

CFCI Newsletter

March 2017



Morning & Drop-Off Reminders

Please share this information with everyone who drives your children to school:

- Please do not use the back entrance onto the campus during drop-off or pickup. That entrance is reserved for faculty, staff and busses.
- Please ensure that you **pull all the way through** and do not stop at the doors. We need to accommodate as many cars as possible along the sidewalk.
- Please do not get out of your car. Our safety patrol is here to help! Please let our safety patrol help with projects, bags, etc. They are happy to help!!
- Remember, students are to be in their classroom by 8:05. We are seeing an increasing number of tardy sign-ins. We would recommend making your target time to arrive no later than 8:00. The earlier you arrive the shorter the line. J
- If you arrive and safety patrol is NOT on the sidewalk, please ensure that you get out of the car with your child (children) and come into school to sign him/her/them in at the office. Please do not have your child run up the sidewalk. This is a safety concern.



3/8-3/10- 8th grade trip to DC
3/10 - 1st grade trip to Raleigh
3/31- Teacher Work Day
4/6- Student Led Conferences
4/7- Field Day
4/10-4/14- Spring Break
4/17- Teacher workday
4/19- K-4 Spring Pictures
4/20- 5-8 Spring Pictures
4/29 Rip Tide Runners Autism Run
5/10-5/12- 5th grade trip to Williamsburg
5/13- Great Artspectation



We are in need of proctors for testing.

This is a very important role during testing. We need volunteer proctors in each of our test settings to assist our test administrators.

Requirements:

- Set aside approximately 4 hours of the test date from 8:15 until approximately 12:15 (could be a bit shorter and it could be a bit longer).
- Attend a proctor training at 8:15; this gives you all of the information that you need to be a successful proctor as well as a continental breakfast with coffee and juice.

Note: You cannot proctor in the same grade level as your child(ren).

EOG Testing Dates

May 26, 2017: Testing begins:
5th grade Science (online)

May 30, 2017: 8th grade Science (online)

May 31, 2016: 3-6 and 8th grade ELA

June 1, 2017: 3-6, 8th grade Math

June 2, 2017: 7th grade ELA (online)

June 5, 2017: 7th grade Math (online)

June 6, 2017: Math 1 (online), Math 2 (online), Read to Achieve

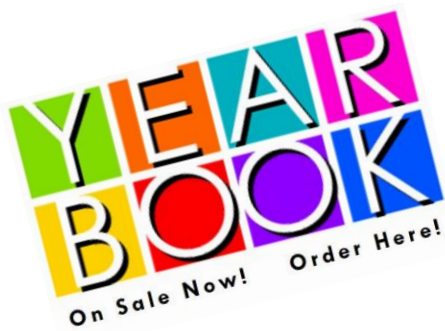
June 7, 2017: Make-ups

Parking at the Church



We have been contacted by the church that children are playing near the pond, not staying on the sidewalks and running. It is imperative that students are supervised and that they walk to and from the school and parking lot. The use of this parking lot is a gift and it is vital that we continue to maintain positive relationships with the church.

Please help remedy this situation by monitoring your students and please feel empowered to approach others and remind them to follow procedures should you see them not monitoring their children.



Interested in ordering a yearbook? This year yearbook orders are online. Yearbooks are \$20 each.

To order go to:

1. Strawbridge.net
2. Click Pay or Order Online
3. Enter our school code: 109651
4. Click Yearbook
5. Enter your email and follow the steps to order



2017-2018 Enrollment Forms



Enrollment Forms have been sent home earlier this week. Please complete this form and return it back to school no later than April 7th.



When: April 7th

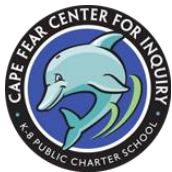
Where: Veteran's Park

Time: TBD

Volunteers Needed for Field Day

Information will be sent home soon!





The 7th annual Great ArtSpectations is coming up May 13th from 7-9pm at the Coastline Convention Center in beautiful downtown Wilmington! Our goal this year is to raise \$25,000 for our art program and technology.

This year we have five featured artists who have been working with the students to produce individual and collaborative pieces of art and those artists will be donating their own art for our live auction. There will also be a silent auction portion for other pieces of donated artwork.

In the past six years this event has raised approximately \$95,000 which has been applied towards improving the K-3 playground, the 4th-8th grade play space, designing and installing the first fitness stations, segments of the perimeter fitness path, tablet stations for classrooms, interactive outdoor learning spaces, a floating observation deck, and an outdoor classroom (soon to come!).

Sponsorships have already started coming in!

If your family or business is interested in sponsoring this year at one of our many levels please contact Samantha DePrisco at sdeprisco@cfci.net or Kathy Rettig at krettig@cfci.net.

For donated art pieces contact Missy Ritchie mritchie@cfci.net, Julie Sartorius jsartorius@cfci.net or Michelle Scibetta mscibetta@cfci.net.

We look forward to seeing you on May 13th!

Family Yoga is here at CFCI!

Started Monday, Feb 28th and continuing for the following six Mondays, a Family Yoga Class Series will be offered from 3:45-4:45 at CFCI in the Multipurpose room.

The series is designed for children, ages 8-14, and their adult partner. It may be a parent, grandparent, neighbor, or friend. This will be an all-levels practice; beginners welcome! We will focus on self-connectedness and building positive relationships. Please do not plan to drop off your child, as this is a partner series.

What: Family Yoga Series

When: Mondays, February 27th - April 3rd

Where: CFCI Multipurpose Room

Time: 3:45- 4:45 pm

Cost: \$30 for 6 weeks/per family (suggested donation)
or \$5 drop-in session



**All proceeds will be used to purchase yoga and/or mindfulness resources for CFCI.
If there are any questions please email lcoble@cfci.net*

Riptide Runners

2017 is going to be the biggest Riptide Runner Season yet!

This is the 6th year CFCI has organized & trained for a 5K run. Students in 3rd-8th grade that have registered, will train afterschool for 10 weeks.

This year will be the 4th time that we participate in the run for Autism. No other teams that run the race have ever donated more than CFCI.

This year CFCI has 105 Riptide Runners.

That is a \$2,625 donation!!!

Teachers that have volunteered to coach include Michael Rheel, Kelly Rooney, Kristen Gray, and Brandt Hart. Fifteen fabulous parents have also signed up as volunteers.

Without our parent volunteers; there would be no Riptide Runners.



Important Riptide Runner dates:

March 25th- Volunteer at the Miracle Baseball Field at Olsen Park

March 30th- Field Trip to Halyburton Park

April 20th- Practice timed 5K at CFCI (volunteers needed)

April 28th- Chilli's hosted Pasta Dinner at CFCI 5-7. (\$5 a for those not a Riptide Runner)

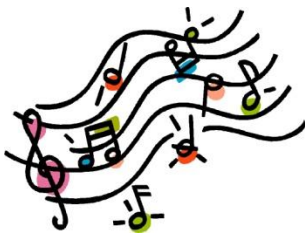
April 29th- Autism Run Mayfaire 7:15 Check in. 8:00 race



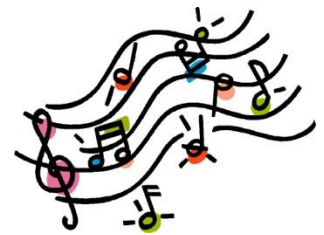
K - 3 Playground Update!!!

The playground group met on February 2 and we are moving forward with some upgrades to the K-3 playground. We have located a source for tree rounds and will hopefully have them delivered sometime next week. An outdoor storage cabinet has been ordered (thanks to the Partnership) so we will soon have some place to safely keep our new items. We are working on creating a wooden deck to put under the playhouse to raise it out of the dirt. We are also looking at creating an overall plan that would integrate the woods, current playground and garden spaces. If you are interested in participating, we will have our next meeting on **Thursday, March 23 at 6:00 pm** in the museum room.





Update from Mr. Rose



CFCI Musical Theatre presented *Dear Edwina JR.* last weekend. We are so proud of our students. Everyone did an amazing job!



Meet our Student Teachers



Savannah Sanderson

I am a passionate health educator. My hobbies are gardening, hiking, and swimming. I'm still deciding if I will stay in school for horticulture at NC State or go straight into teaching. Either way, I will be moving back home to Raleigh after I graduate. I already love every one of the students at CFCI and feel extremely lucky to learn with them.

Jamie McCourt

I will graduate in the Spring of 2017 with my Master of Arts in Teaching Elementary Education. I'm so excited to complete my internship at Cape Fear Center for Inquiry and feel fortunate to be placed in Mrs. Julie's second grade classroom. I am looking forward to getting to know everyone in the community.

Nicholas O'Connor

I am student teaching in Ms. DePrisco for class. After the completion of my student teaching experience, I will be graduating with my Master's Degree in Elementary Education from UNCW. This Spring will be an explosion of fun learning experiences for both my students and myself!

Brittany Sheargold

I am a student teacher for Mrs. Mintz this spring semester and was incredibly lucky to be able to spend my fall semester at CFCI as well. It has been an honor to be a part of this school and the education of the students here. I am a graduate student at UNCW in the MAT (Master of Arts in Teaching) program. Prior to beginning this program, I lived in Oklahoma where I earned a B.A in Photographic Arts and Graphic Design. When I wasn't at a wedding or directing a fashion photo shoot, I worked in a private school in Oklahoma City as a substitute teacher, as well as, a mentor for the after school program. This is ultimately where I was reunited with my passion for education, which led to my decision to pursue a Master's degree in this field.

Kindergarten

Over the past few months the Kindergarten classes have been having fun learning about animals in winter with a culminating nature hike and learning experience at Halyburton Park to learn more about local animals in winter.

We celebrated the 100th day of school with lots of fun activities and we celebrated friendship in relation to Valentine's Day. We're looking forward to a fun spring ahead!



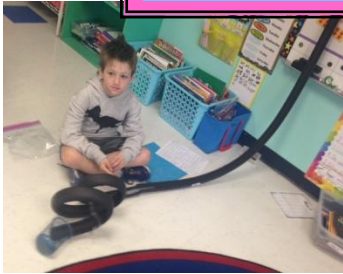
Kindergarten & 4th grade buddies on the 100th day



1st GRADE



ROLLERCOASTERS!!!



First graders have been having fun studying force and motion with a variety of experiments at the Cape Fear Museum and in the classroom. They put all their new knowledge into practice with the highly anticipated Roller Coaster Showcase!



2nd GRADE

Second grade has been learning about towns and communities. Students went on a scavenger hunt downtown to discover what businesses and government services are available in their community. We ended the trip with a tour of city hall and we even got to meet the mayor!



3rd GRADE

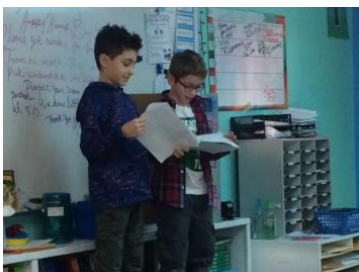
The 3rd Graders have been exploring outside our Solar System in many different ways! They investigated their own Solar System inquiries, we visited Ingram Planetarium, AND we were able to Skype with Dr. Brent, who is a Geologist that works for NASA! Dr. Brent Garry studies volcanoes on Earth to hopefully be able to better understand volcanoes in our Solar System. He shared the amazing work he does exploring volcanoes and explained how his work will help us learn more about volcanoes on places like our Moon and on other planets. He was fabulous and he was very impressed by the questions our kids asked him.

"They had a lot of excellent questions! Kept me on my science toes." Dr. Brent



4th GRADE

Fourth grade just finished learning about Rocks & Minerals and NC Native Americans. In these units of study students were asked to research local rocks & minerals and Native American Tribes native to our state. We ended both projects with a museum to share what we learned with our school community.



4th grade
poetry share
with
Kindergarten
buddies!
Poems for
Two Voices

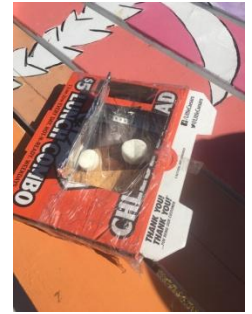


In the third quarter, 4th grade kicked off our Magnets and electricity unit with a trip to Cape Fear Museum learning lab.



5th GRADE

5th grade is studying thermal energy and they created their own solar ovens. They discussed and planned the design of the oven and then "cooked" their s'mores in their ovens. Throughout the day, they observed their oven and collected data and observations. It was a Yummy way to learn about heat!



Middle Grades



Alex Porter, a 6th grader, received 2nd place in the Regional Science Fair. He studied coliform bacteria from 3 different water sources. He will attend state level science fair in March at Meredith College in March. Congratulations Alex!



Deirdre Donovan completed her food drive for Mother Hubbard's Cupboard on the 23rd. She was inspired to do as part of her personal inquiry into hunger and our community. In all she collected 805 donations and will be giving them to Mother Hubbard's Cupboard in the near future. Thanks to all who donated!

7th graders hard at work during a weekly STEM challenge. Here, students are tasked with creating a device that filters lint, dirt, sand, and food coloring from otherwise perfectly clean water.



This is what eight years of being in class with the same people will do to you. 8th Graders at the retreat this October, unable to deny the CFCI love.