



CFCI Community Update 10.11.20 Week #9 of Remote Learning!

Hello CFCI Families,

Welcome back - we hope that you were able to take some quality time to step back and enjoy your family without the need to log onto a chromebook, follow a schedule or the routine of remote learning. I was fortunate to enjoy some time with friends and family myself and savor the crisp, cool October air while walking the beaches and kayaking in and around our beautiful waterways - I feel lucky to live in this incredible coastal community.

So now as we gather back and recenter our attention on school and learning, there are a few items of importance that you should know about including:

1. **\$335 Relief Payment:** From Mark Johnson, Superintendent of NC Schools: *“Thanks to a program recently created by the NC General Assembly, most North Carolina families with school-age children are eligible for a [\\$335 coronavirus relief payment](#) to help with virtual schooling and childcare costs.*

This \$335 is meant to be some help for families dealing with the challenges of remote learning. Even during this crisis, our work continues to eliminate high-stakes testing, improve state standards, and promote all pathways to success for students. But please know that our top priority at your Department of Public Instruction is to support local education leaders as they work to help students, educators, and families get back into classrooms if they want to return to school. Additional Information (please refer to www.ncdor.gov/extracredit for all information on qualifying). The \$335 payment is for individuals with at least one dependent child who was 16 or younger at the end of 2019. Individuals must have been residents of NC for all of 2019.”

2. **Board Meeting Changes:** The Special Board meeting and Regular Board meeting have been pushed back one week to allow for additional information to be gathered for board members. Please make note:
 - **Special Board meeting** on Tuesday, October 20th at 6 pm - Present updated information to the board from the Return to School Adhocs including academics, social-emotional and health/safety metrics. **No Vote.**
 - **Regular Board meeting** on Tuesday, October 27th at 6pm. **Vote** for Plan A, Plan B, or Plan C going forward on November 13th.

As always, thank you for your continued support, patience and partnership. If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions, please reach out. Remember, you can

write a letter to the board and send it Stephen Hill, Board Secretary at: shill@cfci.net. You can also sign up to speak at a board meeting. These are two minute slots at the beginning of the board meeting. Here is the link: [BoD meeting Visiting Speaker Sign Up](#).

3. **Town Hall Recording and FAQ's:** For everyone that was able to attend the town meeting on Wednesday, September 30th, thank you for your interest and support of the process. We have posted the recording of the Town Hall on our website. In addition, we are assembling a FAQ sheet and will be posting this week with answers to the questions that were asked. If you have other questions that you would like answered, please reach out to Dr. Mac or Kim McCormick for inclusion in the FAQ sheet.
4. **Parenting Through the Pandemic: A workshop and process group for CFCI parents:** This is an incredibly stressful and challenging time for many of us, trying to figure out this work-life-schooling-parenting balancing problem we are experiencing during this pandemic. Guided by **Jenny Campbell**, School Social Work and Behavior Specialist, and **Michal Cohen**, School Counselor, join fellow parents who are experiencing similar struggles to discuss what is working and what isn't, and learn strategies that can help your child/ren, your family and YOU get through this difficult time and any difficult times ahead.

4 consecutive Thursdays, 10/22, 10/29, 11/5, 11/12 (6-7 pm)

Zoom link will be sent to the first 20 to register.

Register at the link below:

[Parenting Through the Pandemic: with Michal and Jenny](#)

5. **OUR PARTNERSHIP ROCKS!:** On Thursday, October 1st, the Partnership provided lunch for our faculty and staff on-site at CFCI (socially distanced of course!) We appreciate your thoughtfulness and generosity. It was delicious and very much loved by all who were there. Thank you!
6. **PCN Meeting:** The next PCN meeting is on Thursday, October 15th at 3:30 PM
Agenda topics include: hybrid planning, air filters, Partnership news, directory information.
7. **Chromebook Insurance Payment** - As part of the Chromebook agreement this year, we are encouraging all families to purchase optional insurance for their student's Chromebook. [Insurance for the Chromebooks](#) is \$20 per year, or \$40 for three years. There is a link below to purchase the insurance online, or you can drop a check off in the front office. Please include the student(s) name (s) in the memo line of the check. Please understand that if you choose not to purchase the insurance, you may be responsible for damage to the Chromebook. If you have questions, please reach out to Kim McCormick or Dr. Mac. [Insurance payment link](#)

8. **Community Health Consultant** - Welcome Tonya Jasmin. Our new part-time health consultant. Funding has been given to us through the Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund (GEER) for a very part-time health consultant. This person would be responsible for the following:
 - Covid-19 plan review, training and monitoring.
 - Review Health records and immunizations.
 - Training for medication distribution.
 - Review of all Health Plans and determine 504 appropriateness.Our consultant will be on-site 1 day or two half days per week beginning this week.

9. **Student Handbook** - The revised student handbook has been added to the website. Please take time to review the updated 2020-21 student handbook with your child.

Thank you for all you do for our school and for your children. Thank you for being our partners in this crazy year of educating our students safely. Our survey results tell us that about 69% of our families would like to have some sort of in-person learning. We hear you and are working towards that goal. If you would like to have a conversation or talk about our next steps in getting our children back in the building, please reach out to me. In the meantime, we look forward to the Special Board meeting on October 20th at 6pm.

With Respect and Kindness,
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