



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER 2017

Community Charitable Clothing Drive—Our students have been planning a Clothing Charity Drive to take place at the end of October. More details concerning this special community charitable event will be forwarded to our families in a separate notice. We look forward to your support.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

*October 11—
trip—Elementary
Grades 3/4/5—
National Military
Museum*

*October 15—
trip—Elementary
Grades 1/2—
National Military
Museum*

*October 17—
Kindergarten—
Family Park*

*October 22 to
October 26—
Term 1 Exams*

*October 29—
Term 2 Begins*

*October 31—
Halloween Day—
KG Celebra-
tions—"Scare
away the Cold"*

*Elementary Cele-
bration—"Scare
away the Pain"*

Morning Lines and Saluting the Flag

In the past the saluting of the flag and singing of the national anthem took place on designated days for middle and high school students. Not all school days were designated for morning lines. This year there has been a change in routine. As per Ministry direction, morning lines for this academic year will take place each day. This routine will start the day with the saluting of the flag and our national anthem. Elementary students also start each day with a tribute to the flag, as well as the singing of the national anthem. The morning opening for elementary students is more comprehensive and includes other songs, and tributes to the upcoming days activities.

Armed Forces Day Celebrations

On Wednesday October 4th each school division celebrated Armed Forces Day. Middle School and High School morning lines were extended to include a reading about our Armed Forces and a choir composed of grade 9 students sang a tribute song. Kindergarten students celebrated in the early morning by singing songs and creating artifacts related to the October war. Tasty open face sandwiches depicting our country's flag were one of the most favored creations. Elementary students dressed in red, black and white joining together in the front courtyard to sing songs about Egypt. Mid-morning found Middle school students in the auditorium reading poetry, singing songs and watching video of the great October victory.

School Parent Information Sessions

Two of the three parent information sessions have taken place.

Accreditation—On Wednesday September 27th, 2017 there was a presentation provided by Ms. Suzanne Tsuchida, DAIS's Assistant Director of program. We were pleased to speak to sixty parents about this important issue. Ms. Suzanne shared why school accreditation is important. First and foremost she noted that the accreditation process ensures that the op-

erations and the program in the school is being implemented at a high performance level. Accreditation also ensures quality customer service while guaranteeing expectations and standards are being met. Finally it is the vehicle to ensure our school may grant an American Diploma upon graduation.

Curriculum—On Wednesday October 4th, Mr. Chuck, School Director, gave a presentation concerning curriculum. He noted American Schools should be striving to produce students who graduate with a large tool chest of knowledge and skills. Graduates should be able to problem solve, be analytical and possess an array of critical thinking skills. Understanding their role as a global citizens and valuing self and others is the third pillar for all graduates. Mr. Chuck stressed it is not enough for schools to understand and speak to these three important outcomes. School must be able to measure individual and group development. A regular review of goals based on assessment results that have responding strategic actions should take place. Mr. Chuck also stressed that the formative years must be viewed as a development journey based on assessment for and of learning at the school. (**Assessment OF learning** is 'summative', i.e. its main purpose is to grade and certify students' achievement, while **Assessment FOR learning** is 'formative', aiming to support and advance students in their learning¹. This can also be described as **Assessment As Learning**)

Data Informed Decision Making— Wednesday October 11th, 2017 from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

This will be the last of three information sessions for this term. The focus of this meeting will be sharing with parents how outcome, process, demographic and perceptual data is used to inform decision making in the school.

Parent School Advisory Council

We are pleased to announce that we have had two volunteers for the school Advisory Council. However more volunteers are needed. We are hoping to create a council of six parents who will meet with Mr. Chuck on a monthly basis. Each school stage (Kindergarten, Elementary, Middle School , High School) will have one representative. Two individuals will act as members at large, representing all school interests. Parents who have experience in the school would be warmly welcomed. Parents who are new comers to the school are also encouraged to volunteer. Interested parties may email Ms. Rita, the assistant to Mr. Chuck (rita.nabih@daisegy.com). Within the email please provide your name , the number of years you have been with DAIS and the grade(s) your child(ren) are currently attending. A final decision on the make up of the council will be completed by the end of October.

School Evacuation Drill—September 26th and October 3rd

School Evacuation drills are very important to ensuring the safety of all our students. DAIS's first drill was held on September 26th. All students successfully evacuated the build, but with this being our first drill of the year, the response time was not as quick as we were aiming to achieve. A good response time for our building is approximately three minutes. Our first drill found our last students exiting the building at just under five minutes. Students and staff reviewed the importance of the drill and why respond time is a important element to the safety of us all. On October 3rd a second drill took place. The building was successfully evacuated in the acceptable three minute time limit.. In order to continue this improvement cycle, two more drills will take place throughout this academic year.

Communication with the School

We have received some requests to republish the contact numbers for the four stages in the school. Please note that these numbers are linked with the appropriate stage supervisor who will take your information, requests or questions. These supervisors will in turn connect with the appropriate person in the school who can best facilitate your needs. Please use the appropriate contact number.

Kindergarten — 01027713776
 Elementary — 01024998052
 Middle School — 01098677733
 High School — 01000026734

RenWeb—ParentsWeb

We have had a number of inquiries from our new comer parents about RenWeb. To have access to RenWeb the school must have your email on file. This is the information that provides family access to the system. Details on how to register with RenWeb can be found on our school webpage (daisegy.com) or may also find this information posted on our school's facebook account. Details of how to connect to RenWeb are also listed in this newsletter. After trying this link if you still find you are having difficulty connecting to the RenWeb site, please contact the school and we will have one of our technical staff assist you.

Connecting to RenWeb

RenWeb School Management Software gives you, the busy parent, an opportunity to get more involved in your child's academic progress and future success – all via the Internet!

RenWeb's ParentsWeb is a private and secure parents' portal

that will allow parents to view academic information specific to their children, while protecting their children's information from others. You can see your child's grades, attendance and homework, as well as other useful school information. You can also communicate with teachers and other school staff online whenever necessary. All you need is an Internet-capable computer. Here's how to access our easy-to-use **RenWeb ParentsWeb**: Make sure that the school has your email address in RenWeb. In Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Safari, go to www.renweb.com and click **Logins** –

- Type the school's **District Code** DA-EGY
- Click **Create New ParentsWeb Account**.
- Type your email address and click **Create Account**.
- An email will be sent which includes a link to create your ParentsWeb login. The link is active for 6 hours.

Term 1 and 2 Exams

Due to how the holidays fell in this years calendar, the first two terms of school had to be scheduled before the end of December. Term 1 will conclude on October 26th. Term 2 will begin on October 29th and conclude on December 21st. Term 1 exams will be held from October 22nd and extend to October 26th. Reports will be distributed the week of November 13th. The first parent conference for the year will take place on Saturday November 18th, 2017. Term 2 exams will be held from December 17th to December 21st. Report Cards for term 2 will be distributed the week of January 23rd 2018.

Student Charity Drive

Our students and staff are currently planning a charity clothing drive to take place later in October. The students have not concluded planning the event. Specific information concerning how you can support this very special community drive will be forwarded to parents in a separate communication.



"Eat this school report and let me do the talking."