

Weekly Calendar

ISTA Festival

May 7-11 in Tanzania

**Middle School Community
Forum - Room 70
ITBS Standardized Test
Results**

May 12 at 10:00 am-11:00 pm

Dance Performance

May 15 at 9:00-9:30 am in the
Theater

May 8, 2008

Dear Parents,

The groundbreaking ceremony this week at CAC was a special event to witness. A day after the event, a number of students came up and questioned why the area used for the digging had been covered over and leveled. They were genuinely worried that the Elementary School building project was being delayed or not going to happen!

The Middle School is now preparing for the next set physical changes that are about to take place on the campus. When we return to classes on Sunday the tennis courts will be closed and materials for the future security fence will be stored in that space. They will begin preparations to install the fence that will start going up on May 15. On that same day the CAC track officially closes for the rest of this school year.

The teaching and learning process continues in the Middle School and next Thursday we look forward to the student dance performance. This is the first set of student presentations, in the performing arts, that will take place during the month of May.

Today all Middle School students in Grades 5, 6 and 7 were given the 2008-09 Program of Studies and a course registration card for next August. Please take time to look at the information with your child and talk about a plan for the next school year. All cards are due back by May 11 and if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a Middle School counselor.

Have a good weekend and thank you for your continued support of our Middle School learning community.

Sincerely,

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Schedule at a Glance

Sunday, 11	4F
Monday, 12	5C
Tuesday, 13	6G
Wednesday, 14	7D
Thursday, 15	8H





Middle School Activities

CAC Groundbreaking Ceremony

Our CAC Groundbreaking Ceremony was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of our school community. Thanks go to our CAC Board of Trustees, past and present; our CAC Administration, especially, Monica Greeley, John Hollenbach, Mark Sullivan, Larry Kraut, Rob DeWolf, Michael Popinchalk, and Seamus Marriott; our Corporate Sponsors, Apache, BP, and Coca Cola; Faculty and Staff representatives, Jailan Abbas and Hebbi Nour; PTO Chair, Elmare Maurin; Parent volunteers Lisa Ferguson, Pat Murray, Gigi Hamdy, and Nikki Wehr; and our fantastic custodial and engineering staff!

Extra-special thanks to the following for making the day so memorable: the High School Cairo Kickers: Katelyn Usher, Lexi Campbell, Claire Williams, Kelsy Lehnert, Simone Becker, Yasmine Nazmy, Kenzy Mazhar, Estephany Osorio, Maddy Cowper, Ayan Hotchkiss, Hana Maatak, Myriam Diljane, and Mascot, Luke McIntosh. We extend thanks, also, to their sponsors, Mrs. Natalie Usher and Ms. Tennyson.

Extra-special thanks also goes to Mrs. Metwally and her 4M class: Emily Adams, Burak Akin, Haneen Al-Sharji, Leila Alkhatay, Lyric Bowditch, Colton Brooks, Nadia El Rashidy, Nadine Eloselly, Rafik Greiss, Sung Jun Hong, Fares Kamar, Ram Kedem, Salma Khattab, Jee Hyo Kim, Michael Nmair, Nicole Read, Abigail Spira, Natalia Trzeciak, and Taro Yuasa. Thanks, also, to Mrs. Rebecca Nerenhausen for her direction and support.

And last but not least, we really dig our fantastic student representatives: ES students: Taymour Riad-PreK, Mitchell-KGS, Helen Berger-1H, Joelle Rodriguez-2G Aakshi Chaba-3H, James Jones-4S, and Michaela Kollin, 5D. Our Middle School students- Leila Elabbady, Middle School Student Council President - Grade 8, Dory Jones - Grade 7, Timmy Khalifa - Grade 6, and our High School Student Council President, Dina Elabd.

Thanks to all our students, parents, faculty, and staff for turning out to witness this special moment in CAC's history.

Vocals 2008

This year the CAC vocal CD has been recorded and mixed by a British sound engineer and the quality is superb. The CD includes a mixture of solos and choir numbers and the feeling is very upbeat. Please forward your money to Mr. Reda, the school cashier in the administrative building. The CD is 100 Le/US\$15 for one copy and the special deal is "buy two and get one for free". Sales are by pre-order. Mr. Reda will issue a receipt and the music department will deliver the CD on the 18th of May. Thank you for your support of this endeavor. Louise Guthleben

Middle School Yearbook

Middle School Yearbook sales have extended! Get your yearbook in the school store for 270 L.E. until May 15th! After that the price goes up to 300 L.E. The price includes a special edition CD version of the years.

Summer Program News

The CAC summer program course offerings are now available online. This year you can register either by visiting our office on campus or online by going to www.cacegypt.org and pressing on the summer program link. The session dates are: June 15 - 16, June 29 - July 10 and July 13 - 24th. Take advantage of the early bird registration fee and register before May 15th.

First Annual World Languages Fair - May 25

The first Annual World Languages Fair showcases the theme of "World Sustainability". It is a day long event on Sunday, May 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and it will take place in the second-floor gym (beside the PE department offices). This fair is for the entire school and involves all three divisions (Elementary School, Middle School and High School), and projects will be presented using the three languages being taught by the World Languages department (Arabic, French, and Spanish). Please join us on this special day which showcases world sustainability!

Parental Reminders

CAC Events Calendar 2008-09

Next year's calendar of events is now online! You can access the calendar from the CAC webpage by clicking on the **Events Calendar** link in the menu on the left side of the screen. This link will take you directly to the condensed version of our calendar which highlights the important punctuation marks in the school year - Parent Teacher Conference Days, Early Release Days, and of course, the Holidays. From this page there is also a link that will take you to the detailed monthly calendar of events. This is an interactive document that allows you to filter events and customize the calendar view to meet your personal planning needs. Happy Surfing, and an early welcome to the 2008/2009 school year.

Moving on from CAC?

In order to help CAC plan for the school year 2008/2009, please inform the Registrar's Office if your student(s) will be withdrawing from CAC at or before the end of the current school year. Please do so by calling 755-5507/08 or e-mailing: withdrawal@cacegypt.org

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, prescription glasses, lunch bags/water bottles, football club sweaters, gym bags - it is all here!

Community Announcements

CAC LIBRARY End-of-the-Year Dates (May - June 2008)

Notice of Closure

Monday, 19 May - The library will close at 4:00 pm. on this day.
Wednesday, 4 June - The last day of school for students. The library will close at 1:45 PM.

End-of-the-Year Due Dates

(All library items need to be returned by the following days)

Thursday, 15 May - High School Seniors & community members
Thursday, 22 May - ALL STUDENTS – Elementary, Middle & High

Closing Shelves to Prepare for Summer Borrowing

From Thursday, May 22 to Thursday, May 29 we will be closing our shelves in preparation for summer borrowing (Note: While the library will be open on Saturday, May 24, no items can be checked out as we account for all library materials).

Registration for Summer Borrowing

(forms will be available at the library circulation desk and all accounts need to be cleared)

Starting Thursday, May 15 to Wednesday, June 4

(Note: this is NOT the beginning of summer borrowing, only the beginning of when to *register* for summer borrowing).

Summer Borrowing (5 days)

Saturday, May 31 to Wednesday, June 4

On this Saturday only Summer Registration and check-out services will be available.

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED DURING THE SUMMER

Library book-drop boxes will be available starting Wednesday, August 6

School & Community hours will resume on the first day of school, Tuesday, August 12

Booster Club

CAC parents and sports fans, we need your help! The last Athletic Awards Night for the year is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3rd at 7:00 P.M. in the CAC Theater. Booster Club needs photos of your students involved in Spring Season 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 June 1st and the Awards Night is June 3rd, you can see that the turnaround time to create the slide show is extremely short this season. Travel commitments also require that the show is complete except for ISST photos before May 20th.

To all EMAC athletes, congratulations on your great season! Turn your photos in from the season and EMAC tournaments as soon as possible. Varsity and JV teams included this season are: JV Boys & Girls Softball, JV & Varsity Track, Varsity Boys Baseball, and Varsity Girls Softball.

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!



THREE CHEERS

Three Cheers for Taymour Sharwy for returning a lost iPod!

Three Cheers for Darryl Goldie for returning a Lost Wallet!

Three Cheers to our Middle School janitors who return personal property left behind by students every week!

Three Cheers to the Middle School students who are participating in the ISTA Festival in Tanzania!

Three Cheers to Mrs. Nelson for organizing a memorable groundbreaking ceremony in front of the Middle School

Counselors Corner
Program of Studies and Exploration Selection Card

This Thursday, May 8, students in grades 5, 6 and 7 received the 2008-2009 Program of Studies and the Exploration Selection Card. The Counselors explained how the card is to be completed and answered any questions the students had regarding the exploration choices. The course selection card is due back to the guidance office by May 11. Cards received later than May 11 will be marked as "late". It is important that the card is returned on time. We are looking forward to this information so we can begin the scheduling process for 2008-09.

Interpreting the ITBS

All Middle School parent are invited to a presentation about the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) and how to understand your student(s) test results. The session will be held on May 12 from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Middle School Room 70. We look forward to presenting the results of these tests and explaining our perspective on the standardized testing program at CAC.

***Ms. Jo Jean Schulte* A-K**

***Mr. Patrick Kimerer* L-Z**