized, group administered, test that helps measure a students achievement in the areas of reading, writing and math. The results will soon be mailed off to the USA for scoring. Once we receive the results back, we will send the individual students test results home to parents. There will be a short presentation to parents about how to interpret the ITBS test scores from the Middle School counselors in late March or early April depending on date of return of the test results.

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Mr. Patrick Kimerer L-Z