



# Highro- Glyphics

High School Weekly News

Thursday, November 20, 2008

## **Construction Site Update**

We want to continue our communication with you regarding the crane incident which occurred within our construction site this past Tuesday. This is to update you regarding the process we are undertaking prior to resuming the use of a tower crane on the site.

In answer to some of your questions, it is important to understand that the crane which was damaged on the CAC site had been inspected and certified by a third party prior to its use during our project. Further, its position is monitored on a daily basis. Also, in addition to our construction supervisors, the contractor has a Safety Manager on site daily. In fact, one of the reasons no one was injured is that safety precautions were being observed.

Immediately following the incident, an investigation began. The immediate site was cleared, testimonies were taken, the crane calibration consultant was engaged, and third party experts in our community were asked for and provided their professional assessment and guidance. The contractor provided a portable crane to dismantle the boom. This process began on Wednesday and will likely be completed by the week-end. Depending upon the guidance of our experts, either the full crane or just the boom will be replaced. Either way, we will ensure that the reach of the new boom will not extend beyond the green wall. Only after a thorough independent inspection for safety and loading will the tower crane operations be approved. Finally, the CAC Board of Trustees will continue to be apprised of developments and will provide the final approval to resume the use of a tower crane.

As we all know, the CAC parent and greater community is blessed with many experts. Some are experienced in the area of crane oversight, and we are extremely grateful to the organizations and individuals who have offered their professional insight and support.

We wish to thank parents who have written with messages of understanding as well as suggestions and observations, many of which are contributing to our review. Please feel free to continue the communication either with me or our

Project Manager ([jhollenbach@cacegypt.com](mailto:jhollenbach@cacegypt.com)). Please also check our website for construction developments and/or our Phase I webcam link ([http://172.16.0.229/view/index.shtml?banner\\_source+none](http://172.16.0.229/view/index.shtml?banner_source+none)).

*Monica N. Greeley*  
Superintendent

## **FCD Consultants Visit CAC – November 16 to 25**

The consultants from Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) are presently visiting student classrooms until November 25. FCD, based in Newton MA, provides alcohol and other drug education to U.S. and international school communities. Students receive programming in small group settings in addition to having the opportunity to meet with one of the consultants on a drop-in basis for further conversation. The overall goal of programming is to address individual/group attitudes and behavior thereby minimizing the risks of substance use and abuse.

## **A Chorus Line – November 19 to 21**

This year, the high school Performing Arts Department is presenting the musical *A Chorus Line*. Tickets are now available in the Theater box office, and we look forward to seeing you at this major performance of the year.

## **NHS Assiut Fun Run Walk-a-Thon – November 21**

The National Honor Society is again hosting the annual 'Assiut Fun Run Walk-a-Thon' event this Friday, November 21 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on the track. The money raised from this event will go to the Assiut Burn Center, and your participation in this event would be greatly appreciated. For further details, please contact Mr. Max Seaton at extension 5463.

## **High School FCD/Lifestyle Forum – November 24**

This is an important event! On Monday, November 24, starting at 6:00 p.m. in Room 600, the Freedom from

Chemical Dependency consultants will present information about the general health and wellness of CAC students. As well, the counseling department will share the 2008 CAC Student Lifestyle Survey results (previously known as the Student At-Risk Survey) with parents and the greater CAC community. The meeting will continue until approximately 8:00 p.m. With student Peer Support volunteers present to help answer questions, this is an opportunity for you to ask questions and have conversation about issues that impact the health and wellness of our students at CAC. We look forward to your participation in this important forum.

### **Early Release Day – November 26**

On Wednesday, November 26, the elementary, middle and high schools will follow the early release schedule for students. Students will attend classes from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and busses will leave promptly after this time. The afternoon is dedicated to teacher professional development. Thank you for your attention to this early release day schedule.

### **Thanksgiving Holiday – November 27**

This is a reminder that there will be no school on Thursday, November 27. Happy Thanksgiving to all!

### **World AIDS Day – December 1**

On Monday, December 1, the high school will be commemorating World AIDS Day with various classroom and other activities. It is a day when students can learn more information about HIV and AIDS, the misconceptions about AIDS, the impacts on families and children, and the social responsibility that each of us faces as global citizens.

<i>Rob DeWolf</i>	<i>Mark Pleasants</i>
High School Principal	High School Assistant Principal

### **High School Events**

- o Freedom from Chemical Dependency Programming Nov. 16-25
- o High School Musical Nov. 19-21

- o POLAR Updates (Progress Reports) Nov. 20
- o HS CAT Meeting Nov. 24
- o FSD/Lifestyle Survey Forum Nov. 24
- o Early Release Day (Students leave @11:30 a.m.) Nov. 26
- o Thanksgiving Holiday (No School) Nov. 27

### **PTO**

**BOOK SALE!!!** Mark your calendars for **Saturday, November 22, 9am - 2pm**, just inside the **CAC front entrance**. The PTO will have several tables set up in order to sell the extra books from the Book Fair. There are great, new books still available for all ages, so don't miss out on this last chance to shop! **A note**—November 22 is also the date of the soccer tournament and the swim meet at CAC; so come out, buy a few books and support your teams!

**Faculty (Teachers) and Staff Appreciation Day** - Join PTO in this event to specially thank the Faculty and supporting staffs for everything that they have done for our children. PTO is organizing the lunch for the faculty and staffs on Tuesday, 25 November 2008 in the respective lunch room. Food contribution or monetary donations are welcome. We also need a lot of volunteers a day before to help decorating the lounges and on that day itself to help distributing and serving the food! Please contact Kum How, [kumh261@yahoo.com](mailto:kumh261@yahoo.com) or call 010 338 8976 for more information.

**The Multi-Cultural Committee of the PTO** is arranging a trip to Khan El Khalily where you will enjoy the Exotic Egyptian Culture and famous Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant. Come and take the opportunity to prepare for Christmas ideas

When: Nov 25, 2008  
Time: 9:15 am at back gate

We will spend 1-1/2 hour to 2 hours touring the Khan then meet at Naguib Mahfouz Restaurant exactly 12 pm to have lunch. Then leave 1:30 PM to be back at school 2:15 pm. For sign-ups, please call Helga Meinardus: 016-264-1805 or Samia Wadman: 012-103-7880.