



# Fall 2016

Hello wonderful CFCI Community! I truly hope you faired will through Hurricane Matthew. I know that many of you were without power, but watching the true devastation

across the state with flooding as well as the Haiti and in other world certainly makes blessings. I want to other thank you to the families who came out



the massive tragedy in parts of the me count my extend anwonderful to help get

our playgrounds and property ready to go on Monday afternoon for school on Tuesday. Special thanks to the Sarvis family, Raper family, Jones family, Hassett family and Salas family!!!

Secondly, as you are likely all aware, Jason and I are expecting our second child, Olivia Ann Roy, in early December. November 30th will be my last day, although we do plan to be at the Holiday Festival with Delaney on the 3rd (unless Olivia makes an appearance).

I will be out December 1st-March 31st. In my absence Jennifer Paetzold-Garcia and Lori Benazzi will be working collaboratively to split my duties. Other faculty members will be helping with morning and afternoon duties, etc. If you have any concerns or needs during my absence, please contact Jennifer (jpaetzold@cfci.net) or Lori (lbenazzi@cfci.net) and they will be able to assist you. If there is a good time to go out during a school year, the winter months are it. I am glad that I get to start and finish the year with you all and this wonderful 8th grade group! Jason and I appreciate the kind words of encouragement and support this community has already shared during the pregnancy as we prepare for the excitement of a second child!

#### 2nd Annual Family Inquiry Night- 10.27.16

Family Inquiry Night is just around the corner! There are so many options for projects! Makes sure to check out the Google Doc sign up and share what you will be researching! <u>HERE</u> is the link.

Mrs. Roy emailed out a list of ideas compiled by students and teachers from this year and last year. Check out some of last year's projects featured here!







#### Dates to Remember:

10/14: Fall Make Up Pictures

10/17-10/28: FUND THE WONDER

10/18: 6:00- CFCI Board of Director's Mtg.

10/19-10/21: Middle Grades Retreat

10/20: 4th Grade field trip to Raleigh

10/24: Green Team Meeting

10/26: Kindergarten to Indigo Farms

10/27: Family Inquiry Night!

10/28: K-1 Fall Festival;

Early Release 11:30am

10/31: Teacher Workday

11/1-11/4- FALL BOOK FAIR!

11/3: 5:00- Partnership Meeting; 6:00-7:30- Parenting Workshop!

11/4: Middle Grades Dance 6-8pm

11/9: Kindergarten to Halyburton

11/10: Student Led Conferences 3:30-6:00

11/11: Veteran's Day- no school

11/14: Finance, Great Art, Social Committee- 3:30

11/15: CFCI Board Mtg 6pm

11/18 & 11/19: LION KING PERFORMANCES!

11/19: Robotics Competition- Cary, NC

11/21: TURKEY TROT!!!

11/21-11/22: 6-8 Academies

11/23-11/25- Thanksgiving Break

11/28: Green Team 3:30

12/3: CFCI WINTER FES-TIVAL 10:00-2:00!



- NO CELL PHONES AT DROP OFF
  OR PICK UP
- Do not block the Willie Stargell Business park exit when in line



for drop off or pick up please.

• SLOW DOWN when you turn onto Wonder Way and all the way up!

- Exit slowly, watching for traffic at drop off
- Be kind to our neighbors! Note details for church parking/walk ups. Please do not park in the Willie Stargell Business park OR the Wilmington Rehabilitation Center. You risk being towed, but are also putting our relationship with our neighbors at risk as we do not have permission except during special events that we will notify you of to park in these spaces.
- Our Bug in a Rug neighbors have asked that we also please do not block their driveway on Wellington in the afternoons. Make sure to leave space for them to enter and leave as needed.
- No left turns on Wellington in the afternoons! It is dangerous and this rule was put in place last year after the recommendations from Wilmington transportation specialists and the WPD.
- Lastly, please do not drop students off before the doors unlock at 7:30am in the mornings. They cannot be outside unsupervised and those doors remain locked until exactly 7:30. We ask that you not pull away in your cars a couple minutes before that time.

# Box Tops and Re-linking VIC cards!

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Our first box tops count was a huge success. A few classrooms met their first goal and we earned \$260.30 for our school! We are on track to meet



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school year goal of \$2000. The next counting date is October 24 at 8:15 am in the teacher workroom and we need help. We have all the supplies and instructions, we just need people to count and sort. Please keep sending in those box tops. Remember to check the expiration dates, use collection sheets from the box tops website to help with counting and bundle in bags of 50 if you have enough. We are also still collecting Campbell's labels. Remember to send in the point value and barcode piece of the label. Please contact Tiffany Walker (<u>tmaureenwalker@yahoo.com</u>) if you have any questions or if you would like to know more. Thanks for helping to support our school!

Every June, Harris Teeter resets our cards so we must relink. Just go to the Customer Service desk with your card and tell them to link your card to # 4018. It is that easy!

Tell your friends and family to link their VIC cards too. Together we can raise funds for our school!



## Get to know the CFCI Board of Directors! Welcome Beth Carter!

Beth Carter enjoyed (almost) every minute of teaching grades K, 1, and 3 for 27 years in New Hanover County - the last 15 years were the best at CFCI in the K-1 loop. She is a big believer in inquiry teaching methodology, outdoor education, and the importance of integrating environmental education across all subject areas. Beth's daughter Katherine is a teacher of chemistry and biology in the Netherlands, and daughter Rachel is preparing to do student teaching in high school Spanish while at American University in Washington DC. She loves to be outside paddle boarding (thanks CFCI for the board!), kayaking and beach walking. Beth also is volunteering for the Audu-



bon Society, and reading and traveling as much as possible.

CFCI Board of Director's meetings are at 6:00pm every third Tuesday in the CFCI Museum Room!

# Parenting Made Easier- November 3rd 6-7pm (following Partnership mtg!)

Join Nancy Kotz, MSW, LCSW, Founder and Director of The Successful Parenting Institute, as she teaches us how to:

> Improve Our Child's Willingness to Listen

Eliminate Power Struggles and Resolve Conflict

Strengthen Our Connection with Our Child

Model the Tools Our Child Needs to Succeed

Increase Our Child's Responsibility for Himself

Encourage Our Child to Make Good Choices

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# Partnership Update

There are SO MANY exciting things headed your way with the Partnership! Please check out all information below!

Fund the Wonder: What it is? At CFCI, we do not ask students to sell anything for fund-raising (wrapping paper, candy bars, etc.). We simply ask for donations. The money raised goes toward classroom projects, supplies,



books and other educational opportunities. Please consider making a donation! You can send in checks made out to the CFCI Partnership OR simply donate online at: www.cfci.net/ftw.



**Bookfair:** The Fall Bookfair kicks off November 1st-4th! More information will be coming home.

**Meeting/Parenting Workshop:** The next Partnership meeting is at 5:00 on 11/3. The Book Fair will be open and t-shirts for sell. Following the meeting, the Parenting Made Easier Workshop will take place in the CFCI Museum Room.

**Middle Grades Dance:** The AWESOME Partnership Social Committee will be hosting a Middle Grades Dance for 6-8 students from 6pm-8pm on November 4th! Thank you!!!





#### Winter Festival: Each year on the first

Saturday in December, CFCI hosts a big Festival with classroom activities led by parent volunteers, bouncy houses, outdoor fun and so much more! The Raffle Baskets are always a HUGE success. Stay tuned for more details!!!

### **CFCI** Robotics Club is on the move!

Robotics students are off to a great start! We are researching ways to help prevent plastics pollution that impacts Sea Turtles in our area for our Animal Allies project. Last week, students started investigating the robots themselves and their functionality and Wednesday, we met to start putting together the pieces of the Robotics Challenge table. We are ready to start programming soon! We have just over one short month to get ready for our competition in Cary, NC. Wish this great team luck!



## 6-8 MAKER SPACE NEWSLETTER

I'm hoping that all of you made out well during the hurricane and had minimal or no damage to your property. It will be a relief to get back to normal this week, although in Maker Space, **weird** is our "normal."

I've decided to put our toys on the proverbial shelf for make like Santa's Elves and finish them up in the very near moving into our Fabric & Textile unit, full speed ahead. I the next 3 weeks, especially given that our students will next week and will no doubt return with lots to talk about. ents, please feel free to ask your kids about their project them find ways to connect fabrics with other materials, electronics. We looked at Pinterest and other sites last some intriguing concepts, such as LED-lit garments and wall-hangings. Both of these things are entirely do-able I already have on hand.

Last Wednesday we experimented with some fabric pieces just to get the "feel" of working with textiles. The kids kinds of wearable and decorative art. Two of our 8<sup>th</sup> be photographed with their day's work for the benefit of



now, with a plan to future. We are expect it to span be on retreat Maker Space parideas and help such as wood or week and found elaborately woven with the materials

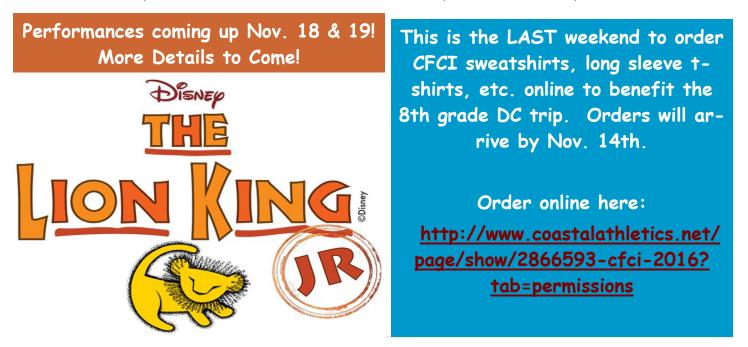
and wire hangers, constructed all graders agreed to posterity:

This coming week we will be looking at more ideas for projects, writing down plans in our Maker notebooks, learning to hand-sew, and continuing to gather materials. On that note, if you have any of the following that you would love to get out of your house or feel inspired to donate, we'd be eternally grateful!: fabric pieces, large and small;

#### felt: fule; old pillowcases; polyfill; buttons; dowel rods of all sizes; conductive

thread; working AAA batteries; LED light strings; Graft WIRE.

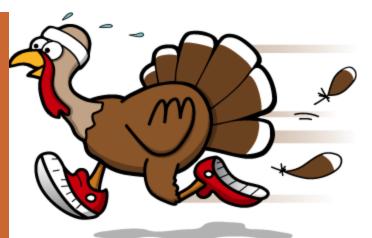
There is an ex-computer cart behind the door in the teacher workroom - all donations can be stuffed inside, on top, or around, wherever they will fit. Please don't be humble - leave me a sticky note or send in with your student so I will



#### SAVE THE DATE:

CFCI Annual Turkey Trot November 21, 2016 3:30-5:30pm

Donations: \$ and Non-perishibles will go to benefit the Wilmington Food Bank. This is a FAMILY EVENT! Stay tuned for more details!!!





All students and staff at CFCI joined together for the unveiling of our new Social Contract for 2016-2017! Our 5 new rules for the year are the Golden Rule, Create a Fair Learning Environment, Have Grit, Be a Bucket Filler, and Stay Save and Have Fun!



Stacy Huffman from the UNCW Career Services Office who specializes in helping math and statistics students find their careers visited CFCI in September. She spoke with our Math 2 students specifically about careers in higher level math and statistics, but also talked with our Math 1 class about next steps and career development in general. Pictured in the presentation to the left is the question "How will you impact the lives of others?" Something worthwhile fro ALL of us to think about!

Important Dates for 8th Graders: Explore WECHS 5:30-7:30 October 20th.

Info sessions for WECHS and IBECHS : Oct. 25 @UNCW Nov. 1 @ Myrtle Grove Middle Nov. 3 @ CFCC

