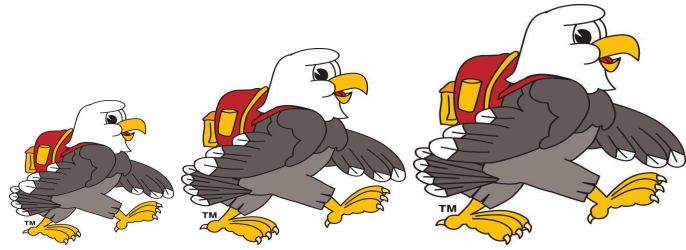




**Welcome Back  
to School  
2024 - 2025**



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## **June 2024**

Elementary Families,

We are excited for a wonderful summer ahead, filled with quality time spent with family and friends. To our departing families, we wish you ongoing happiness as you move on from CAC.

We eagerly anticipate the return of family faces as well as the arrival of new families for the 2024-2025 school year commencing **Monday, August 19**.

Please look out for the updated version of this letter with details on August 8.

## **Sunday, August 18**

### **NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION**

- **CLASS Assignment:** This will be available via Skyward on Sunday, August 18 to prepare for meeting with the teacher on the first day of school, August 19.
- **WELCOME VIDEO:** Our teachers will share a welcome video via the Grade Level Blog, on August 18 by 3 pm, featuring introductions, and essential information for a successful start to the year.

## **Monday, August 19**

- **8:00- 3:00 pm** PreK 3 & 4 will have scheduled 15-minute family visits.
- **FIRST DAY FOR KG - Gr. 5 Students**
  - 7:55 am: Classes commence (students marked tardy after 7:55 am)
  - 3:05 pm: Dismissal for KG-Grade 5

## **Tuesday, August 20**

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

### **WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL**

General school supplies are provided by CAC. Please ensure the following items are labeled with your child's name.

- A full water bottle
- Healthy snacks and lunch

- **“Anytime”** food is something we can eat every day, such as fruits and vegetables in all colors, whole grains, lean meats, low-fat yogurt, and water or low-fat milk to drink.
  - **“Sometimes”** foods are high in sugar, fat, or salt – that's why we should only eat them once in a while. They're foods such as cookies, candy, chips, and sodas. We ask that sometimes foods be kept for special occasions and not for regular school days including our family picnics.
  - Parents will be able to order healthy snacks/lunches online via their SPARE app. New Families will be sent the details of how to download the SPARE App, create their accounts using their codes, and recharge their balance in August.
- For Physical Education (P.E.) - swimsuit, goggles, towel, appropriate clothing, and footwear that is easy to take off and put on independently.
- Grade 4 & 5 students are required to purchase their own personal Yamaha Soprano Recorder. Yamaha Soprano Recorders can be purchased at the CAC Spirit Store. For consistency in sound, the Soprano Recorder brand that needs to be purchased is the “Yamaha” brand. The type of soprano recorders we use are the Baroque Soprano Recorders. They have a “B” on them. Please reach out to our new music teacher Mr. Peck with any questions at [tpeck@cacegypt.org](mailto:tpeck@cacegypt.org) in August.
- PreK - Grade 1 change of clothes.
- P.E. uniforms & Library bags are available at the Spirit Store.
- House shirts, more information will be provided by our House Team Coordinator, Mr. Greene in August and House shirts are available from the CAC Spirit Store.
- Library bags are available at the CAC 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 (optional)

## **DISMISSAL**

- Parents may arrive on campus from 2:30 pm
- Students dismiss at 3:05 pm.
- Bus students will depart at 3:20 pm from Gate 2. Students are escorted to the bus dismissal point by class aides.

- Your student pick-up cards are issued when you receive your CAC IDs. You show this card when exiting campus with your child. **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 for your child to be dismissed with this adult, including nannies, drivers, and 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.**

We invite you to enjoy our [End of Year Slideshow 23-24](#)

## ARTS

### 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 2024. Students in 4th and 5th Grade can audition for the AMIS Junior Honor Choir Festival which will be in Madrid November 20 - 24 with travel dates on either side. More information will be shared when we return to school.

Mr. Peck  
ES Music Teacher  
[tpeck@cacegypt.org](mailto:tpeck@cacegypt.org)

### Musical

Our musical is an experience that our young performers treasure. It is a Co-Curricular Activity for students in Grades 3 to 5. Next year, we will have two shows for our community to enjoy; on May 15 and 16, 2025, at the school Theater. Our musical team embraces and supports each other, fostering teamwork, perseverance, confidence, focus, and lasting friendships. In August, we will announce our ES Musical to the school community.

We invite parents of all grades to actively participate and work as crew members in the musical's production.

We plan to stage the show during the second and third seasons. The second season will be for students interested in participating in the play calibrating their skills for the auditions and possibly portraying one of the main characters. We will have a detailed rehearsal schedule to present the show to our community.

Grades 3-5 students who wish to participate in the musical must prepare and perform at the auditions at the end of the second season. The Arts Blog will release all the details and material for the auditions at the beginning of the second season.

Apart from the musical, the students will have the chance to participate in another important performance:

## The Variety Show

This event is for our KG – Gr. 5 students to share performances based on talents they are developing outside of CAC. Each act must rehearse and prepare for an audition. We choose acts that offer unique performances, embody CAC's core values, and are performance-ready. This year, we will release the Variety Show on September 25th at the school Theater, and the Arts Blog will display all of the information at the beginning of the next year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Franklin our drama teacher.

Mr. Franklin Gutierrez  
ES Drama Teacher and Musical Artistic Director  
[fgutierrezmora@cacegypt.org](mailto:fgutierrezmora@cacegypt.org)

## PARENTING TOGETHER

Coming this Fall.....

### *Parenting Together with Positive Discipline classes ...*

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



These classes meet weekly from 6 to 8 weeks 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



### **Option 1: 8 Week Course starting October 14**

Daytime Course (Primary Age 3-10) Mondays 8-11 am for 8 weeks

A comprehensive course on Positive Discipline and Wellbeing

Facilitated by Carey Harris - School Counselor and Positive Discipline Trainer

### **Option 2: 6 Week Series starting September 16**

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

Training series on the principles of Positive Discipline

Facilitated by Bonnie Greene - Grade 2 Teachers and Positive Discipline Parent Educators

**SPACE IS LIMITED!** Sign up & save your spot today!

[2024 Parenting Together Sign Up Link](#)

Happy summer holidays to all,

Yours in partnership,

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