

August 9, 2023

Elementary Families,

We look forward to welcoming you to CAC for our 2023-2024 school year. The school year commences on **Wednesday, August 16** for Kindergarten to Grade 5 including PreK 3 & 4 family visits. We are busy preparing our learning spaces and we will be ready with open arms to welcome our families.

Thank you in advance for reading the following detailed information to support your child's transition to our 2023-2024 school year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact mgreiss@cacegypt.org or Lucy Hany: lhany@cacegypt.org from our Elementary Office.

PreK3 & 4 Family Visits Sign-Up Open (returning & new)

We are now inviting families to sign up for a fifteen minute time slot on **Wednesday, August 16th** for a family visit. **The first day of school for PreK3 and PreK4 students will be on August 17th.** Please find your child's name in the class list below and sign up using the relevant class link for your 15 min family visit with your child to meet your PreK teacher and aides. **Please submit the form only once.** The purpose of the 15 min. family visit is to meet the teacher, tour the classroom and to review your child's school routines. You will have an opportunity on **Parent Day, August 30** to talk more in depth about your child. Thank you for respecting our brief family visit time.

PK3 Sign-Up Link - Ms. Catherine	
PK4A - Ms. Virpi's Class List	PK4A - Ms. Virpi's Sign-Up Link
PK4H - Ms. Kim's Class List	PK4H - Ms. Kim's Sign-Up Link

[Link to PreK 23-24 Welcome Letter](#)

Tuesday, August 15

Reminder: [New ES Family Orientation - August 15 Link](#)

CLASS Assignment

Will be sent to you via Skyward, August 15 AM in preparation for the first day of school.

WELCOME VIDEO

Our teachers will post a welcome video via the Grade Level Blog, August 15 PM. It will include a warm welcome, introductions, and other important information for a successful start to the year.

Wednesday, August 16

PreK3 & 4 Family Visits

FIRST DAY FOR K-5 STUDENTS

- 7:30 AM Front Gate opens
 - Children are welcome to play in play spaces.
 - Parents are welcome on campus to drop off their child/children to their teacher at the designated meeting place between **7:30 AM - 7:45 AM**.
 - For pick up, parents are welcome to enter campus **from 2:30 PM**.
 - The division is not open to parents unless a scheduled appointment has been made. Please note we will have parent day on **August 30th** which is a 15 minute time for each family to meet with their child's teachers.
- 7:45 AM Music - students meet their teacher at their designated locations and walk to class - see below:

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL

Teachers welcome and dismiss students from a designated area until they are independent to walk to class.

Bus students will arrive and depart Gate 2. They will make their way to their designated locations to meet their teacher.

Students arriving from the front or back gate will make their way to their designated locations to meet their teacher.

Parents escorting their child/children to school please make your way at 7:45 AM to the designated location to meet their teacher.

Students dismissing from the front or back gate will be supervised using our pick up card system.

DESIGNATED LOCATIONS

	PreK	KG	GR. 1	GR. 2	GR. 3	GR. 4	Gr. 5
Location	PreK Hallways	Hippo Play Space Entrance	Donkey Cafe Blue Benches	Camel Play Space by the ES Tree Lawn Area	Camel Play space near the Health Office	Trackside Bleachers	Well-Being Garden
	All year	All year	Aug 16-24	Aug 16-17	Aug 16-17	Aug 16	Aug 16

Check [this link](#) for designated locations photos.

- 7:55 am Classes begin
- 3:05 pm Dismissal for KG-Grade 5

Thursday, August 17

7:55 am - 3:05 pm **First day for PreK students**

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

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

- All students must bring a full water bottle labeled with their name - we have refill stations around the division so our students stay hydrated.
- All students bring a HEALTHY snack and lunch.
- Physical Education - swimming is our first unit. PreK 3 - 5 students will need a swimsuit, goggles, towel, clothes and footwear that is easy to take off and put on independently in a timely manner. Class swimming schedules will be posted on the grade level blog.
- 4th and 5th-grade students will be learning to play the soprano recorder during their music classes. Students are asked to purchase their own personal Yamaha soprano recorder. Yamaha Soprano recorders can be purchased at the Distingo Music Store on Road 9 in Maadi. For consistency in sound, the soprano recorder brand that needs to be purchased is the "Yamaha" brand. Please reach out to Ms. Wells with any questions (awells@cacegypt.org).
- Prek - Grade 1 change of clothes
- P.E. uniform - available at the Spirit Store.
- House shirts - more information will be provided by our House Team Coordinator; Mr. Greene and house shirts are available from 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.
- A hat for sun protection.

FOOD SERVICE

Fresh & Co is our Elementary lunch vendor. Parents will be able to order online via their SPARE app. **New Families will be sent the details of how to download SPARE App, create their accounts using their own codes and how to recharge their balance.**

Click here for [SPARE at CAC Parents' Guide Link](#)

Lunch will commence on the first day of school, August 16 and the menu for the week can be found on the SPARE App. On Monday, August 28th Pizza will be served by our wonderful PTO.

We are happy to announce that the bundle option is currently available via SPARE. Thus, parents now have the options below:

Either

- Request a daily order **by 12:00 am** on the day of their order. The deadline to cancel via email to (support@paywithspare.com) is 7:00 am on the day of the request.

Or

- Request a bundle for the whole week **by 12:00 am at the beginning of each week**. The deadline to cancel via email to (support@paywithspare.com) is 7:00 am on the first day of the week.

If you run into any technical issues, or if you have forgotten your code, you can submit a support ticket at www.paywithspare.com/support and they will get in touch to assist you.

Booster Club Spirit Store Opening Hours

Come and get your "back to school" supplies, Water Bottles, MS packets, P.E. uniforms, house shirts and spirit wear at the Booster Club Spirit Store!

Back to school opening hours:

Weekdays starting Tuesday, August 15 until August 24

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

12:30 pm - 3:30 pm

CASH ONLY

Opening hours after Aug. 24 will be announced later.

Your CAC Booster Club is now on Instagram. Come follow us @cacboosterclub and on Facebook, CAC Booster Club. You may also email us at boosterclub@cacegypt.org.

CAFE GRECO

- It will be open to parents at drop off and pick up. It is not open to Elementary students.

DISMISSAL

- Parents can arrive on campus from **2:30 pm** to pick up their child from the ES lawn.
- Students dismiss at 3:05 pm.
- Bus students will depart at 3:05 for a 3:20 PM departure from Gate 2.
- Your student pick-up cards are to be used by the authorized adult. By the parent giving the card to the designated pick-up person **you are authorizing that adult to pick up your child**. The card needs to be shown to security in order for your child to be dismissed with this adult, including nannies, drivers, older siblings. The card allows for pick-up at the front or back gate only, not campus access.
- **Students will not be released without this card.**

Change in Dismissal Plans

If your child will not be riding the bus home on any particular day, please send an email to the Transportation Department (motorpool@cacegypt.org) and the classroom teacher **no later than 12:00 pm on the requested date**.

If you need to pick up your child early on a particular day, please send an email to the ES Office (esattendance@cacegypt.org) and the classroom teacher **no later than 12:00 pm on the requested date**. The teacher will send the student to the ES Office at the requested time to pick up the permission slip and will then be dismissed from the CAC Main Gate.

Music Class

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Choir

The ES choir is open to students in 2nd grade through 5th grade. We will meet every Monday before school at 7:25 am beginning in September 2023. Students in 4th and 5th

Grade can audition for the AMIS Elementary Honor Choir Festival. For more information about the AMIS Elementary Honor Choir Festival, please [click here](#) to view the informational slides.

Ms. Wells
ES music teacher
awells@cacegypt.org

ES Musical 23-24

Hello New ES Families!

We are all happy to announce our ES Musical for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year, 'Roald Dahl's Matilda Jr.," to the entire community and especially to new students and parents. The musical is a co-curricular activity for Grade 3-5 students. Our musical invites teamwork, perseverance, confidence, focus, and lasting friendships as the musical team embraces and supports each other.

Roald Dahl's Matilda Jr. will be released on November 9, 2023, and we will perform two shows. Parents of all grades are invited to be active participants and members of the crew in collaboration with the production of the musical.

Grade 3-5 students who wish to participate in the musical must prepare and perform at the auditions on August 27 and 28 this year. All the details and material for the auditions will be released by August 20th on our Arts Blog.

Mr. Franklin Gutierrez Mora
ES Drama Teacher and Musical Artistic Director
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ACTIVITIES

After School

- Activities will be on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 3:15 pm - 4:00 pm. Sign-up will open on **August 20 at 4:00 pm** and activities commence on **September 3rd** with the late bus running.

Aquatics

Fall Age Group Swim Team season extends from September 3rd-November 2nd, 2023. On November 3rd and 4th, we will hold the Fall Age Group Invitational with guest schools.

REQUIREMENTS TO JOIN THE CAC AGE GROUP SWIM TEAM

1. Be a Gr. 1 or older for the current school year.
2. Practices will be on Sunday/Wednesday or on Monday/Thursday from 3:15 pm to 4:05 pm.
3. Attend tryouts (**August 23rd**) if you are **new** to CAC or our Aquatic program. (All new swimmers!)
4. **KG** students are welcome to join our Tuesday swimming program.

***If a swimmer did not pass the tryouts requirements (25 m front and 25 m back independent swimming using arms and legs), we recommend that they join the Tuesday Learn to Swim program to improve their skills.

All further information will be communicated through the Activities and Aquatics Blog.



Talon is our Elementary Eagle Mascot and on Eagle Tuesday Talon welcomes and farewells our students. Students are welcome to wear CAC Spirit wear on a Tuesday.

PARENTING TOGETHER

Coming this Fall.....

Parenting Together with Positive Discipline Parent Sessions ...

designed especially for CAC parents looking to create more positive and joyful relationships with their children while connecting with other parents at CAC.

These 8-week long classes meet weekly to...

- address real issues for parents of today's parents
- learn over 50 take-away tools for parenting
- create a support network for parents of the CAC Community



Starts September 11, 2023!

Option 1:

Daytime Course (Primary Age 3-10) Mondays 8-11am
Comprehensive course on Positive Discipline and Wellbeing
Facilitated by Carey Harris - School Counselor and Positive Discipline Trainer

Option 2:

Evening Workshop Series (Primary Ages 3-10) Mondays 6-7:30pm

Training series on the principles of Positive Discipline
Facilitated by Bonnie Greene - Grade 2 Teacher and Positive Discipline Parent Educator

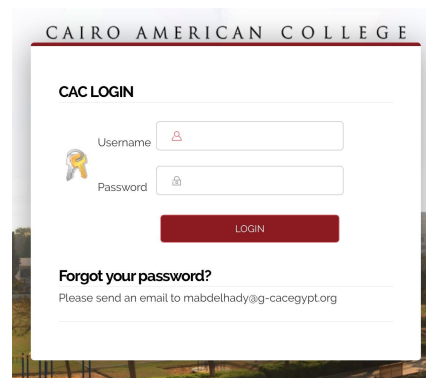
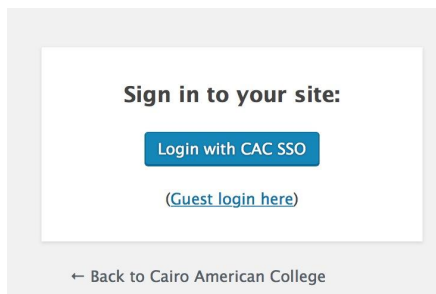
SPACE IS LIMITED! Sign up & save your spot today [Parenting Together Sign Up Link](#).

Communication - Blogs

Our blogs are private for CAC families only. The first blog post will be on Tuesday, August 15th to support your transition back to school and after this each Thursday. We do want to be sure everyone is getting this important information, so we ask that you read the following information to access our new and updated blog.

You will receive an email each week with a link to access the blog post. You will click on the link which will take you to the blogs login page, click on Login with CAC SSO and enter your single sign on credentials.

If you did not receive the blog post notification by email on Tuesday, August 15th by 5:00 pm, please send an email to Mona Abdelhady mabdelhady@cacegypt.org.



Our technology department is available to help you if needed. They are located in room 135 on the first floor and the iSpace on the 3rd floor or you can email them.

Hebba Haroun- Grade 3-5 technology assistant hharoun@cacegypt.org
Sherif Nabawy- PreK - 2 technology assistant snabawy@cacegypt.org

[End of Year Slideshow 22-23 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 Nashaat our incredible CAC photographer for these beautiful memories.

Our revised [ES Student-Parent Handbook 23-24](#) is now available online in the Elementary Section. 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 Mary Greiss: mgreiss@cacegypt.org or Lucy Hany: lhany@cacegypt.org.

The Elementary team is looking forward to a year of learning, exploring, fun, service and personal growth for our students.

Yours in partnership,

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