



## ELEMENTARY BACK TO SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENT 2021-2022



Dear Elementary Families,

We wish you all a relaxing and fun summer and look forward to welcoming your family to our 2021-2022 school year in August.

The elementary team is looking forward to another great year of face-to-face on campus learning, exploring, and having fun. It is our hope to have parents rejoin us on campus this year and we will be guided by CAC's research by the administrative team in conjunction with the CDC and WHO COVID-19 school guidelines. An update on the status of parents on campus will be sent in August.

Below, you will find the **new** student/parent orientation schedule, PreK schedules, grade level schedule, supply list, and meet-the-teacher information.

We wish to support you and your children in making a smooth transition to CAC and for returning families to their next grade. Our PreK 3 & 4 entry to the school year will be different based on their developmental needs.

### **Monday, August 16**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Grades</b>	<b>Location</b>
9:30 am 10:30	Services Fair for <b>new</b> parents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Hot Lunch</li> <li>➤ Transportation</li> <li>➤ PE uniforms</li> <li>➤ After school Activities</li> <li>➤ PTO</li> </ul>	PreK - 5 parents	MS Lawn
10:15 am	<b>New Grade 2-5</b> student orientation with student ambassadors  <b>New Grades KG &amp; 1</b> students can be signed up to be supervised to play while parents attend orientation	Gr. 2-5 students  Kg & Gr. 1	Parents register their child on the ground floor  ES cafeteria
10:30 am 11:30	<b>New</b> Parent Orientation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Elementary welcome</li> <li>➤ Communication</li> <li>➤ Accessing CAC dashboard</li> </ul>	PreK-5 parents	ES Hall (staircase to the basement by health office)  After session pick up your child from ground floor and meet your child's teacher together

11:30 am 12:15	K-5 <b>new</b> families optional meet your teacher	K-5 students	In classes
	Note: <b>Returning families</b> , in our August Back To School communication we will communicate if our “meet the teacher” will be open for returning students, or students and parents.		

## **Tuesday, August 17**

### **PreK 3 & 4 family visit**

- 8:00 - 3:30 PreK parents, you will be sent the instructions to sign up for a 15 min visit with your child to meet your PreK teacher and aides in early August.

### **First day for K-5 students**

- 7:30 Front gate open, class lists posted outside the ES Office
- 7:45 Music, students walk to class
- 7:55 Classes commence
- 11:30 PreK dismiss
- 3:05 Dismissal for KG-Grade 5

## **Wednesday, August 18**

### **First day for PreK students**

- 7:30 Front gate open and children welcome to play on lower playground
- 7:45 Music, children enter class with parents
- 8:00 Parents depart class
- 3:05 PreK dismiss

### **PE/Swimming**

The first unit of study in PE will be swimming and in our August communication we will publish the swimming schedule for your child.

Please ensure that your child has the following items for swimming:

- Appropriate swimsuit (No bikinis)
- Suitably sized towel
- OWN pair of properly fitted goggles (Not to be shared with a sibling)
- Easy to take on and off clothes and shoes (crocs are ideal).
- Swimmers with long hair must either wear a swim cap or have their hair tied back.
- Jewelry, including rubber and string bands, and watches **MUST** be removed for all Swimming and PE classes (small stud earrings are okay).

### **Supplies**

General school supplies are provided by CAC. Students do need to bring the following, with their name **clearly marked** on all items:

- A large backpack
- Healthy, nutritional, waste-free lunch in a lunchbox
- **Separate healthy snack for morning recess**
- A refillable water bottle is required and fill stations are around campus
- PE uniforms are available at the Spirit Store
- Library Bags are available at the Spirit Store or students can bring a similar bag from home. These will be used to carry library books and they will be needed for the first week of school
- House shirts will be available to purchase in the Spirit store and more information will be provided by our house team coordinator, Mr. Greene in mid August

- A hat for sun protection is recommended

### Communication

The elementary Principal and teachers communicate weekly via blogs. The first blog post will be on Thursday, August 19 to support your transition back to school and after this each week. If you have any questions regarding our blog communication please contact Mona AbdelHady [mabdelhady@cacegypt.org](mailto:mabdelhady@cacegypt.org)

### Richoux our Elementary HOT LUNCH vendor

We are very excited to welcome Richoux back to serve our elementary students a nutritious hot lunch. Hot lunch will commence on the first day of school, Aug. 17 and we will continue to use the SPARE app for ordering and payment. New families will receive information in early August and the SPARE team will be on campus at the service fair to answer any of your questions.

### Meeting the Teacher

It is important that parents have an opportunity to meet their child's teacher to begin our positive home/school partnership. We provide the following opportunities:

Date	Time	Event
Aug. 16	11:30- 12:30	<b>New</b> K-Gr. 5 parents/students invited to an informal "meet the teacher" in the classrooms (optional).
Aug. 17	7:50 am & 3:05 pm	<p><b>FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL</b></p> <p>PreK 3 &amp; 4 Family visits by appointment and their first day of school will be August 18.</p> <p>Subject to change - Confirmation will be in our August Back To School communication</p> <p>ES parents welcome to drop off their child to the classroom followed by our PTO Parent Welcome Back Coffee on the ES lawn.</p> <p>Pick up Grade 1-5 children from ES lawn, Kindergarten from class</p>
Sept. 1	<p>ES Parent Day (No School for Students)</p> <p>Playground supervision is available for CAC students while parents meet with the teacher. Sign up on the day in the playground office.</p>	<p>15-minute Parent/Teacher Discussions – every year, these meetings are held to give parents the opportunity to let the teacher know more about their child's strengths, challenges, interests, talents, transition, and parental goals for the year.</p> <p>A questionnaire will be sent home in advance to help guide the discussion.</p> <p>Confirmation of the format, in person, virtual or options for both virtual and in person will be in our August Back To School communication</p>
Sept. 8	5-7pm	<p>Back to School Night for all parents to meet the ES team, curriculum information, and activities for the year.</p> <p>Confirmation of the format, in person, virtual or options for both virtual and in person will be in our August Back To School communication</p>

### **CAC Spirit Store**

The Spirit Store will be open as everyone returns to school. Hours will be published in the August communication.

Contact us at: Spirit Store email: [spiritstore@cacegypt.org](mailto:spiritstore@cacegypt.org)

Booster Club Facebook page: CAC Booster Club

**[End of Year Slideshow 20-21 Link](#)** - click the link to enjoy watching highlights from our last year. A heartfelt “thank you” to our tech integrators, Hebba & Sherif for coordinating and to Nashatt our incredible CAC photographer for these beautiful photos.

Our revised parent/student handbook will be online beginning August. The handbook has been updated and it is the place to go to if you have a question. If you cannot find the answer, please contact the ES Office at 2755 5202 or 2755 5203, or email our executive assistant: [mgreiss@cacegypt.org](mailto:mgreiss@cacegypt.org) or Lucy Hany: [lhany@cacegypt.org](mailto:lhany@cacegypt.org)

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Yours in partnership,

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