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What's For Lunch

Sunday – Chili Con Carne + rice = 12 LE
Monday – Shawerma + wafer + juice = 10 LE
Tuesday – Baked chicken fingers + potato wedges + fresh fruit = 12 LE
Wednesday – Beef stew + white rice + fresh fruit = 12 LE
Thursday – Pasta with meat sauce/tomato sauce + cheese + steamed vegetables + fresh fruit = 12 LE

Important Dates

Monday, December 11

Maadi Monastery Trip

1H

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Thursday, December 14

Maadi Monastery Trip

1L

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

ES After School Activities

Session II Ends

Friday, December 15 – Sunday, January 7

Winter Break – No School
for Students

Monday, January 8

School Resumes

Principals' Note

Hello Everyone,

The feeling of excitement is in the air!! Through much of this week I have noticed that our students especially our Pre-K and KG students have an extra level of energy about them. Although we do not have huge banks of snow, our mornings are brisk and our students can sense that our winter holiday is just around the corner. In the next week classes will be wrapping up units of work and setting some time aside to celebrate with class parties and special events all leading towards our culminating Winter Assembly on Thursday, December 14 at 2:00 p.m.

We have been busy planning for our assembly with performances by our entire elementary community, so it will surely be a wonderful finale to the first portion of our school year. Parents are invited to attend and share in our celebration. Be sure to bring your camera for those once in a life time photo ops. Besides rumors of a possible appearance of a jolly fellow in a red suit there is also word of a "HOT" new musical group on campus that is set to perform at our assembly on Thursday. Definitely mark the date on your calendar and be sure to join us if you can.

Our Sunday Sampler menu last week of homemade beef sausages and mashed potato appeared to be well received by our culinary critics, but we still have two menu options to try before making a final choice on a new Sunday option. This coming Sunday the menu is chilli con-carne with rice and once again our fabulous CAT members will be on hand to tally the opinions of our elementary students.

On a much more serious note we must call your attention to the issue of incomplete health records. We have e-mailed parents and sent letters home with students to families who have incomplete records. If you have received a letter this week regarding incomplete records please contact our Health Office immediately to find out exactly what documents are missing. Their number is 755 5555 ext. 5533. As indicated in our letter it is vital that you comply with this school policy prior to January 18, 2007. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation in this important health matter.

As promised, CAT minutes from last week's meeting are below. Finally, we look forward to seeing you on campus next week as you attend class performances, or help out with class activities and parties. Thank you for your fantastic efforts and work in helping to make CAC elementary "a fine, fine school!!"

Hope to see you on Thursday!!

Regards,
Seamus Marriott
Elementary School Principal

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

Many elementary students have incomplete health records. This includes annual update forms, physicals, and immunization information. According to Board policy, all students need complete records in order for us to care for your student in school. Physicals need to be completed for all new students, and those in grades PreK, 1, 3, and 5. The Health office has contacted all students who have outstanding records. The principal's office will be contacting you if your child's records are incomplete. Please help us keep your students safe in school.

Announcements

LOST AND FOUND DEADLINE

The last day for Lost and Found is Wednesday, December 13 th . Please check for any lost items. After this date, all items will be sent to orphanages. Thank you!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

The Elementary School Teachers' Center is looking for volunteers to organize children's books and teacher resource materials. Flexible scheduling. If interested, please contact Hala Sabry at 755-5544 or hsabry@cacegypt.org .

CAT SUGGESTION BOX

For your convenience, there is a box in the Elementary Office to receive suggestions or comments for your CAT Team.

CAC ORCHESTRA HOLIDAY CONCERT

Everyone is invited to attend an afternoon of beautiful strings music performed by each of the after-school Beginning, Intermediate and Community Orchestras. The performance will be on Saturday, December 9 th at 2:00 pm in the CAC Theater. A reception will follow to celebrate the season and their performances.

Tammy Baldauff

PTO MCC CHRISTMAS POTLUCK LUNCHEON

All parents are invited to the annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, December 10 th from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at 48 El Nahda Street. The garden entrance is on RD 15. Bring your favorite dish and enjoy the holiday cheer. For more information contact Elmare Maurin at maurinfamily@yahoo.co.uk .

SCREAMING EAGLES BASKETBALL CAMP

Looking for some excitement over the winter holiday? The Screaming Eagles Basketball Camp may be just the thing. We teach ball handling, shooting, and defensive skills and offer several fun contests each day of the camp. Campers will be able to swim at their break time this year as well. The 2 nd annual Screaming Eagles Basketball Camp will run from Dec. 17 – 21. It is open for all boys and girls between grades 3 and 9. Sign-ups are daily after school in the courtyard. The last day for sign-ups will be Wednesday, December 13. For more information, contact Monte Davis at mdavis@cacegypt.org Join in the fun!

CAT Agenda

November 28, 2006
Time - 6:30 PM
Elaine Cassidy's House

Outcomes

- Opportunity to Socialize
- Opportunity to update and share
- Follow up on CAT Initiatives.

In Attendance:

Elaine Cassidy (Pre-K), Wendy Vissar (Kg), Alice Newall (Gr 2), Jennie Ruth-Trumpold (Faculty), Ann Coster (Faculty), Karla Grafton (PTO), Seamus Marriott, Gail Neff

Regrets:

Stephanie Mealer Zayed (Gr 1), Jane Cowper (Gr 3), Viveka Kumari (Gr 4), Anita Santorum (Gr 5),

Agenda	Discussion	Action/Response
Social	Great Indian snacks!	Thank you, Elaine.
Group Check In	<p>PreK - *Parents returned library surveys</p> <p>KG- *Egypt Fest involved a lot of shopping; the commercial aspect has some concerns. Tuesday is not as preferred as Thursday. (Egyptian staff were involved in a conference that interfered with the Egypt Fest day this year.) Hands on booths require extra helpers (ready to involve themselves) and scheduled times. Bread booth was wonderful! Peter Duckett is a great storyteller. Performances ran on time.</p> <p>*Some concern that the lunchroom has a stuffy odor in the early lunch periods.</p> <p>Gr 2- Not enough time for some students to be involved in Egypt Fest activities on the field.</p>	<p>2/3 of PreK parents returned Library surveys.</p> <p>Egypt Fest comments will be passed to the Egypt Culture staff.</p> <p>Admin will look into the lunchroom concern.</p>

Lunch Menu	<p>Sampler: New Rice dish- mostly popular. The ones who didn't like it really didn't like it. The veggie rice was a bit bland. The Chicken Rice was tastier and still hot at the Gr 5 lunch. Some upper students expressed appreciation for asking student opinions. Servings were good-sized.</p>	<p>Three more samplers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Next sampler is homemade sausage and mashed potatoes. -Karla and Alice will survey next.
Program Parent	<p>Forum Group : We are planning with a Learning Center specialist to present a forum in February in a general way with focus on characteristics of students with special needs. Another suggestion was made to include an information piece about the SST referral</p>	<p>A projected time for the Parent Forum is February.</p>
PreK Library-Use	<p>Library Use Survey : 20 of 30 responded. 16 are interested. 4 not interested. There are a couple of times that might work as possible days to open up for the use of Parent & PreK child.</p>	<p>Head librarian will need to decide. Possible parent forum for PreK parents to introduce reading.</p>
Calendar Draft	<p>Discussion about "Find your Class Day" and the start of school. A suggestion was made to have "Find your Class Day" as a half day. Parents would transport students to school and stay for meeting the teacher, but students would remain for an afternoon at in class and take bus home. Parents could have coffee time and/or Health Office could hold parent information forum.</p>	<p>Communication would be crucial to change tradition of Find your Class Day from the one hour to half day. Other considerations would need to be worked. This suggestion will be addressed with administration and faculty. The calendar looks pretty good as is.</p>
Book Fair	<p>Opening night was well-received. The number and selection of books was excellent. The organization and number of helpers was great. The entire fair is a big motivational activity and is high interest. Kudos to the committee!</p> <p>Adding children's author for future fairs was discussed. There was good interest in those willing to investigate possible authors. Maybe the library could assist in budgeting with PTO. Wendy knows Patricia Gauch who is a children's author who comes to Egypt because she has a home here. We could talk to other schools in Cairo who feature authors. The possibility of having a team of authors visit for each division. "Poetry Slam" is also recommended for consideration.</p>	<p>Establish a subcommittee to investigate children's authors: Karla, Jenny, Ann.</p> <p>Seamus will seek other interested teacher(s).</p>
Next meeting	<p>Tuesday, January 30</p>	<p>Jane or Seamus' place, tba</p>