

September 2013

2525 Wonder Way
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The year is off to a GREAT start!

The 2013-2014 school year has kicked off very smoothly! We are excited to have everyone back to school and in the routine. This newsletter is filled with information about many upcoming events, opportunities for community input, volunteer opportunities, celebrations and more! Please take the time to read through the many things we have going on here at CFCI!

Don't forget to Buy A Brick!!! Leave your mark on Wonder Way! Our goal is to sell 100 bricks this school year. They are just \$50 each and you can leave your mark on the campus of CFCI. Use it to honor your child, alumni, parents, faculty, etc! An order form is

attached and look for online ordering opportunities coming soon.

CFCI Strategic Plan Draft #1 is ready for feedback. You will notice that the CFCI Strategic Plan, Draft #1 is also attached to this newsletter. We have an online form where you can provide feedback to our Strategic Planning Committee on the plan. We want to know what our faculty, board, and parent community think. The plan was driven by input from everyone over the past year and half and we are excited to finally unveil this first draft. Feedback can be given at: [Click HERE](#) for the link to give feedback.

Going Green for 13-14!

As you probably know by now, *Going Green* is a big focus this year. If you did not get a chance to take the online survey put out by the Fundraising Committee in August, please click on the link below and do so today! The survey is designed to help us determine what resources we ALREADY have within our community!

<https://docs.google.com/a/cfci.net/forms/d/1kLmBoauIV0YFN3s8qHUeBJQ1psGsG8vq22O4IEWwHSI/viewform>

We need umbrellas: If you have larger umbrellas you are willing to donate to the school please do so. Staff and Safety Patrol need some more for drop off and pick up. Thanks!

Website:

www.cfci.net

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Dates to Remember:

- ☺ 9/3: Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
- ☺ 9/4: 3:30- Fundraising
- ☺ 9/4: STUDENT PICTURES AND STAFF MAKE UPS
- ☺ 9/5: 6pm- 1st grade parent night
- ☺ 9/5: 3rd Grd Beginning of Year (BOY) testing
- ☺ 9/5: 5:30pm- 6th grade parent night
- ☺ 9/5: Chili's Night!!!
- ☺ 9/6: 11am- Executive Meeting
- ☺ 9/6: 1:30pm-5th grade band assembly/meeting
- ☺ 9/11: 4th grade parent night 6:00-7:00pm
- ☺ 9/19: Board of Directors meeting- 6pm
- ☺ 9/26: Half day for students
- ☺ 9/27: Teacher Workday

The campus is looking good!

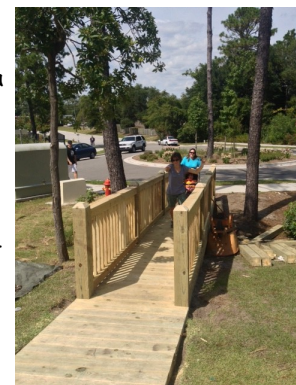
A BIG thank you to the many CFCI K-3 families who came out on Saturday, August 24th to help clean up the K-3 playground! The faculty and parent volunteers



Painted many picnic tables, cleaned and reassembled the playhouse and pirate ship, weeded areas, removed debris and did a lot of general cleaning to ensure the playground was in tip top shape! The students are loving it as you can see some of Ms. De-

prisco's students hanging out by one of the freshly painted picnic tables.

The new bridge is also a big hit for car pick up! This is just the beginning of our perimeter path that will one day surround our CFCI campus!



Proctors Needed: 3rd Grade Beginning of Year Test: 9/5/13!

We have our Beginning of Grade third grade test approaching and we need **3 proctors!** We need three parents who *do not have a third grade student* to come to CFCI on Thursday September 5, 2013 at 8:15 a.m. You will

have a brief proctor training in Jennifer Paetzold's office and then you will assist our third grade teachers with their administration of the third grade B.O.G. We have 8:15-12:00 blocked off for testing. If you can

donate your time the morning of September 5th to our third grade we would sincerely appreciate it. Please contact Jennifer Paetzold at jpaetzold@cfci.net. Thank you!

Help us make Safety Patrol a stronger program!

Mrs. Roy is working with our 6th, 7th and 8th grade student volunteers to train and prepare them for their very important role as Safety Patrol in the morning. The main job these school leaders have is helping students safely out of their cars in the morning as the Administrative Team has been doing the first two weeks. These student volunteers work with members of the Admin team to make sure that you are greeted with a smile and most importantly, that your child gets safely into school. We really want to bring more to this program by having volunteers from EMS, the city or county police, fire depart-

ment and other roles that involve keeping people safe come and visit our Safety Patrol for 30-45 minutes on and off

throughout the year and speak about their jobs, experiences, etc. with these students. We are also interested in a mini-field trip or two possibly to a fire station or something comparable.



PARENTS, if you or someone you know works in one of these careers and would be willing to come speak with our Safety Patrollers one morning, please contact Lori Roy at lori.roy@cfci.net. Also if YOU would be inter-

ested in helping coordinate the field trip/speaker set up for the Safety Patrol, Mrs. Roy would greatly appreciate your assistance. We look forward to another great and SAFE year!

Safety First! Car pick up/drop off reminders

Below are a few very important reminders for car drop off and pick up. Please follow these procedures for the safety of your children and others as well as to support a more efficient process.

- Do not block sidewalks or driveways (church or Willie Stargell entrance)
- Be courteous of one another when entering on Wonder Way from Wellington- take turns letting



cars onto Wonder Way from the right, then left side of the road.

- Stay to the left, close to the curb
- Pull up close to the car in front of you so we can get as many cars off of Wellington as possible
- SLOW DOWN! Remember, we have students and teachers all over our campus. Even 10mph is TOO fast on campus, particularly with all the turns and crosswalks.
- Don't park on Wonder Way or in the circle in the afternoons. We have to have emer-

gency vehicle access in front of the school and in the back entrance.

- Smile! :-) Pick up is wrapping up in 20-25 minutes from the time Mr. Rheel, Senora Stenzel or Mr. Rose starts calling at 3:05pm.
- If you found yourself dropping off closer and closer to 8:05am or later this week, leave the house a little earlier.
- Walkers, please park at the church. Do NOT park at the business park or rehabilitation center.

Middle Grades Egg Drop is a BIG Success!

Middle School Students, like all classes at CFCI, started the school year off with team building and activities revolving our social curriculum. One of the team building activi-



ties that integrates math and science is the egg drop. This has been a tradition for years with our 6-8 students at CFCI. Students work in small groups to create a way to drop their eggs from the top of one of our new climbing structures onto the ground without breaking the raw eggs. We have cushioned eggs, para-

chutes, hand made boxes and more! This year our 7th grade teams



Congrats to these winning 7th grade teams!

SWEEPED the competition. The winners were Team Batman, Team Cracked Egg and Team Egg Breakers. It was fun couple of days. Way to go 7th grade!!!

New Website, Twitter, Facebook...spread the word!

We are excited to announce that THIS WEEKEND we will launch our new CFCI website. We will still be at www.cfc.net. Mrs. Roy and Paul Allen (IT Specialist) have been hard at work with parent, Derek Schmidt, of Design Loud right



here in Wilmington. Derek has helped us create a new, more user-friendly website that we are so excited about! Don't

forget to also like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/>

[capefearcenterforinquiry](https://www.facebook.com/capefearcenterforinquiry) and follow Mrs. Roy on Twitter @cfc_lori.

Also if you are, or know any CFCI alumni, have them email us at cfcialumni@cfc.net so we can re-connect!

CFCI Receives Green School of Excellence Award!!!

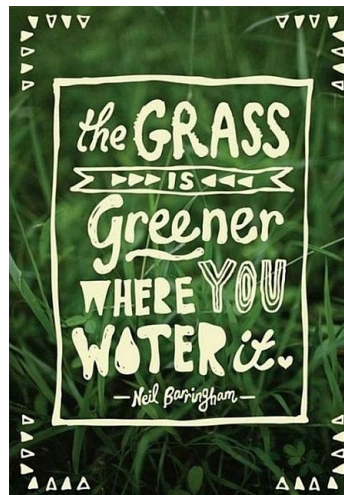
Cape Fear Center for Inquiry has received the Green School of Ex-



cellence Award for 2013!! This award from "Keep New Hanover County Beautiful" is given to area schools who meet requirements in variety of clean environment efforts including recycling, outdoor clean-up and beautification, resource conservation, envi-

ronmental education and school community involvement. Many thanks to Beth Carter for her efforts in applying for this award, to our teachers for their efforts in

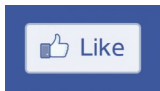
environmental education, and to our parents for their involvement in our beautification efforts.



Get Involved with our Green Team!

Are you a Greenie at heart? If you are all about recycling, outdoor education, and feel that it is important to develop CFCI's green spaces into learning space and room to exercise, then this is your committee! CFCI's Green Team meets on 4th Mondays at 3:30 in Jackie Anderson's 7th grade classroom.

Partnership (PTO)



Update

WOW what a great first two weeks of school. We are happy to see the kids back in the swing of school and eager to learn. Open house was a huge success. We were so happy to see so many returning faces and meet new parents this year. The school campus is looking great with all the new improvements. The Partnership held a Welcome Back Luncheon for the teacher's the day of open house and they were so appreciative of the all the food that we were able to provide for them. We want to give a big shout out to Chili's for assisting us with this. We have also been able to give the teachers their first stipend check for the beginning of the year and that too was really appreciated. We couldn't have done that without all your support in the last years.



As we head into September we will be kicking off our annual giving campaign "Fund the Wonder". You should receive the information regarding this in your child's folder before the end of August. If you didn't get it we will have all the forms on our website

for you to download and get more information. We will also sponsor a Free Family Movie Night on September 20th starting at 6:00 p.m. We will have free popcorn and we are planning to have Trolley Stop available for you to purchase a bite to eat prior to the movie. Keep an eye out on the Facebook page for more information as the day gets closer.

In the coming weeks we will have T-shirts and Attractions guides available at pickup a couple of days. If you weren't able to purchase these at open house you will have the chance to



get those then or at the Free Family Movie Night. We will post the days on Facebook for the afternoon sales. As always send in those Box Tops and relink your VIC card at Harris Teeter.

Thanks for everyone's support!
Jennifer Fite, Partnership Chairperson
partnership@cfc.net

Meet David Blackwell: Personal Fitness teacher and Teaching Assistant

David Blackwell grew up in Raleigh, N.C. and graduated from Broughton High School. He graduated from Appalachian State with a degree in History/Secondary Education in 2011. Following the warm weather, he moved to Wilmington to be close to the coast. David has worked in many experiential education positions including high and low ropes courses, walls and towers, and now surfing. He is especially excited to be at CFCI supporting the already great teachers!

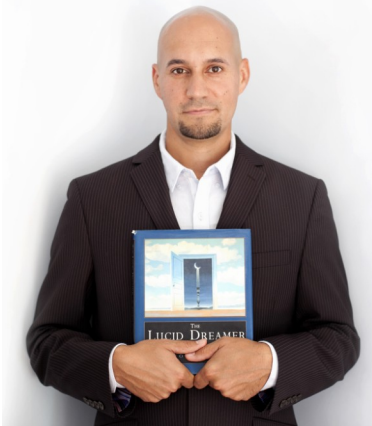
When he is not at school, David enjoys camping, hiking, surfing, fishing, and music. He loves dogs, doesn't like cats, and his favorite author is Kurt Vonnegut.



Meet CFCI Board Member, Jeremy Spielman- Board Co-Chair

Jeremy aims to inspire and provoke self-efficacy in a manner that invests in people to make the collective whole better. He has an entrepreneurial mind and believes that the right questions can unlock the creative designs, solutions and experiences necessary to change the static reality of public education.

He is a District and School Transformation Coach with The North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. Previously Jeremy



has served as an Advisor, Start-Up School CEO, School Principal, Program Coordinator, and Classroom Teacher. Jeremy currently serves on the board of directors of the Cape Fear Center for Inquiry.

Jeremy's Executive Highlights include:

- Leading Change▪ Instruction and Curriculum Engineering
- Public Speaking
- Facilitating Civil Discourse
- Inspiring Action through Development
- Policy Research

& Development ▪Forming Strategic Partnerships ▪Strengthen Agency Value with Stakeholders ▪Efficacy Development

When Jeremy is not in the world of work he can be found enjoying life with his family, reading books, riding waves, climbing rocks, designing dreams, and failing at all sorts of cool stuff! He also enjoys a good discussion, coffee, spicy food, random acts of kindness, and just about any spontaneous adventure!

Check out Jeremy's online bio at: www.about.me/jeremyspielman