



Highro- Glyphics

High School Weekly News

Thursday, December 18, 2008

Happy Holidays to All!

As final tests and assessments are coming to a close, we all look ahead to the holidays and reunions with family and friends. This semester has been very busy, and students, parents, and faculty have worked tremendously hard to make it a meaningful time of learning. We would like to thank everyone for their help and support throughout the first semester, and we wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday season!

Last Day of the First Semester – Thursday, December 18

Our last day of school for the first semester is Thursday, December 18, and it is an early release day following the early release day schedule (four 45-minute classes); classes begin at 8:00 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. As a reminder, school resumes after the holidays on Sunday, January 11, 2009.

Christmas Concert

Last Saturday, the CAC Chamber Singers participated in a Christmas Concert at the Cairo Opera House with soloists of the Cairo Opera Company and the Cairo Symphony Orchestra to celebrate the Holiday Season. It was a wonderful musical event, and special thanks go to Lavanda Davis, Pascale Rozier and the Performing Arts Department for all their efforts.

Week Without Walls Pre-Course Parent Meetings – Thanks to Parents

On Tuesday, we held very important parent sessions before the start of the Week Without Walls courses, and we wish to thank all parents who took the time from their busy schedules to attend. Information was shared on each of the WWW courses, and it was an opportunity to ask questions to the course chaperones.

Lockdown Drill

On Sunday, December 14, there was a code-red/lockdown drill for all three divisions of the school. When the lockdown announcement was given from Ms. Greeley over the PA system, teachers locked classroom doors from the inside, turned off the lights, and moved students away from windows. Students were silent and

followed the instructions given by teachers. Safety and security is most important to us, and we wish to thank all those who worked hard to make this a successful drill.

Rob DeWolf

High School Principal

Mark Pleasants

High School Assistant Principal

Special Services Program

Dear Parents,

You will have heard by now that we are conducting a review of our special services program at CAC. One aspect of this process is the visit of a Special Needs consultant, Ms. Ann Erler, from January 13th through 15th. She will visit with students, faculty, administration - and you. We have scheduled two opportunities for you to meet with her: Wednesday, January 14th, from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. or Thursday, January 15th, from 11:00 to 12:00. Both meetings will be in Room 600.

We hope to see you at one of these gatherings.

Crane Incident Update

The investigation into the crane incident has been completed. Key points of the investigation are that 1) the equipment was sound and not faulty, and 2) the crane boom buckled due to the load being pulled laterally rather than lifted vertically. As follow-up, with the support of CAC's founding organizations, we have provided lifting training to all of the organizations involved - Shuttering, RMC, and CAC - and will provide a lifting procedures manual in Arabic and English to appropriate personnel. Further, an additional CAC-appointed HSE (Health, Safety, and Environmental) supervisor will supplement the safety personnel already on site. Resumption of tower crane activity is expected toward the end of January, after the boom has been repaired and third party safety inspections have been conducted.

Monica N. Greeley

Superintendent

High School Events

- o End of 2nd Quarter/ERD
(students leave at 11:30 a.m.) Dec. 18
- o Winter Break Dec. 18-Jan. 10
- o School Resumes Jan. 11

PTO

PTO International Spring Fair - Theme Basket Raffle -

The PTO will be holding an International Spring Fair on Saturday, 14th March, 2009. One of the attractions will be a Theme Basket Raffle which will raise money to fund specific projects to benefit our school as well as a percentage being donated to charity.

All students will be involved in the theme baskets with donated items being collected from each student based on assigned themes. The High School has been allocated two themes (as noted below) and you may choose which theme you wish to donate to. Alternatively if you wish to donate a basket for displaying the donations in this would also be very gratefully accepted.

All donations will be collected in February with details on where and when they will be collected, being advised in the New Year. So check your themes, pick one and keep an eye out for something you would wish to donate.

Many thanks everyone.

Basket Theme	Suggestions
Graduation Gourmet Treats	Snacks, ready-made food, can opener, cookery book!
Relax and Pamper	Facial, Candles, Soaps, toiletries, gift certificate.

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