

Summer Update: July 2017



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We wish you well Class of 2021!!!

Our CFCI Class of 2017 and graduating class of 2021 wrapped up their year with some awesome events this year including a volleyball tournament at Dig & Dive, 8th grade formal, a beautiful commencement ceremony and celebration following in the gym and of course our 8th grade walk through on the last day of school. We thank and appreciate all of the volunteers, faculty and family members who helped make these special moments possible. We are so excited to see how this wonderful group of students carries all they learned at CFCI into the world. We are represented well at schools all over New Hanover, Brunswick and Pender County! Please keep in touch students, we will miss you and wish you well!!

(More pictures at the end of the newsletter)

<u>Dates to</u> <u>Remember:</u>

- 8/17/17- OPEN HOUSE
- 8-22-17- 1st day of school!!!!
- Stay tuned for more!



Welcome New Faculty Members!!!

Front Office Administrator: Susan Bolger- office@cfci.net

Susan Bolger has worked in the educational field for the past 20 years in various roles and is excited for her new position as office administrator. She is a native of San Francisco, California and relocated to Wilmington in 1994. Susan and her husband have three children-all of them now college graduates, yay! She enjoys playing tennis, reading, and walking her dog, Ruby. Susan looks forward to getting to know the CFCI community better!



EC Teacher: Jess Frank-jfrank@cfci.net



Jess Frank is originally from Syracuse, NY. Jess graduated from Cortland State University with a BS in Physical Education in 2004 and began teaching Adapted Physical Education for Liverpool Central School District. Jess moved to Wilmington in 2006. He later graduated with a masters in Special Education from East Carolina University and started a new career as a Special Education teacher for New Hanover County Schools. Jess also works as a part time Physical Education professor for UNCW. Jess is extremely excited to be joining CFCI as a Special Education teacher and to demonstrate his passion for inquiry-based learning. Aside from teaching, Jess enjoys spending time with his family. Jess has 2 boys, a 3 year old and a 6 year old. Jess also enjoys fishing, cycling, swimming and waterskiing.

EC Teacher: Gina Faragher-gfaragher@cfci.net

Originally from Southern Virginia, Gina studied Liberal Arts at Peace College in Raleigh where she was a performing member of the Peace Dance Troupe and received an AA Degree in Liberal Arts. She attended UNC-Charlotte and received a Bachelor of Psychology with a concentration in Dance. At UNC-C, Gina completed her Senior Seminar in Developmental Psychology and focused her dance studies were in Classical Dance-Ballet and Modern. Gina began her interests in working with Exceptional Children during her time at UNC-Charlotte where she worked with autistic students as an intern at several elementary schools. Gina later completed a Master of Science in Education with a specialization in Instructional Design for Online Learning from Capella University where she graduated with distinction.

This summer, Gina will graduate from Duke University's AG/HAG Licensure Program. She currently holds a NC Teacher License in Special Education-Grades K-12 for Learning Disabilities and has been working with Exceptional Children for over 14 years. She has spent the last 10 years as an Exceptional Children Resource Teacher for Grades K-5.

Gina is proud to have both of her children, Patrick and Sarah, attending UNC-Wilmington this year. In her free time, Gina likes supporting her own children in

their academic pursuits and helping other children reach their academic goals, as well. She is enjoying the great beach atmosphere in here in Wilmington. Gina feels honored to be made a part of the CFCI team, and she can't wait to get to know everyone!

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This shift will impact 100% of the students at CFCI!

We want to thank you for your help

with this! Because

of the money you helped raise at Great ArtSpectations this school year, we were able to 🤏 expand our budget from 6th -8th grade to include our

Stay tuned for MUCH more information on this, including a link to a required Parent Training on our policies and procedures. We will

also host information sessions at Open House on August 17th. Check out this link to help explain the many advantages to one to one chromebooks and how they positively impact teaching and learning!

https://youtu.be/mSbZQNJwPuI



CFCI receives multiple STEM/STEAM grants for 2017-2018!

Last winter, we applied for a GE Additive Education Program Grant and

Have you heard the news???? CFCI

is excited to officially announce that

we are moving to one-to-one Chrome-

books for all 4th-8th grade students

open to all of our children. We will be

bringing full-on access to all of these

see a large increase in laptop and iPad

in the fall! We are 50 excited for

the world of opportunities this will

students and our K-3 students will

resources from these classrooms.

were selected to receive TWO 3D printers, one from Polar 3D and one from XYZprinting! With the grant, we also receive Polar Cloud Premium Membership with pro-

vides us with supportand training. The printers integrate with Google Classroom and so much more, estimating \$10,000+ in resources and support! We are excited to see how

> CFCI begins to transform our Technology program and day to day integration with these tools!

We received a SECOND grant through GE Volunteers to bring the "A"

into STEAM through our Arts department and theater with Mr. Rose. This grant will enable us to have a stage,

lighting, upgraded sound system, and more!

Thank you GE and special thanks to Todd Fischer, parent and board

"We plan to go full STEAM ahead "

~Penny Larsen

member for helping us find these amazing resources and take advantage of these opportunities. Parents, if you run across grants that can support CFCI, please share! Every little bit counts!

Partnership (PTO) update!

We are so thankful for all of the awesome things that our Partnership brings to CFCI! There will be information coming out soon on how to get involved! Remember, we are ALL partners!

Follow the Partnership on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/cfcipto/ Our new Partnership Executive Board for 2017-2018 is as follows:

Chair: Angela Carson

Co-Chair: Ben Rose

Secretary: Nicole Long Treasurer: Emily Luther

Member at Large: Stephen Hill Faculty Liaison: Rene Gouverneur

Save the Date!!!

8/17- Open House- sweet treat, t-shirts for sale and sign up to get involved!

9/26- First Meeting and it's going to be a FUN social event for all families...details coming soon!

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