

November 2013

Turkey Trot is coming up! 11/25/13

CFCI is excited to put on our third annual Turkey Trot! This event is not a fundraiser, rather a time for our CFCI families and community members to come together and help bring food to the table of those who may not have the opportunities that we have.

This year, Mr. Rheel has added more organizations to benefit from this event! We will be working again with the Wilmington Food Bank, but will also be adding Nourish NC and Mother Hubbard's Cupboard. All of these organizations directly impact the Wilmington Community. On

Monday, November 4th, we will have a short Pep Rally to unveil the three organizations to the our students



and let them in on a friendly competition of collecting cans. Ultimately, everyone wins because all organizations will benefit, but the group that brings in the most canned goods/non-perishables will get a surprise as well! It's a fun twist to help us bring in

even more goods to support our community.

We will be sending home more information regarding the Turkey Trot on 11/25, but **SAVE THE DATE!** The event will start at 3:45 and food will be served after the event. We want to thank the Wilmington Police Department Bagpipers for helping kick off the event and Chili's for once again donating delicious food items! We have some other exciting surprises "up our sleeves" for the event and hope to see ALL of you there! We will collect cans between now and then and would love if each participant brought an addition can that day! Please contact Michael Rheel-mrheel@cfc.net with questions.

Barnes and Noble Night 11/8/13

Barnes and Noble Night is here again! This is CFCI's 8th year participating in the Barnes and Noble Bookfair. This event is always just a fun way to get out of the school and into the community. We will have student showcases going on throughout the evening of November 8th at Barnes and Noble in Mayfaire. We have 2nd grade yoga, 8th grade music and stories, Acting class

showcases, 3rd grade space museums and 5th grade stories to share. There may be even more! CFCI gets a percentage of all purchases including coffee and baked goods, so be sure to tell them you are with CFCI! Vouchers are



attached with more details.

If you have family members from out of town who are interested in participating, just have them order online from the Barnes and Noble Website! They just need the voucher number:

Voucher # 11184983

We hope to see you there on Friday night!!!

2525 Wonder Way
Wilmington, NC 28401

Website:
www.cfc.net

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Dates to Remember:

- ☺ 11/4: Fundraising 3:30
- ☺ 11/5: Election Day
- ☺ 11/7: Chili's Night
- ☺ 11/8: Make up Pics
- ☺ 11/8: Barnes and Noble Night 4:30-7:00pm
- ☺ 11/11: Veteran's Day Holiday
- ☺ 11/12: Life Long Learning Meeting
- ☺ 11/14: Student Led Conferences
- ☺ 11/15: 4th Grade field trip
- ☺ 11/19: End of 1st Trimester (6-8 Specials)
- ☺ 11/20: 2nd Grade Field Trip
- ☺ 11/21: 1st Grade Field Trip
- ☺ 11/25-11/26: MG Academies
- ☺ 11/25: **TURKEY TROT!!!**
- ☺ 11/27: Teacher Workday

2012-2013 Test Scores Release: 11/7/13

The state is ready to release test scores from 2012-2013. They will become available through a public website on Thursday, November 7th. In preparation for that release, we want to help our parents and families understand some of the changes. The tests were all brand new last year and cover the Common Core Standards. Each time a new test is developed and re-normed, there is typically a 20-30% drop in proficiency across the state. This year will be no different. The state is actually anticipating a 30-40% drop in proficiency scores. The website will release three pieces of information.

Proficiency- The percent of our students who scored a 3 or 4 on the test.

AMO (Annual Measurable Objectives)

- Meeting the goals set forth by the federal and state expectations in each subgroup. (This year CFCI has 13 state subgroups and 17 Federal subgroups)

Growth Data- This is the most important data from an educator's perspective as it gives us information on whether or not we grew from one year to the next in our different areas of study. Growth is calculated through SAS EVAAS (Educator Value-Added Assessment System). More

information can be found at <http://www.dpi.state.nc.us/effectiveness-model/evaas/>.

The preliminary numbers that we have seen thus far once again show that CFCI is performing at a level significantly higher than the state average. Once the information is public, we will be able to share and answer more specific questions. We do not know, at this time, when Individual Student Reports will be made available by the state, we do know that on 11/7/13, school, district and state-wide data will be released.

Please help us keep our students safe

- Please remember not to park in the circle or on Wonder Way during car drop off or pick up. You may park at the church and walk up or utilize the car line. If you have a quick item to drop off, you may park in the main lot, run it in, but then we do request that you move so that we ensure our teachers and assistants have parking spaces. Keep in mind

many of our teaching assistants do not start until 8:15 or 8:30am.



- Also a reminder to accompany your children when they are walking up to be sure they arrive to the front door safely.
- Do not use the grassy cut through from the

church parking lot, rather please walk through the lot to the sidewalk. Part of that grassy area belongs to the church and part of it to our Business Park neighbors and when we walk on it, we kill the grass.

- SLOW DOWN! We still have many parents who are speeding up Wonder Way and on campus. Please remember that we have children and adults crossing the road and working as our Safety Patrol.

Upcoming Community Events:

Festival Latino is coming November 9th at Ogden Park in Wilmington! For more information, please go to <http://www.amigosinternacional.org/> 11AM to 8 pm

Veteran's Day at Children's Museum:

<http://www.whatsonwilmington.com/event.php?id=6794>

Oak Island's Hanukkah Menorah Lighting - November 27th



CFCI Alumni collects books for children in need

Sarah Sullivan, senior at Isaac Bear and CFCI Alumni, is working with local schools, to help collect books for children from underprivileged homes in Wilmington. Sarah's senior project this year deals with researching the importance of reading at a young age and the book drive is a service-oriented portion of her project. As educators, we know how very important it is to read with children early on and we are proud of Sarah and willing to help with her research and book drive



in any way we can! There is a box in the front foyer where you can drop off gently used books that will be donated to families who do not have access to such resources. Thank you for helping other families and also supporting the growth and success of our CFCI Alumni!

Spooky Story Starters

Ever want to come up with your own spooky story to share with your friends? Try some of these starters from Ms. LaFleur's 6-8 Creative Expression class:

- First off, let me get something straight. Close the book.
- Pictures capture a moment gone forever, impossible to reproduce.
- Her arm was skinned, her leg was bruised and she was having a really, really bad day.
- I had an uncomfortable feeling like something was watching me.
- Autumn has never had a normal life, and she knows that. But things are about to get a whole lot stranger.

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FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE UPDATE



Have you ordered your brick?

So far this school year \$1,100 has been raised in our brick campaign! With the approaching holiday season now is the perfect time to purchase a brick and honor a special CFCI loved one! Each \$50 personalizes a brick to commemorate your child, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and board members. Orders can be easily placed online via the CFCI website. Paper forms will be available at car pick up courtesy of our dancing brick!

Help us reach our \$5,000 goal by ordering your brick today!



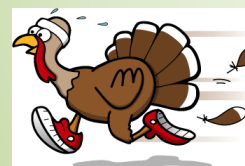
Harris Teeter VIC cards

Be sure to link your VIC card to our school! Harris Teeter gives a percentage back to CFCI when your card is linked. You can complete the one step process to link your card here:

http://www.harristeeter.com/community/together_in_education/tie_details.aspx

Mark Your Calendars!

This year's Turkey Trot will be held on Monday, November 25th at 3:30pm here at CFCI. We are getting excited for another awesome event this year!



Partnership (PTO) Update



We can't believe that October has come and gone already. What a busy month for the Partnership and the school as a whole.

We have had great turn outs for our first two Chili's Give Back Nights. Second grade raised \$70.00 and First grade raised \$80. November's Chili's Give Back Night, 11/7/13, will benefit the Kindergarten classes. Remember that the grades will receive 10% of all sales during lunch and dinner so let your server know you are with CFCI.

Another great fundraiser in October was the Scholastic Book Fair. We sold over \$4600.00 worth of books and were able to give books to the teachers to help build their

libraries. It is great to see all the kids excited for books. The Partnership will get 25% of those sales that will go back in to the classrooms for needed supplies, technology, etc... Thank you so much!

Holiday
Festival



Looking ahead to November and December the Partnership will be working with room parents to plan the annual Holiday



Festival that will be held on 12/7/13 from 10:00 to 2:00. We will have raffle baskets, games, crafts and lots of fun. Tickets will be \$1.00 per ticket or \$20.00 for 25 tickets. We will also collect a maximum of 50

Box Tops (festival day only) that will be converted to 5 additional tickets. Those tickets can be used for raffles baskets, games and crafts. This is a great day to spend with your family and have lots of fun.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

The Partnership
Jennifer Fite, Partnership Chairperson
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Meet CFCI Board Member, Samantha Deprisco

This year marks Ms. DePrisco's 12th year of teaching and her 8th year here at CFCI in the K/1 loop.

Ms. DePrisco is originally from Virginia and graduated from Randolph-Macon College with a degree in Sociology and Studio Art. Shortly after graduation she joined an AmeriCorps program where she was assigned to work with the Richmond Chapter of the Red Cross. The assignment was to provide emergency assistance to victims and communities affected by disaster, increase preparedness and provide education to the local community. Following 9/11, Ms.



DePrisco was sent to work in New York City to assist in relief efforts on and off for the remainder of that year. After returning to Richmond her focus was on preparedness education in local elementary schools and this is where she first developed a love of being in

the classroom.

In the spring of 2002 she was accepted into Teach for America, an organization who recruits and trains recent college graduates to commit to teach in low-income communities throughout the country. During that summer she taught and trained in the Bronx, NY and was then sent to Baltimore where she taught 2nd and 3rd grade for 4 years. While in Baltimore, Ms. DePrisco also attended Johns Hopkins University and received her Master's Degree in Teaching. Feeling the need for a change after a few years, she decided to

head south!

Before CFCI, Ms. DePrisco took an interim position at Camp Lejeune where she taught a K/1 multi-age class with students having moderate to severe disabilities and then found her current home at CFCI and couldn't be happier!

This is her first year serving as a teacher member of the board and loves the unique opportunity that gives teachers a voice and a part in the decision making processes both in and outside of the classroom. In recent years Ms. DePrisco has also served as a mentor teacher, a member of the Great Arts-Spectations and fundraising committees, and became a National Board Certified Teacher. She has a particular love of nature based education and loves to integrate this into the curriculum and get the kids outside to the much bigger "classroom" whenever possible.

When she isn't teaching Ms. D is an avid reader, loves to travel, tries to keep up with her very energetic pup Lilo, spend as much time as possible with friends and family, and endure the many joys (and headaches) of renovating her older home she recently purchased near downtown. But - her greatest joy - being an aunt to a very funny and lively two year old nephew!

Ms. DePrisco is looking forward to many more years at CFCI!

What to do when a child is having difficulty at school

Below are the steps that we go through as a school (teacher/parent/ student) team to make sure your child is getting the help they need when they are struggling. Struggles do not necessarily indicate an extreme learning deficit, rather the student may just need a few interventions to close the gap with some concepts.

When a Teacher/Parent is concerned with a student's academic/ behavioral progress in the general education classroom

Step 1: Classroom teacher meets with the parent to discuss what each can do to help the student move forward within the regular class setting and core curriculum

Step 2: Classroom teacher meets with the parent along with the Curriculum Coordinator and other building specialists as appropriate to determine further interventions & gather data

Step 3: Above team meets with the EC Coordinator to review all data; determine additional higher level interventions, discuss the need for formal evaluation &/or possible EC consideration

When Parents bring in an outside report (medical, Dr. note, psychological etc.)

Take a copy to the EC Coordinator

A team meeting will be scheduled within 30 days to go over the report to determine the next step...to either:

Refer back to the classroom teacher with interventions & monitoring via RtI tiered problem solving process

Determine eligibility for a 504 accommodation plan

Make a formal referral for Exceptional Children consideration

When a formal referral is made for Special Education consideration, expect the following:

Based on the collection of intervention data and historical information, the collaborative team including the parent will make the decision whether to refer the student for formal assessment

The process may take up to 90 days from the time the school receives in writing or agrees as a team that a suspicion of a disability exists

In order to qualify for EC services the student the following is required:

The student meets the criteria for one or more of the 14 disabling conditions consistent with NC Policy 1500-2

The team must agree the disability has an adverse affect on the students educational performance

The disability requires specially designed instruction...and

The disability is not the result of lack of appropriate instruction in math or reading or not based on limited English proficiency

EC Coordinator: Nancy Johnsen- njohnsen@cfci.net

504/RtI Coordinator: Jennifer Paetzold- jpaetzold@cfci.net

8th Graders: Early College Deadlines

8th Grade parents and students,

Each student received an information sheet on local early college deadlines.

Isaac Bear & Wilmington Early College applications are DUE

NOV. 15th!! Your child must let Ms. Ahrenberg know they are applying

before they do so (via a high school plans questionnaire they were given.)

Please contact Leigh Ann Ahrenberg, School Counselor, for more information.

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910-362-0000



Counselor's Corner: Internet/Phone Safety

This month, I will be speaking with each 4-8 classroom on the topic of Internet and phone safety. Technology is becoming more and more accessible in our society and our children usually have easy access to things like computers and cell phones. While technology is a great resource for children & teens- there are also many dangers that accompany these devices. It is very important to discuss safe/not-safe practices for cell phone and internet usage.

Things to note:

Closely monitor your child's computer time- children can open social networking sites, chat

rooms, etc. without parent permission or proof of age.

Gaming devices such as Wii, Xbox, or Playstation have online capabilities that allow children to communicate with strangers freely.

Sending text messages/pictures/online posts are permanent and can have very serious consequences if the material is inappropriate. These things can also be easily be shared by the person receiving them.

Exact locations can be easily traced when a child does something as simple as posting a picture online. (There are safeguards that you can implement to stop this)

Explain to your child that he/she should never give out personal information online to anyone they don't know personally.

Feel free to contact me should you have any questions or concerns.

Your School Counselor, Leigh-Ann Ahrenberg

Teachers enjoy their Pumpkin Party Celebration!

Thank you to all who contributed to the teacher Pumpkin Surprise Party November 30th. It was great success and wonderful celebration!



Middle Grades Student Have Another Successful Team Building Retreat!

2013 was another successful year of bonding with friends and new classmates, facing fears, and even studying environmental issues. Check out just a few pictures from the Middle Grades Retreat!

