

# CAPE FEAR CENTER FOR INQUIRY

## FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

### MISS RENE'S MUD KITCHEN AND A MAGICAL DAY IN THE WOODS....



I finally figured out what my favorite part of CFCI is - it took me a while because there are so many great things. Yesterday, during the beautiful weather, I was served a "5-course" meal in the woods. Several of the Kinders got together an impromptu team to whip up an imaginary meal. They got organized, communicated who was making what, decided the price, and had great customer service too! What a great time to be creative and learn some real life lessons in the woods!

Ms. Debi

*Teaching Assistant for Ms. Brinkley's  
Kindergarten Class*



### THE 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL



Kindergarten and First Grade celebrated our 100th day at the beginning of February. Student rotated through some fun Investigation Stations. These include hands-on activities centered around the number 100.



### DIRECTOR'S VIEW

Dear Dolphin Family,

This month we had the chance to come together as a faculty to spend a day collaborating and learning. We have many new staff members and we decided to use our time to ensure that we continue our development of inquiry based learning. Our goals were as follows:

To develop a shared understanding and be able to articulate why inquiry is the chosen teaching practice at CFCI

To develop a common definition and understanding of Inquiry Based Learning

To identify the Inquiry 5 and why they are essential strategies

To self reflect by identifying strengths and weaknesses related to inquiry practices

To identify ways to collect data on your own inquiry strategies

Teachers also spent time looking at their scope and sequence by grade level to ensure our students are experiencing a well aligned curriculum over their years with us at CFCI.

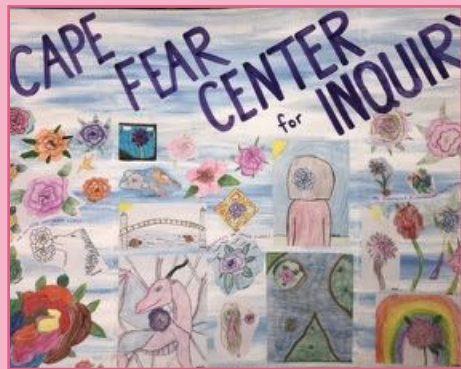
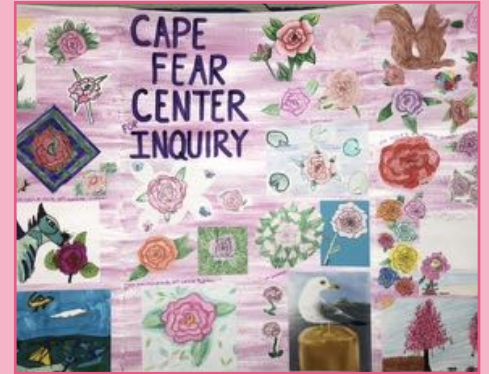
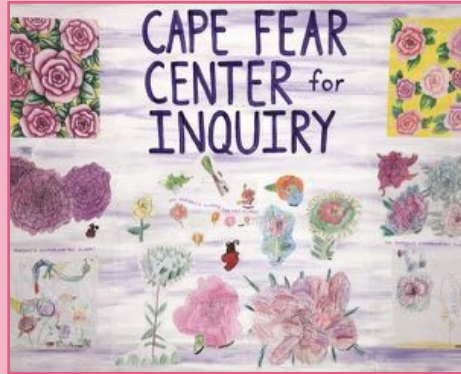
We are lucky to have a staff dedicated to continuous improvement and lifelong learning!

**Danielle View**, Director

## EVENING UNDER THE OAKS

**Save the Date!** CFCI will be hosting its first ever silent auction on campus on Saturday, May 7 from 6-9 pm. This "Evening Under the Oaks" will be an opportunity for grown ups to chill with some beverages, food trucks, live music, and all for the great cause of improving our outdoor spaces. Mark your calendars now!

## WHAT MAKES SPRING COME TO LIFE??? CAMELIA'S AND THE TIDEWATER CAMELIA SHOW AT THE ARBORETUM



Ms. Happys' 7th graders, 1st Graders in Ms. Shannon's class, 3rd graders in Ms. Naylor's class, 4th graders in Mr. D's class, and 5th graders in Ms. K's class participated in the Arboretum Camelia show and festival with beautiful interpretations of this delicate flower.

## UPDATE FROM THE PARTNERSHIP:



### Upcoming Partnership Events

**Outdoor Family Movie Night - Friday, March 11th @ 6:00pm**

**Spring Book Fair - March 14-18**

**STEAM Night - Thursday, April 21st, 5:00-7:00**

**Middle School Dance - Friday, April 29th**

**Other ways you can support the Partnership** - Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to CFCI! Shop AmazonSmile and earn money for our school!

Email [partnership@cfc.net](mailto:partnership@cfc.net) with any questions.



## COUNSELOR CORNER



Mid Year Blues? How to help your student stay motivated!

This time of year can be tough for students, so it's important that we help them to stay motivated. Parents have an important role in checking in with their children. It's helpful for parents to help their children set long and short term goals, and remind them why they're working so hard. When your child reaches their goal, reflect on the process it took to get to that goal. What worked well? What didn't work well? What did they learn? It's also good to talk to your child about what they're passionate about and help them explore those passions! –Olivia Horne, School Counselor

[ohorne@cfcj.net](mailto:ohorne@cfcj.net)



## 7TH GRADERS CREATE THEIR OWN COURSE OF STUDY!!!

This month our 7th grade physical education students were able to build and design their own mini golf course!"



This project based learning activity - designing a mini-golf course, integrates elements of science, math, ELA, social studies, and creativity into a student-driven final product.

## SECOND GRADE SPREADS THE LOVE



The second graders wanted to spread the love last week and made Valentines for our special senior neighbors that stay at Accordius Health of Wilmington. We wanted to make other people feel special and loved by making them cards full of happiness, kindness, and all around adorableness! Giving to others can be the greatest gift of all!



## KINDERGARTNERS AND FIRST GRADERS LOVE FEBRUARY EVENTS

February has been a very busy month in K-1! We celebrated the 100th day of school, World Read Aloud day, Valentine's day, Wellness Week, Random Acts of Kindness week and "2's" day! Our students participated in 100th day centers in each K-1 classroom, listened to many guest readers, made Valentine's for our teacher support staff, and celebrated 2-22-22!



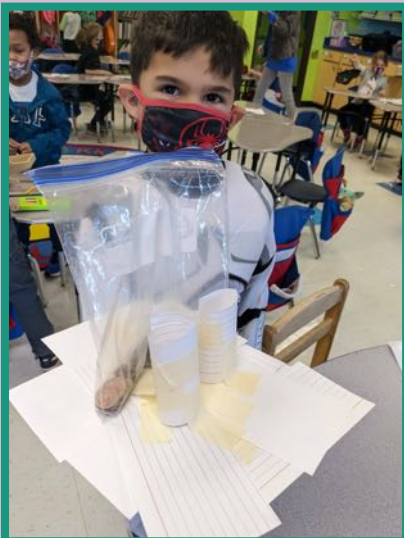
## ARTS ALIVE!!!

Ms. Happy is always looking for art volunteers! Come help out in the artroom during classes, or lend a hand with the planning for the upcoming silent auction items created by each grade. No experience necessary! Please email [hjones@cfci.net](mailto:hjones@cfci.net) if you are interested!



Shout out to Ms. Nancy's 5th grade, Ms. Julie's 3rd grade, Ms. Jordan's 1st grade, and a handful of 7th grade art students for their participation in the Cape Lookout National Seashore Art Show!

We took their 70 individual artworks and turned them into 12 collaborative panels of 2' x 2' fabric. Our squares will be combined with dozens more from around the country to form a huge quilt representing the "Rhythms of Nature on the Southern Outer Banks". Here's a picture of the panels we mailed in, and we'll alert you once they put them all



# GLOBAL STUDIES IS TOILET TWINNING - WILMINGTON, NC

We've been hard at work learning the United Nations 17 Sustainable Development Goals. We have chosen a project that addresses the first 6 goals: No Poverty, Zero Hunger, Good Health and Well-Being, Gender Equality and Clean Water and Sanitation. We are working with [ToiletTwinning.org](http://ToiletTwinning.org) to improve sanitation and help people around the world.

Toilet Twinning works in some of the poorest countries on the planet to teach people how to build toilets and educate them about the link between sanitation and health. For only \$80 a toilet can be twinned in your home, business, school or church. We need 30 partners in Wilmington to twin with us in order for our city to become THE FIRST TWINNED CITY IN AMERICA. We are trying to do something that has never been done and can literally save lives! We are also trying to twin a block toilets in a school that doesn't currently have any. If you want to donate and be a part of this big movement, you can send money in with your student and the teacher will collect it. OR you can donate securely from home by visiting our fundraising page!

Here's how you can donate online!

1. Go to [Justgiving.com](http://Justgiving.com) and search CFCI. You will find our fundraiser page.
2. Donate! It costs \$80 to twin your toilet. Want to make a smaller donation? No problem! You can enter any amount! In the comment section leave the name of your student's classroom if you want the donation count towards crowning their teacher the CFCI toilet King or Queen.
3. If you chose to twin your personal toilet or a toilet at your business, then email Amanda Brust ([abrust@cfc.net](mailto:abrust@cfc.net)). Indicate the name of your business name and select a country from the list below to twin in:

Afghanistan, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Honduras, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, The Republic of South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia

4. We will send all of our donations to [Toilettwinning.org](http://Toilettwinning.org) and receive a certificate for your toilet showing a picture of it's twinned toilet along with the GPS coordinates that you can look up on google maps. We will send your toilet's certificate to you. Think how great it will look framed and hanging over your toilet!

Please help us make Wilmin-Twin a reality! Share our idea with your neighbors, friends and family! Tell local businesses about our project and how they can partner with us! This project is bigger than one classroom, bigger than one school! It will take a community working together to achieve our dream. Thank you for being a part of it! Please email Amanda Brust at [Abrust@cfc.net](mailto:Abrust@cfc.net) with any questions!

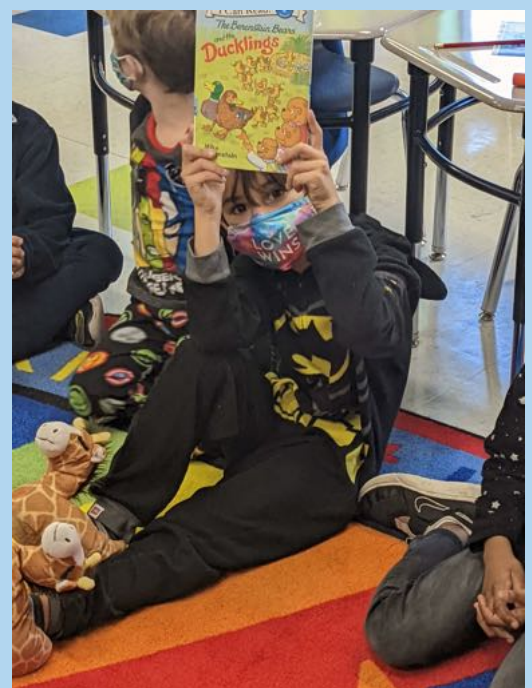
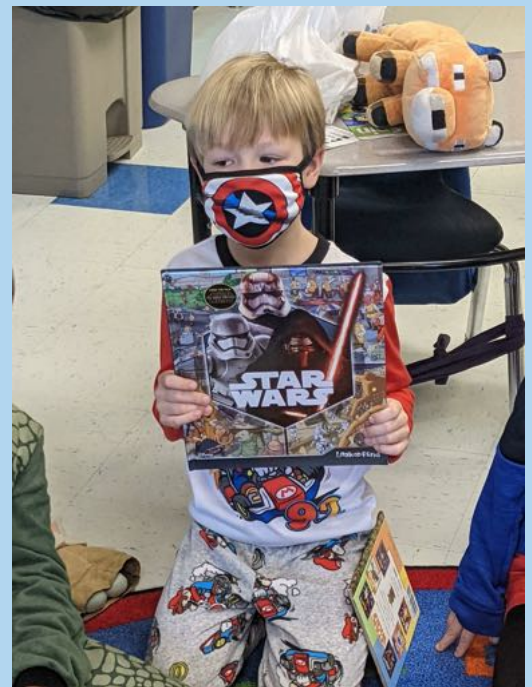




# GROUNDHOG WEATHER SCHOOL AND READ ALOUD DAY

The children seemed to enjoy their visiting readers (and a special video from Mr. Scooter ([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjaN\\_eG15sk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjaN_eG15sk) )

Our class readers were West Altman (Lua's brother who kindly filled in for Ms. Emily who wasn't able to keep her slot), Nancy Kachadurian (4/5 Loop-Our Big Buddies Teacher), Ms. Alycia (Our Head Custodian), and Jennifer Lafleur (Academic Interventionist). Some of the students also enjoyed telling us about their favorite read aloud book. The students also followed up today on their predictions. 13 students predicted Phil would see his shadow and the rest predicted no shadow would be seen.





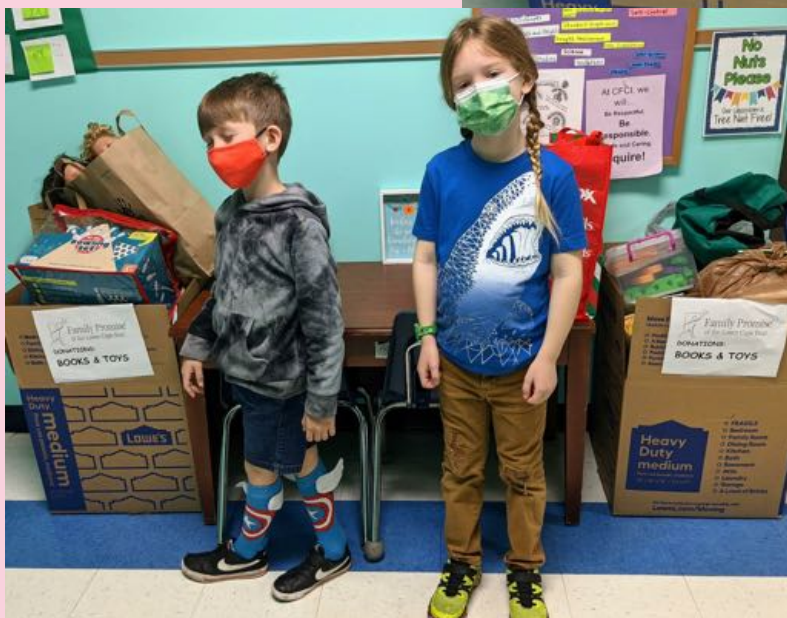
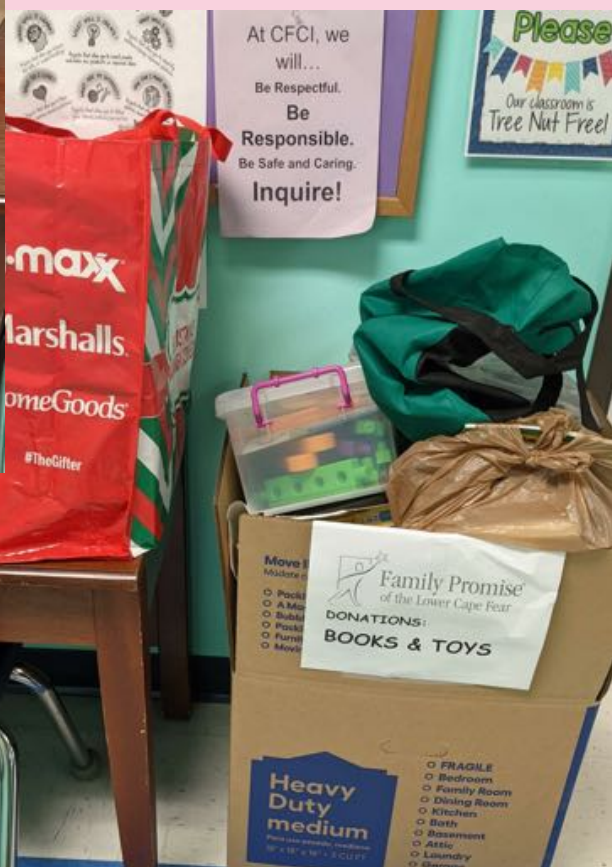
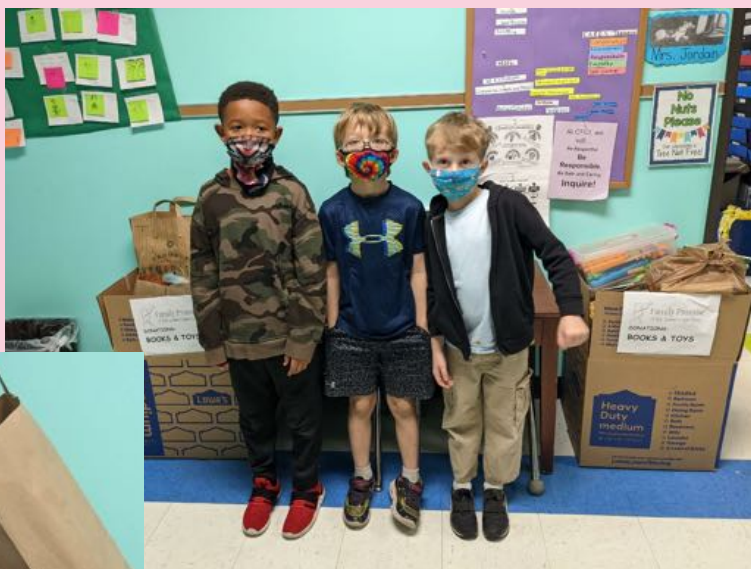
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# THANK YOU! - FIRST GRADE SUCCESSFUL DONATIONS DRIVE!!!

We really appreciate everyone's help with the toy and book drive. The items will be dropped off at Family Promise of Lower Cape Fear tomorrow morning. The students are proud of this accomplishment and the organization is excited about what they have done for Random Acts of Kindness week





## THANK YOU! - MR. SCOOTER!!! READ ALOUD DAY!!!!



CFCI parent and NHC Children's librarian and rapper extraordinaire! Thank you for reading to us and making this special you tube video for read aloud day!

[https://youtu.be/PjaN\\_eG15sk](https://youtu.be/PjaN_eG15sk)

## THANK YOU TO THE MILLERS FOR OUR NEW SIGNAGE!



## WELLNESS WEEK WAS WONDERFUL...



*8th Graders helping in 5th grade*



*8th grade showing off the kind instagram "posts" they collected from middle school students and put up in the hallway.*



*8th grade helping Kindergarten make hearts for kindness wall*

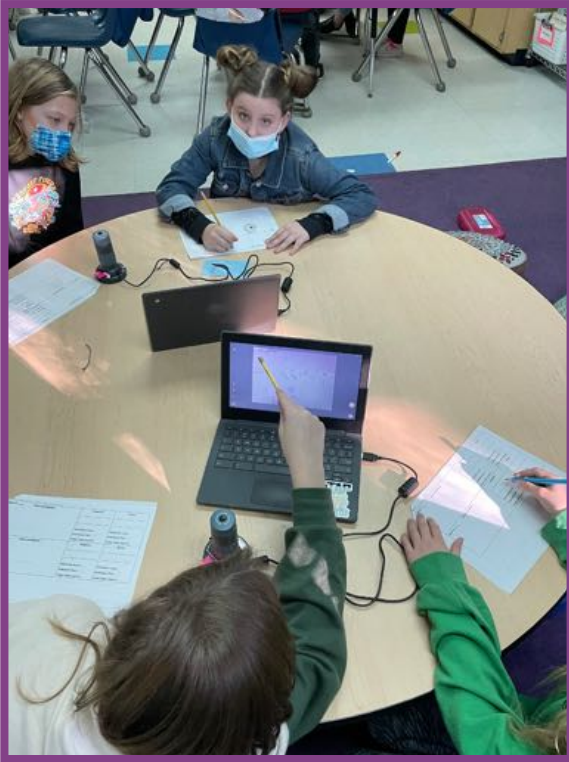


*"Soccer clinic" for 4th grade given by 8th graders to celebrate "Feel Good Friday"*

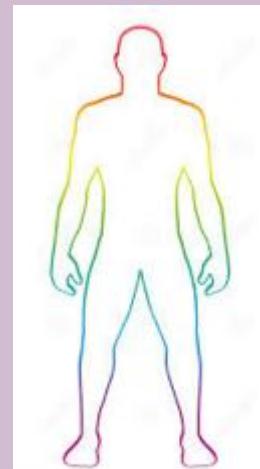




# FIFTH GRADE INVESTIGATES THE HUMAN BODY WITH UNCW



This month 5th grade is learning about the Human Body! We started our investigation by observing samples of plant and animal cells. Dr. Amy Taylor from UNCW lent us these super cool digital microscopes! Thank you Amy! The microscopes hooked up to the students' Chromebooks and were able to view the slides on their computer screen. Science and technology are so cool!





# PARTNERSHIP EVENT!!!!

Cape Fear Center for Inquiry  
Invites Everyone to Come for...

## *Family* **MOVIE NIGHT**

**Friday, March 11**

6:00-8:00pm  
Movie showtime is 6:30

**BOOK FAIR WILL BE OPEN!!**

Bring your family and blanket or lawn chairs and  
join your friends for a fun night on the MPR lawn.

Enjoy complimentary popcorn and hot chocolate!

Featured Movie title:

**"The Princess Bride"**

Rated Parental Guide (PG)

For more information contact Partnership for CFCI  
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