

# CFCI Community Update

## 8/19/2022

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano



### Hello CFCI Families!



What a wonderful whirlwind of a week. It was great to be able to welcome families and students to Open House Thursday night! So much joy and positive energy - It's going to be an amazing new school year!

**REMINDER:**





## **AUGUST 22nd - THIS COMING MONDAY IS OUR FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL for Grades 1-8;**

**Kindergarten** has a staggered start which has been communicated to families.

Please read the following new reminders below and sign paperwork as needed. Thank you!

1. Arrival & Dismissal Procedures
2. Attendance
3. Student & Family Handbook (K-8 Please sign acknowledgement)
4. Chromebook Agreement (4-8 Please sign for chromebook distribution)
5. Covid Guidance 2022-23
6. Partnership (please fill out opt-in class directory and volunteer form)
7. Substitutes and K-5 Teaching Assistants needed

Thank you for taking the time to read through the newsletter - we will put new items at the top and list here so you can be sure to take note. We will recycle other important items toward the bottom, with the goal of keeping this communication fresh and pertinent to you, our families!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

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### **Open House - Welcoming Our Students & Families**



**Smiles for miles! Loving the new lobby and the friendly folks who will greet us there!**



**Happy to be here! (Even our CFCI brand new alum!)**



**K and 1 are always fun! Great to be back with our teachers and friends!!**

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## Event Information

### First Day of School - Monday, August 22nd

Mark your calendars! The first day of school is right around the corner!

Drop off for grades 1-4 will be in the lower lot in front of the school.

Drop off for grades 5-8 will be in the upper parking lot Shipyard entry.

Arrival begins at 7:45 a.m., with school starting promptly at 8:05 a.m.

\*Please note: Our Kindergarten students have a staggered start for the first week of school (an email has been sent to families with dates and times - please contact the school if you have not received this important information).

Dismissal begins at 3:05 p.m. Please contact our office at 910-362-0000 by 2 p.m. for changes in transportation. This is for the safety of our students.

In keeping with our safety protocols, parking and walking into the school is not an option. Please help prepare your children for a safe arrival.

When?

**Mon, Aug 22, 2022, 07:45 AM**

Where?

**Cape Fear Center For Inquiry, Wonder Way, Wilmington, NC, USA**

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## ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES - PLEASE READ THROUGH PRIOR TO FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

### CFCI 22-23 - Arrival and Dismissal Information for Families

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas, or compliments, please contact Ben Pierce at [bpierce@cfc.net](mailto:bpierce@cfc.net)



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### Arrival

- School doors will open at 7:45am. Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:05am.
- Students in grades **K-4** + any older siblings will be dropped off in the lower lot, utilizing the Wonder Way entrance.
  - Parents are allowed to line up in their cars on the back side of the MPR beginning at 7:15am. Please do not arrive prior to 7:15am, as this will block the parking lot for our staff.
  - Cars begin pulling forward at 7:45am (please do not pull forward before this time).



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- We ask that you pull all the way forward before stopping to let your child out of the car. Car greeters will be stationed to assist your child.
  - All children will walk on the sidewalk (in one direction) and enter the building using the K/1 doors (on the left side of the building).
  - Students in grades **5-8** will be dropped off in the upper lot, utilizing the Shipyard Blvd. entrance.
    - Car greeters will be stationed to greet students.
    - Please do not let your child out of the car before 7:45am.
    - Students will walk down the sidewalk and enter the building through the Middle Grades door.
    - If you arrive at 8:05am or later, your child is tardy and needs to be signed in by an adult in the front office. You may park in the upper lot and walk down, or drive around and park in the lower lot. Do not let your child walk down after 8:05am, as the middle grades doors will be closed and locked at that time.

### Dismissal

- Students will begin exiting the building at 3:05pm.
- Students in grades **K-4** + any older siblings will be picked up in the lower lot.
- Students in grades **5-8** will be picked up in the upper lot.
- Families of students whose last name starts with letters A-M, we kindly ask that you begin arriving at 3:00.
- Families of students whose last name starts with letters N-Z, we kindly ask that you begin arriving at 3:15.
- We ask that as much as possible, you do not arrive before your designated dismissal time. This helps us to prevent dangerous traffic stacking on Wellington and Shipyard Blvd.

Please direct any individual questions or concerns to Ben Pierce ([bpierce@cfci.net](mailto:bpierce@cfci.net) - 910.231.0006).

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## Attendance


### The Importance of Daily Attendance - Especially the First Two and Twenty Days

As a charter school, please know that the financial health of our school is dependent on our student attendance, especially the first days of school where all students are counted and that accounts for Average Daily Membership (ADM). ADM is what the state views in order to calculate funding. Please make a concerted effort to have your child in school for the first days (including the first 20 days) when we are finalizing our rosters for the year. If you have any issue with bringing your child to school during those first days please notify your child's teacher as well as the Debra Korb at [frontoffice@cfci.net](mailto:frontoffice@cfci.net).

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## Student and Family Handbook

The purpose of the Student and Family Handbook is to communicate the expectations, policies, procedures, and practices for the school year for all of our students and their families. Please read with your student and fill out the student/family handbook acknowledgement form (below). Thank you. The CFCI Leadership Team



## Student & Family Handbook

### Student & Family Handbook Acknowledgment Form - Please Sign

#### Chromebook Agreement

**A COPY OF THE CHROMEBOOK AGREEMENT MUST BE SUBMITTED BY THE PARENT OF ALL 4th-8TH GRADE STUDENTS EACH SCHOOL YEAR.**

**To fill out the 22-23 school year's Student Chromebook Agreement,** click the button below.

In accordance with CFCI strategic goals aligned with the success of our students, CFCI will assign a Chromebook to each 4th-8th Grade Student in the school. Each Chromebook will remain the property of the school, and is for use of the student until the end of their 8th year, at which time the Chromebook will be checked back into the school. This 1:1 initiative seeks to:

- Enhance teaching and learning by focusing on
  - Critical Thinking & Problem Solving
  - Communication
  - Collaboration
  - Creativity & Innovation
- Ensure equitable access to instructional technology
- Improve student success through the integration of technology

In order to benefit from the use of this device, and to ensure the device is used in a safe, efficient, and ethical manner, all 4th-8th grade students and their parents/guardians are required to review and sign this document EACH YEAR, electronically or manually, before receiving a Chromebook.

#### Chromebook Agreement

### Chromebook Agreement - 4th-8th Grade Students & Parents/Guardians - Please Sign

#### 2022-2023 COVID-19 Guidance

As of June 23, 2022, NCDHHS has sunset the StrongSchools NC Public Health Toolkit. Going forward, CFCI will follow recommendations from the CDC's Operational Guidance for K12 Schools.

Positive cases and exposures

If a student or staff member tests positive, the CDC recommends the person isolate for five days (if he or she has been fever-free for 24 hours and symptoms are improving) and wear a mask for another five days. Day zero is when symptoms start or, if asymptomatic, when the person tests positive. Note: The school nurse needs to be notified in order for the student's absence to be correctly coded.

The CDC no longer recommends quarantining students/staff who were exposed to a positive COVID-19 case, at school or outside of school. In addition, universal contact tracing is not recommended.

### Screening and masks

The CDC no longer recommends that schools test for screening. With testing widely available, CFCI will no longer test students at school.

Universal masking is not recommended any longer. The guidance states that anyone who would like to wear a mask for any reason should be able to and we encourage anyone wanting to wear a mask to please do so.

### Vaccines

Vaccines are available and safe for everyone six months of age and older. Trials found the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines to be safe and effective against serious illness for young children. It is no longer recommended that schools require staff to report their vaccination status and participate in a screening program, if they are unvaccinated.

### Recommendations for healthy prevention

Good hygiene etiquette including handwashing and covering nose/mouth when coughing/sneezing. The school will continue to maintain the ventilation system currently in place and continue to clean surfaces daily.

### Reminder

To help prevent the transmission of sickness in general, any student/staff member displaying a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater, has diarrhea, or who is vomiting must stay home. Individuals who have a fever of 100.4 degrees or greater cannot return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without the assistance of fever reducing medicine.

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## Partnership News

Thank you to everyone for coming to Open House and purchasing some of the beautiful new Inquiry T-Shirts! Please contact us if you were unable to purchase at the event but would like one. We heard lots of positive comments about the ice cream truck and about parents/guardians wanting to be involved with volunteering in the classrooms.



This year, we are working with the school to create a directory for each class. Please fill out the form below to opt-in to the class directory and to express your interest in volunteering at the school. Thank you for your interest in supporting the school, your child's classroom, and the



year. The PCN is an advisory group for the Directors and we are looking forward to having this important communication group re-established for the betterment of our school.

If you have any questions or ideas, please reach out at [partnership@cfc.net](mailto:partnership@cfc.net).

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### **SUBSTITUTES NEEDED**

If you know of someone who is interested in subbing at our school, please reach out to Ben Rose at [brose@cfc.net](mailto:brose@cfc.net).



### **TEACHING ASSISTANTS NEEDED**

CFCI is looking for a few good teaching assistants. If you know of someone who is positive, kind & caring, helpful & patient and interested in working with students, please have them contact Susan Graziano at [sgraziano@cfc.net](mailto:sgraziano@cfc.net)

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## **CFCI Organizational Chart 2022-23**

### **Organizational Chart 22-23.pdf**

Please click to download the organizational chart for the school.

[Download](#)

120.3 KB

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### **Watson College Education Lab to offer Tutoring Fall 2022**

The UNCW Watson College of Education Stike Education Lab is pleased to offer In-Person tutoring again for fall 2022 for students grades K-5. Tutors will meet with students face-to-face in the Ed Lab on the main campus. Tutoring will be twice a week for about one hour and will focus on math

and literacy, for a total of 20-25 hours of instruction. Tutoring will take place between September and November. The tutoring fee is \$200 for the semester. For more information and to sign up to be on the contact list, visit [www.uncw.edu/ed/edlab](http://www.uncw.edu/ed/edlab). Tutoring spaces are limited, so sign up today.

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## Playground Update

The Leadership Team met with Bill Ellis from Playground Installers last week. We were impressed with his responsiveness to our requests and with his expertise and knowledge base around playground and shade structures. We look forward to seeing and sharing plans for our Grades 4-8 (Upper) playground, a reboot for our Grades K-3 (Lower) playground and shades for our front walkway area in the next couple of weeks. It's an exciting project that will take some time to come to fruition but we anticipate and committed to our students playing and enjoying the new spaces this school year. Thank you for all of your support with this important project.



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## 7th Grade Immunization Requirements

**Please note: the following immunizations are required for entry into the 7th grade:**

- **Tdap/Td** - 1 booster within last 5 years
- **MCV4** - 1 dose is required on or after the student's 11th birthday

You may submit your child's updated immunization records by e-mailing a pdf copy to Nurse Jenn ([jripa@cfci.net](mailto:jripa@cfci.net)), delivering a hard copy to the school, or bringing a hard copy with you to Open House on Thursday, August 18th.

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## School Supply List

Click [here](#) to go to the 2022-23 K-8 Supply lists. If you need assistance with purchasing supplies, please contact Debra Korb in our front office at [dkorb@cfci.net](mailto:dkorb@cfci.net). We are happy to help.

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