

CFCI Community Update 8/26/2022

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Hello CFCI Families!

Week One of school is in the books and we couldn't be happier. Once again our hallways, playgrounds, and classrooms are filled with the sights and sounds of children - it is what we, as educators, live for! Our teachers are actively creating moments for joy and rejoicing; by doing so, they are sharing the gift of themselves with their students. We hope this newsletter gives you a glimpse at the joy being infused in our classrooms each and every day which fosters community and helps our students feel a greater sense of belonging. Please take a moment to learn more about our commitment to Responsive Classroom and our approach to academic and social/emotional learning below.

Next week, we will welcome our newest little learners - the Kindergarten Crew - in Mrs. Jordan and Ms. Deprisco's classrooms! Please be patient as drop off and pick up might take a few minutes longer as everyone acclimates to these friendly, curious, and happy children joining our school!

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

1. Just Like That...Week One in the Books
2. First Day of School on Tuesday, August 30th for Kindergarten
3. **FORMS, FORMS, FORMS - Please take time to fill out these important and necessary forms!**
 - **Student Information Form**
 - **Confidential Family Income Survey**
4. Strategic Planning - CFCI Vision 2026 - Save the Dates!
5. Middle Grades Pep Rally
6. Partnership:
 - **Class Directory Opt-In Form**
 - **NEW Volunteer Sign Up Form - Please Fill Out - We NEED YOU!**
7. Partnership - Pop-Up T-shirt Sale on Friday, 9/2 at 8:05 in the Upper Shipyard Parking Lot
8. What is Responsive Classroom?

- 9. Minnie Evans Mural - Art Class
- 10. AlphaBEST
- 11. Chromebook Agreement**
- 12. Student and Family Handbook**

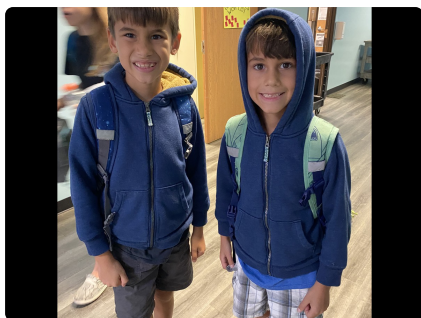
Thank you for taking the time to read through the newsletter - we will put new items at the top and list here so you can be sure to take note. We will recycle other important items toward the bottom, with the goal of keeping this communication fresh and pertinent to you, our families!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

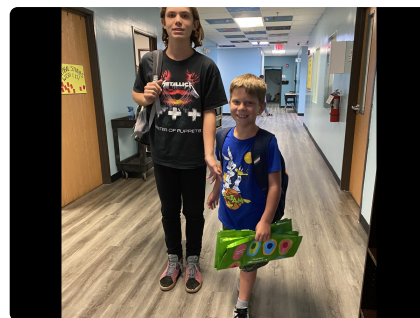
First Days of School - And Just Like That - Week One is in the Books



All Smiles and Eager to be back!



Faculty and Friends - It's a Good Day to Learn!



Here We Go - Day One - Week One - Couldn't Be Better

Event Information

First Day of School for Our Kindergarteners in Mrs. Jordan's and Ms. Deprisco's Classes

The first day of school for our incoming Kindergarteners is Tuesday, August 30th.

A warm welcome to our newest little learners and families! We are so happy you are here!

When?

Tue, Aug 30, 2022, 07:45 AM

Where?

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



STUDENT INFORMATION

CFCI Student Information Form - PLEASE Update Now - Due 9/15!



CFCI Confidential Family Income Survey - Your Help Needed!

Please help our school qualify for state and federal grants by filling out the Confidential Family Income Survey. In addition, this information will determine eligibility for our school lunch program. Due 9/15/22
Thank you for your help.

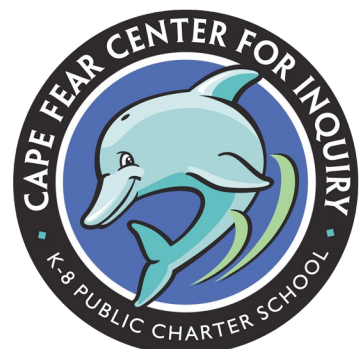
Save the Date! Cape Fear Center for Inquiry Vision 2026 - Help Us Plan for Our Future!

To kick off our strategic planning for school years 2023-2026, we will be hosting three community sessions. These sessions are open to the public! We would love any available student, parent, community member, and staff member to attend and provide input on their hopes and wishes for the future of CFCI. Your ideas will help us craft our CFCI Vision 2026 Strategic Plan.

You may attend any or all of the sessions that you are able to attend. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, September 27, 2022 - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.



Thursday, December 1, 2022 - 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

All meetings will be held in our Multipurpose Room.

We hope to see you there!

Eighth Grade WINNING Spirit at the Middle Grades Pep Rally!



Living That Middle School Life! An Amazing End to A Great First Week!



Seventh Grade Strong!



Sixth Grade - Let the Adventure Begin!



Eighth Grade Vibes!

Partnership News

The Partnership is in the process of organizing events and fundraisers for the year.

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, please fill out the volunteer interest form. Thank you for your interest in supporting the school, your child's classroom, and the Partnership. Please make note that the Parent Collaborative Network (PCN) will be re-established this 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.

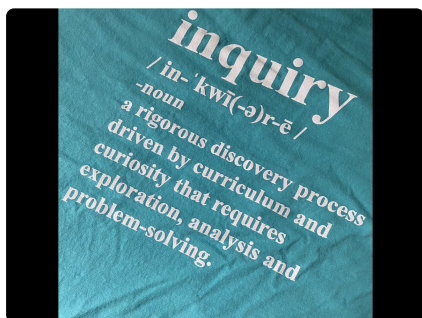
If you have any questions or ideas, please reach out at partnership@cfcf.net.

Class Directory Opt In Form

Volunteer Interest Form - PLEASE FILL OUT

T-Shirt POP-UP Friday Morning, 9/2 8:05-8:30 in the Shipyard Parking Lot!

If you missed getting your CFCF swag at Open House...Here is your opportunity to purchase CFCF T-Shirts, including the new - INQUIRY - t-shirt. Come check it out!



CFCF is a Responsive Classroom School - What Does That Mean?

The Responsive Classroom approach is practiced in all grades, K-8 at CFCF. The Responsive Classroom is an approach to teaching and learning that fosters safe, challenging, and joyful classrooms and schools. Developed by classroom teachers, it consists of practical strategies for bringing together social and academic learning throughout the school day.

Responsive Classroom is a research- and evidence-based approach to education that leads to greater teacher effectiveness, higher student achievement, and improved school climate.

What is Responsive Classroom?



6th grade "Minnie Evans" Group Mural



AlphaBEST - Before and Afterschool Programming on the CFCI Campus

**After School
is where
adventure begins.**



Let's spark wonder with Cape Fear Center for Inquiry kids!

AlphaBEST Extended Day program for before and after school

Grades K-8

2022/2023

AlphaBEST gives your kids more than a safe place to do their homework. We engage their minds and expand their horizons. With an innovative, experiential curriculum, we allow kids to decompress from a day in the classroom by appealing to their curious, creative natures.

Run by a high-quality, caring staff, and designed to meet the changing needs of working parents, AlphaBEST Extended Day includes:

- Art
- Robotics
- Coding
- Drama
- Sign Language
- World Languages & Culture
- Homework Help
- Snacks
- Fitness Activities
- And More!

So come explore with us! For hours, locations, rates and online registration, visit AlphaBEST.org/capefearcenterforinquiry. For questions, contact lroberts@alphabest.org.

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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

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@cfc.net.

ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL PROCEDURES REMINDERS

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





Our main goals in these procedures are:

- keeping students, staff and families safe
- providing an efficient experience for families taking time out of their day to transport their child to and from school

We appreciate your support in helping students to learn and follow our procedures.

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).
 - 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 - 910.231.0006).

2022-2023 COVID-19 Guidance

As of June 23, 2022, NCDHHS has sunset the StrongSchools NC Public Health Toolkit. Going

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.

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



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), delivering a hard copy to the school, or send a hard copy in with your student.

CFCI Organizational Chart 2022-23

Organizational Chart 22-23.pdf

Please click to download the organizational chart for the school.

[Download](#)

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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. We are happy to help.

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