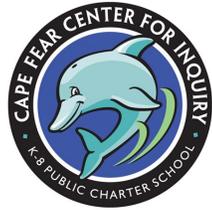


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CFCF Summer News

WE WILL MISS YOU CLASS OF 2022!

The last few days of school are always bitter sweet as we prepare for an exciting summer, but also as we watch our 8th graders prepare to move into the next phase of their lives, wrapping up their middle school years and preparing to go to high schools all over the area. Some of these students have been together for nine years, some just joined us, but no matter what, when you leave CFCF, you leave as part of our family and always an alumni. We wish you well CFCF Class of 2018 and graduating class of 2022!!! Here are few memories from commencement and the “impromptu” water balloon fight that happened following the walk through. Good times until the very end!



BABY ROSE IS COMING SOON!

CFCF is excited to share the news that Mr. Wes Rose and his wife, Rachel are expecting their first child in December. Congratulations Rose family!!!



6-8 FIELD DAY

The Student Leadership Club did a lot of hard work collaborating with their peers and restructuring Middle School Field Day this year. We had Capture the Flag, Kickball, Volleyball/Water-Balloon Volleyball and of course, the 8th grade v/s Faculty kickball game. Congrats on a great effort by both of those teams, but for the first time in quite a few years, CFCI Faculty came out on top with the win! Good times were had by all!!!



CHANGE IS GOOD!

Ms. Benazzi's club, Teachers in Training, had an awesome time planning out K-5 Field Day. They got to really experience what teaching is like in that no matter how awesome your plans are, something might come along to make you have to change them. In this case, we got rained out for our first Field Day plan and improvised with a completely different plan on campus the last day of school! While we may not go with the last day in the future, we LOVED having field day on site for so many reasons. Thank you Ms. Benazzi, Mr. Rheel and your students as well as all of the volunteers who came out to help. It was a BLAST!!!

K-5 FIELD DAY



WELCOME NEW FACULTY AND STAFF!



Alan McNaughton-Coordinator of Student Services: Mr. McNaughton (Mac) comes to us from New Hanover County with regular and special education teaching experience and school administration experience. Mr. Mac's coworkers, colleagues and supervisors had many positive and fond memories and stories to share. It is clear that Mr. Mac has a strong work ethic, passion for children and teachers, belief in communication, teamwork, shared-leadership and problem-solving. The interview panel and CFCI Board of Directors all agree that he will be a great fit for CFCI! Please help me welcome Mr. Mac! (amcnaughton@cfc.net).

This is a new/hybrid position that we are excited about this year. Mr. Mac will work closely with Kelly Rooney who is going to take on our EC Compliance work. The Coordinator of Student Services will manage the Exceptional Children's Dept., grants, collaboration with state and federal requirements, but will also serve in an Assistant Director role, support teachers, students, parents and all faculty/staff.!

Mr. Mac he has been an assistant principal for the last 6 years at Hoggard high school, Myrtle Grove middle school and Holly Shelter middle school. His teaching experience includes high school English 1-4 as well as special education. He received his undergrad from Liberty University, his Master's from UNC-Pembroke and is currently pursuing his doctorate from UNCW.

Mr. Mac loves spending time with his wife, Erin (also a teacher), and their three children: Ali (15), Teri (8) and Chris (7). During his free time he loves being anywhere near water, either on his boat on just swimming around. He is looking for-



Michael Zentmeyer- Human Resources Coordinator: Michael served as CFCI's HR Coordinator from 2008-2015 and after three years of full retirement is excited to reenter the world of education. Aside from his previous experience as a teacher, administrator and at CFCI, he has since acquired experience working with students and teachers here as a substitute at CFCI. He has also been the chair of the Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors this past year and brings some great insight into non-profit boards to share. Welcome back Mr. Z! (mzentmeyer@cfc.net)



We highlighted **Ms. La'Kisha Jordan** (ljordan@cfc.net), new K-1 Teacher and **Ms. Megan Hayes** (mhayes@cfc.net), new PE teacher last month, but have since set up email accounts if you would like to send them welcome messages. Both of these awesome ladies have been hard at work already this summer!



CONGRATULATIONS MRS. LORI JAMES (BENAZZI)

On June 16, 2018, Mr. Tim James and Ms. Lori Benazzi became husband and wife. We are going to miss Lori and Gianna terribly as they start their new lives in the Winston-Salem area, but are so happy for her and her family! We know we will stay in touch.



THANK YOU MR. RHEEL!



We want to give a shout out to Mr. Rheel for everything he has done to build our students confidence and understanding of the value of Physical Education over the past 7 years. He has established some wonderful traditions here at CFCI, Turkey Trot and Riptide Runners just to name a few! We are confident his legacy will live on!

GREEN TIPS FOR SUMMER

BY: ELAINE LOGOTHETIS JACK (PARENT/PCN REP)

Many of us will be traveling, going to the beach, pool, on hikes, bike rides and more! Wherever you go remember to... leave no trace.

1. LEAVE ONLY MEMORIES

If you carried in snacks or drinks, when they are empty, carry out the waste and properly dispose of it. Better yet, choose **waste-free** options.

- Bring a reusable water/drink bottle
- Choose a reusable food container over plastic bags for chips, sandwiches, nuts, fruit, etc... Aluminum foil can be recycled when cleaned.
- Pack a cloth napkin*
- Opt for reusable or biodegradable utensils over plastic

*Washing a few cloth napkins or utensils uses fewer resources than a single use ones, which takes space in the landfill if it makes it there.

2. CARRY OUT FOOD

Grabbing take out for the beach, pool or your office? Consider these options:

- Bring your own containers
- Pack your own utensils and napkins*.
- Support restaurants or grocers that offer ecofriendly packaging. Thank these businesses for choosing to use sustainable products
- Bring your own bag to carry out the food.

What's wrong with plastic utensils? Most utensils are made from polystyrene and it's very difficult to recycle. In fact, they can take up to 1,000 to decompose. Americans toss out enough paper, plastic cups, forks and spoons every year to circle the equator 300 times!

What's wrong with polystyrene foam? The foam **can not** be recycled even though it may carry a recycling symbol. It also contains chemicals that can leach into your food and drink.

3. HOT BAR FOOD

If you like to stop at hot bars like those at Harris Teeter, Whole Foods, Tidal Creek, Loveys or Fresh Market, consider bringing your own containers. You can have the cashier weigh the empty containers before you fill them up.

More Info re: BRINGING YOUR OWN CONTAINER <http://www.bezero.org/be-zero-blog/2016/6/21/zero-waste-challenge-day-26-bring-your-own-to-go-containers>

<https://myplasticfreelife.com/2010/02/carrying-our-own-containers-powerful-action-or-pointless-inconvenience/>
<https://www.chowhound.com/food-news/54736/bring-your-own-plastic-container/>

4. SUNSCREEN

Remember the sunscreen, but not just any one. Choose a non-toxic sunscreen with Zinc Oxide and Titanium Dioxide. These minerals block harmful rays better than the synthetic forms. Mineral based sunscreen is safer for your body and the environment. Some carry Reef Safe Labels (<https://www.prevention.com/beauty/skin-care/g20258745/best-reef-safe-sunscreens/>)

The ENVIRONMENTAL WORKING GROUP (EWG) provides details on the safest sunscreen for you and the ocean. Link to sunscreen guide <https://www.ewg.org/sunscreen/-WwXR2lMvyb8>

PLANET OR PLASTIC

TAKE THE PLASTIC PLEDGE

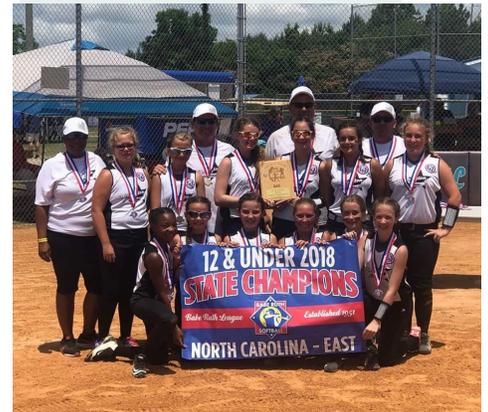
NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC is launching an initiative to reduce single use plastic. Read more on their website, link is below.

<http://press.nationalgeographic.com/2018/05/16/national-geographic-launches-planet-or-plastic-a-multiyear-initiative-to-reduce-single-use-plastics-and-their-impact-on-the-worlds-oceans/>



CFCI STUDENTS AND THEIR TEAM-MATES ARE STATE CHAMPS!!!

Eighth grader Deirdre Donovan and sixth grader Sawyer Rigdon's 12U Wilmington FastPitch Softball team won the NC Babe Ruth Softball State Championship. It's been humbling to watch how hard these girls work while developing lifelong friendships and amazing teamwork skills. Now that our girls are state champions, they are heading to Florida to represent NC in the Southeast Regionals. They'll play teams from South Carolina, Georgia, Bahamas, Florida and more to win a spot in the World Series. We are needing to raise \$25,000 to cover travel costs and a possible two-week stay for fourteen girls. Does anyone have contacts with local Wilmington businesses or NC based business and/or organizations that are willing to support girls in sports? This is a non-profit donation and can provide a tax id number for tax purposes. Any sponsor, any idea, any amount is appreciated. We have three weeks to raise this money.



Questions on how to further support this awesome team? Email Kristin Donovan at kpatria@bellsouth.net! Thank you!

Follow them at [12U Wilmington All Stars ENC Babe Ruth Softball State Champions](#) on facebook. They have also set up a Go Fund Me page to help raise money to cover expenses. Any contribution helps! ! Please share this link with anyone you know who is proud to live in Wilmington, or be from NC, loves softball or just loves to see girls accomplish great things!! <https://www.gofundme.com/12u-wilmington-all-stars>

CELEBRATING FOUNDERS

Thank you to all who came out to celebrate Ms. Rene's retirement on June 6th. The celebration was filled with many surprises in her honor. We were also able to recognize and celebrate Rene and the other two women who played critical roles in founding this amazing school so many years ago. Pictured here, you can see from left to right, Dana Adams, Rene Gouverneur and Laura Roberts. Dana was the voice of Reason as decisions had to be made to continue moving forward with the charter and progress. Rene was the Enthusiasm that continued to remind the group what they were doing and WHY then and through the years. And Laura's word was Authority as

she took on a role of leadership in helping make sure things ran smoothly and they worked through MANY kinks in getting the charter approved and making that first year happen. Thank you to all three of these women as well as the many supportive parents, educators and community members who held tight to their dream of creating a safe space for innovative and creative minds to be free to explore, play, invent, learn through failure, and ask questions.



IMPORTANT UP-COMING DATES

- CFCI offices closed July 4-6 and all Friday's in July
- July 9-13-- Loop Level Reps at Math Training in Greensboro
- July 30-Aug 2-- Responsive Classroom training at CFCI!
- Aug 7-- 10am-- PCN Meeting
- Aug 13-- 9am-- Kindergarten Playdate
- Aug 16th-- 5:30=7pm CFCI Open House
- Aug 23rd-- 6pm-- CFCI Board Meeting

PARENT COLLABORATIVE NETWORK (PCN) OPENINGS

We have openings for a parent representative in the 2-3 loop and the 4-5 loop for next school year with our PCN. This committee was new last year and is really starting to become more grounded. We serve as a sounding board for ideas and concerns from the parent community. Each loop level as a member. You can email pcn@cfc.net with questions, thoughts, or requests throughout the year. We do have a meeting on August 7th at 10am and anyone is welcome to join us. Check out our minutes from last year and all of the forward progress the committee made at <http://cfc.net/pcn/>. If you are a 2nd/3rd grade parent or a 4th/5th grade parent and interested in joining us, please apply by August 3, 2018. Applications should be emailed or faxed to Lori Roy-- lori.roy@cfc.net; 910-362-0048. You can also drop them off Monday-Thursday in the front office. Applications and details are attached to the email with this newsletter. Thank you!



Mission:
Cape Fear Center for Inquiry is committed to promoting students' abilities to think and create in personally meaningful ways through an inquiry-based, integrated curriculum in a nurturing and empowering environment.
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CFCI BOARD OF DIRECTORS UPDATE:

The CFCI Board of Directors is made up of community members, parents and teachers. This group has been hard at work over the summer and truly looks forward to giving the community more information regarding the feasibility study we are in the midst of. We are also excited to be working with Tom Miller from Leaders Build Leaders to help us develop a solid Strategic Plan for the next few years. We will be working with all members of the CFCI Community to get information, feedback, brainstorm, etc. to help us determine what we are doing well, what we need to work on and where we want to be in the next 3-5 years as a school. Exciting conversations and growth are in process and we are looking forward to working together to make sure CFCI continues to maintain our core values and beliefs while moving forward in innovation, student growth and achievement!