



# Elementary EXPRESS

Elementary Office Publication

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### Important Dates

#### Saturday, Jan. 23

PTO Community Lecture  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.  
Room 600

#### Sunday, Jan. 24

2K/2S Field Trip  
8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.  
Fagnoon

ES Snack Sale  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Near ID Office

#### Monday, Jan. 25

2B/2G/2W Field Trip  
8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Fagnoon

#### Tuesday, Jan. 26

ES Snack Sale  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Near ID Office

ES Principal Candidate Q&A  
1:45-2:45 p.m.  
Room 600

Board Open Session  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Board Room

#### Wednesday, Jan. 27

3A/3S Field Trip  
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.  
Egyptian Museum

Cub Scout Skit Night  
6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Lunchroom

#### Thursday, Jan. 28

Grade 2 Family Food Festival  
11:10 a.m.-12:20 p.m.  
Room 600

ES Snack Sale  
10:00-11:00 a.m.  
Near ID Office

## What's For LUNCH

**Sunday** – Mexican sausage casserole with vegetables in tomato sauce = 15 LE

**Monday** – Pizza + drink = 15 LE (**Cash only today!**)

**Tuesday** – Baked chicken fingers + potato wedges + veggies = 15 LE

**Wednesday** – Beef burger on bun + carrot sticks = 15 LE

**Thursday** – Pasta with meat sauce + veggies = 15 LE

Max's coupons may be used on Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Coupons are available in the ES office or at Max's Restaurant, 10 for 150 LE. All Max's meals are served with fresh fruit and a drink option of milk, juice, or bottled water. Second portions of Max's meals are available at a cost of 8 LE.

## Principal's Note

Hello Everyone,

We have just had another happy week in our elementary community with fantastic students learning loads of fantastic things with fantastic teachers.

As you are aware, our school community is a busy place with a very full calendar. We have a number of events and activities coming up on our ES calendar to which we would like to alert you. First of all this coming week, there is another elementary principal candidate visiting our campus. Schedules for the candidate are presently being fine-tuned by members of the Search Committee, so watch your inbox for further info. See below for more information on dates and times for parent opportunities to meet and ask questions of this candidate. We also have our third session of After-School Activities beginning on Sunday, January 31. Online sign up for activities has been happening all this week. If you have yet to register your child for an activity, please contact our Activities Coordinator, Ereeny Gawdat, ASAP at [egergess@cacegypt.org](mailto:egergess@cacegypt.org)

With today being Day 91, this can only mean that 100th Day is just around the corner. On February 3 we will celebrate 100th Day (grades KG, 1 & 2). Students have been tallying and counting towards 100 all year and February 3 will be a wonderful celebration of all things 100. Definitely a whole lot going on and we invite you to join us, so mark your calendars and plan to attend our various activities.

In other news, our ES CAT team met this past Tuesday evening. Minutes of our meeting can be found in the elementary section of our CAC website. As part of the effort to establish an effective academic protocol in the event of any type of future school closure, our CAT has decided to move forward with a plan to develop grade-level "study groups" within the Elementary School. Part of this initiative entails placing children, within a grade level, into groups based on geographic location. The rationale for this is two-fold. First, it allows children access to their peers to review materials and ask questions about assignments. Utilizing a "no child left out" scenario, the small geographic groups ensure that each child will have someone to call or meet with should the need arise. Second, it allows teachers access to children in small groups should the need arise for their direct and "live" input into the virtual academic environment. This could be done via the many online tools currently in use. Our CAT members will be working with Room Parents over the next few weeks to coordinate and further tailor this initiative to the needs of each grade level. Stay tuned as a CAT member or Room Parent will be contacting you. If you already have a successful study group in place and wish to keep it, please inform your grade-level CAT Rep.

On a final note, please remember that elementary students are always welcome on campus, provided they are supervised by an adult. Only elementary students staying after school for an organized activity, staying to work in the Library (grades 3-5) or those being directly supervised by an adult should be on campus after 3:00 p.m. All other students are required to leave campus at the end of the school day. While on the topic, students who have activities that begin at 5:00 p.m. or later should not be staying unsupervised after school waiting for their activity to begin.

**Friday, Jan. 29**

Girl Scouts Father-Daughter  
Dance  
4:00-9:00 p.m.  
Eagles' Nest

As we head into the last week of January, I thank you for your continued support and our collective work to the greater benefit of all our students.

Have a great weekend, everyone.

Regards,

**Seamus Marriott**  
Elementary Principal

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## LITERACY AND BOYS



Visit the following site to get loads of information on increasing literacy among boys, lists of books that boys love, how to get boys writing and keep them writing... and more!

<http://www.boysread.org/index.html>

Did you miss any or all of the Michael Thompson talks at CAC?

Maybe you did go to the talks and loved them so much that you want to see them again or share them with family members?

The DVDs of the parent presentations, given by Michael Thompson, will be available for check-out at the main desk in the CAC library starting on Sunday, January 24.

For more information on Michael, go to: <http://www.michaelthompson-phd.com/>

**Michael G. Thompson, Ph. D.**



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**A B C**s Of Student Success

**H** is for HOMEWORK.

Homework provides practice, and it enables parents to know when a child is having difficulty with schoolwork. Parents can support a school's homework policy by...

- providing a "homework area" that is well lit and free of distractions.
- setting a daily "homework time." Some parents call it "schoolwork time" so kids know the "I have no homework" excuse won't work.
- offering a snack or play break before homework; or using it as a homework-completion incentive.

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Web sites for  
learning and fun --  
for kids and parents  
together.

This week's Site to See:

### **Fraction Frenzy**

<http://www.learningplanet.com/sam/ff/index.asp>

Match the pairs of equivalent fractions.  
(Grades 4-up)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HELPING HAITI

Haitians continue to recover the dead along the devastated streets of their capital and towns. When the strongest earthquake in more than 200 years hit this poor Caribbean nation, it crushed thousands of structures, from schools and shacks, to the National Palace and the United Nations Peacekeeping Headquarters. Students throughout CAC are now collecting cash donations to support international organizations working in the country. If you would like to donate directly, we recommend you look at the following websites that other international schools are supporting. Thank you for your caring and support.

***The Service Learning classes, CAC Service Organizations and faculty at Cairo American College***

**CARE:** <http://www.care.org/emergency/haitiearthquake/index.asp>

**Partners in Health:** <http://www.standwithhaiti.org/haiti>

**Oxfam:** <http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressrelease/2010-01-13/large-earthquake-haiti>

**Disaster Emergency Committee:** <http://www.dec.org.uk/>

Mrs. Roberts, a Middle School teacher at CAC and a Haitian citizen has shared the following:

*"Words are not enough to express my gratitude for all that is being done in solidarity with Haiti. I am deeply grateful for the generosity, the compassion and emotional support that the CAC community and so many other organizations around the world have offered in order to help in such a tragic and devastating situation that Haiti is facing. I am now convinced that the number of giving and compassionate people in this world surpasses the number of those with ill intentions. Thank you so MUCH on behalf of my family and the people of Haiti. May God help Haiti come out stronger and a better country in the future."*

***Martine Roberts***

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## CAC COMMUNITY COOKBOOK

The Booster Club is collecting recipes for a new CAC Community Cookbook and we are looking for your favorites. Appetizers, soups, salads, main dishes, and desserts—we would love to know the recipes that you make for your family and friends over and over. It is a great way to get the recipes you love when you visit with your friends. It is quick and easy to participate from the comfort of your own home. Just click on the following link and enter your recipe(s). Send in your recipes quickly! With your help, we can make this book as special as our school. If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to contact either Gigi Hamdy (010-175-1165; [gigidaisy3@msn.com](mailto:gigidaisy3@msn.com)) or Cheryl Lachenmayer (012-714-7796; [CLL307@yahoo.com](mailto:CLL307@yahoo.com)). Your help and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

<http://www.cacegypt.org/cookBook/index.php>

***Booster Club***

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## LIBRARY CORNER

In the New Year, the Elementary Library is full of "new" books. You can tell which items are new because they have light green and blue tape at the top of the spines. You will find this tape in each section of our library: picture books, movies, chapter books and non-fiction books. Please come and see what we have that's new...or less new, but still a good read!

On a similar note, we ask that **parents not come into the library before 3:00 p.m.** We have library classes meeting right up until 3:00. This is the students' class time to find books and check out, just as classes meeting earlier in the day do. We are open to all community members starting at 3:00 p.m. Thank you!

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# FUN ART

FOR

## Children

Age 7-15 years

# Stained Glass & Batik

Painting on Glass and Fabric

Friday and Saturday

January 29 - 30

12:30 PM to 3:30 PM

*Naglaa Genidy*

Contact: 010-545-2554

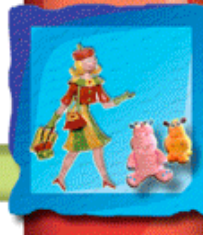
Email: [ngenidy@cacegypt.org](mailto:ngenidy@cacegypt.org)

Activities Office, Tel: 022755-5461

The class meets in Room 301 Visual Arts Bldg

**Cost for studio workshops is \$60**

Pay to CAC school cashier



# Weekend with Andy Warhol

Create a self-portrait in CHOCOLATE!

with **KIMBERLY ODEKIRK**



**BRING PHOTO OR  
HAVE PHOTO TAKEN  
BY MS. ODEKIRK IN  
RM. 626 BY THURS.  
JAN 21TH**

**DATE #1: FRI-SAT • JAN 29-30**  
**TIME: 1:00-4:00 PM**  
**LOCATION: CAC • RM 626**  
**FEE: \$65**  
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