

CFCI Community Update

9/9/22

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Greeting CFCI Families!

Hard to believe we are going into our 4th week of school! It has been an auspicious start to the school year and we hope that you are feeling as great as we are! This week we are hosting our Curriculum Nights for K-8. Grades 4-8 are on Tuesday, 9/13 and Grades K-3 are on Thursday, 9/15. Please see the event information below. In addition, we want you to be aware of our Strategic Planning Community Meetings - Vision 2026. We would love to have parent/guardian input regarding what our future will hold. Our first meeting is on Tuesday, 9/27. Please sign up below if you plan to attend!

Please make a note of the following:

1. Arrival and Dismissal Update
2. Vision 2026 - CFCI Strategic Planning Community Meeting #1 9/27
3. Curriculum Nights - 9/13 & 9/15
4. Sixth Grade Helpers
5. Eureka Math - How does it help kids become stronger mathematicians?
6. 5th Graders rocking science and team building

We hope you have a great weekend!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

Arrival and Dismissal Update!

Thank you to everyone for your cooperation and patience as we begin the school year and take time to analyze our traffic procedures. We are asking that you take a few minutes to look over the updated arrival and dismissal protocols. In the next two weeks we will begin our Safety Patrol - Middle Grades Students who volunteer to help with morning arrival. This should help with getting our littlest ones out of the car and make for a smoother transition. We appreciate everyone's help in ensuring our #1 Goal: The safe arrival and dismissal of our students! If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to Ben Pierce or Ben Rose. Thank you in advance.

Arrival

- Please try to arrive between 7:45am and 8am. We put the late sign out at 8:05. If you arrive after 8:05am, you must park, and come into the office to sign your children in. They are considered TARDY at this point.
- Please pull all the way up in the line - do not leave gaps between cars.
- Please have your child ready to get out on the sidewalk side only.
- If your child needs additional assistance, please let one of the adults on duty know and they will assist. Please do not get out of your vehicle as it stops the flow of traffic for others and can be dangerous.
- If your child is having difficulty leaving the vehicle, please pull all the way up so that it does not impeded the arrival of other cars.
- Once you arrive at the sidewalk, please have your child get out - do not wait and then pull up closer so that your child does not have to walk as far. This takes twice as much time and impedes our ability to get everyone out safely and efficiently.

Dismissal

Lower Lot Dismissal

- Please have your car seats arranged so that children can get in from the sidewalk side.
- Please do not get out of your car. Cars sometimes pass on the left and it makes for a dangerous situation.
- Please be patient and do not drive around other cars if at all possible. The flow of traffic is important.
- If your child requires a second call, we will ask that you pull down to Wonder Way and wait for them to be escorted down to you by an adult.
- If your student forgets something, please go down to Wonder Way and wait for them. Determine if what they are missing is necessary or can wait until tomorrow.

Please let anyone who is picking your child up know what the procedures are for arrival and dismissal. Thank you for your help and cooperation with our procedures. We know that drop off and pick up can be trying and we appreciate your support.

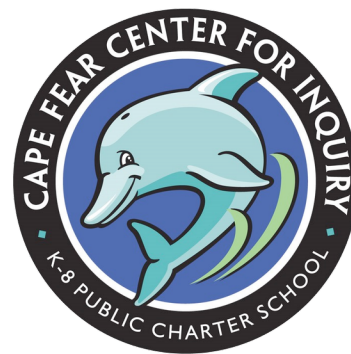
We Hope You Can Attend! Cape Fear Center for Inquiry Vision 2026 - Help Us Plan for Our Future!

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.

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!



Fill Out This Form if You Plan To Attend the 9/27 Strategic Planning Session

Event Information

Curriculum Night Grades 4-8 - Adults Only Evening

Grades 4-5 will start in the Multipurpose Room (MPR) at 5:30 pm and transition to classrooms at 6:00 pm

Grades 6-8 will start in the classrooms at 5:30 pm and transition to the MPR at 6:15 pm

When?

Tue, Sep 13, 2022, 05:30 PM

Where?

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

Save the Date! Curriculum Nights at CFCI

Curriculum Nights at CFCI will take place on Tuesday, September 13th for Grades 4-8 and Thursday, September 15th for Kindergarten - Grade 3. **Curriculum Night is an evening for adults only - please make childcare arrangements ahead of time.** The purpose of our curriculum night is for parents and guardians to meet with classroom teachers, support teachers and our specialist team to learn about grade level curriculum and expectations for the school year.

We will begin our evening in the Multipurpose room, where families will meet with the directors, coordinators, specialists and support staff to hear a presentation about CFCI, MTSS, Title I, Specials, and our school goals for this year.

Then the grade level presentations by classroom teachers.

Event Information

Curriculum Night K-3 - Adults Only Evening

K/1 will begin in the Multipurpose Room (MPR) at 5:30 pm and transition to classrooms at 6pm

2/2 will begin in the classrooms at 5:30 pm and transition to the MPR at 6:15 pm

When?

Thu, Sep 15, 2022, 05:30 PM

Where?

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

Sixth Grade Helpers in the MPR - Thanks for making our spaces better!

Pictured is Hudson McCorvey and Liam Womer who helped organize the gym this week.

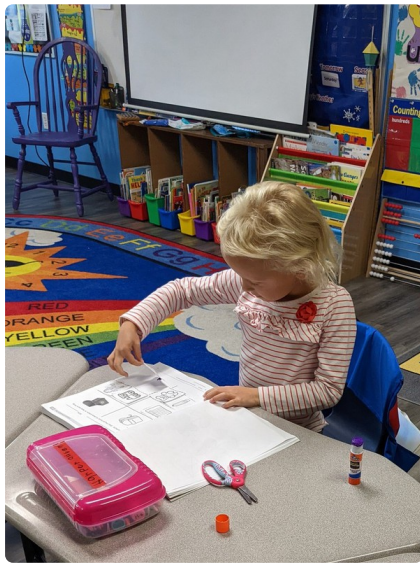
Ms.R, "I am so grateful and honored to have these two in my class. They are always willing to help not only their classmates, but all students who use the MPR. I'm so proud of them for embracing the CFCI motto of caring about our school community."



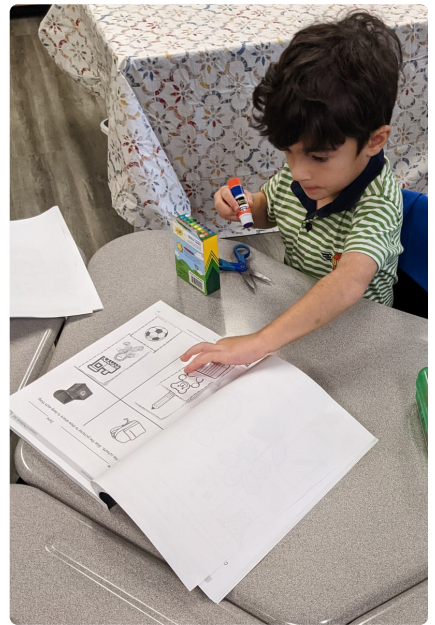
How does Eureka Math help students?

Eureka Math systematically organizes standards to leverage connections between concepts.

Connections support students to access new learning and problem solving. The progression of conceptual understanding moves from simple to complex.



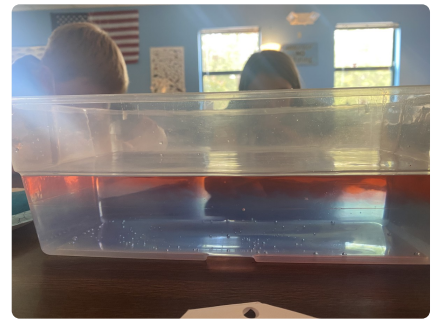
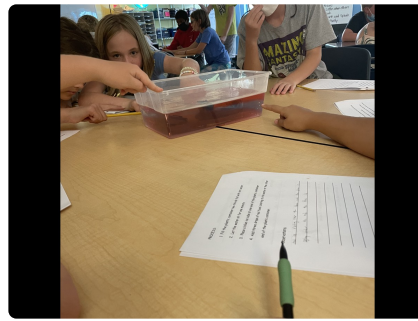
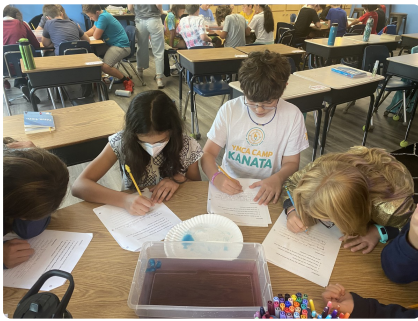
Kindergarten students work within the Eureka Math curriculum to increase skills in classifying objects into given categories, counting numbers of objects in each category, and sorting the categories by count.



5th Grade Studies - What is weather and how does it affect us?

The 5th grade is studying weather. This week, they made and observed water cycle bags. They also demonstrated warm and cold fronts. A front is where two air masses of different densities meet. This can result in a cold front, cold air replacing the warm air, or a warm front, warm air replacing the cold air. A cold front results in cool, dry air, while a warm front results in warmer, wetter air.





5th Graders Rocking Team Building - Week Three!

5th graders create spaghetti towers! This team building activity allows students to practice the design process that includes planning, problem-solving, prototyping, and iteration. Students see how tall they can build a tower using dry spaghetti noodles as their only material. It was amazing seeing the creative ways the ideas of our students come together!



We need a plan...We can do this!

SPAGHETTI TOWERS STEM CHALLENGE

Teamwork - Together we can!

Teamwork teaches essential communication and social skills, such as active listening and effective speaking. When working as a team, students learn how to listen in order to perform their individual roles. Students learn how to listen to one another in order to function as a cohesive unit.



What do you think? What is your idea?

North Carolina School Accountability Data

The North Carolina School Accountability Results have been released (click the title button above). This data includes the North Carolina End-of-Grade and End-of-Course Reading, Mathematics and Science Assessments Results. The school leadership team will be presenting the results along with our analysis and actions for tackling the challenges this school year.

We believe that state testing is one measurement of our success as a school, just as it is one measurement of knowing how students are doing at a particular moment in the school year. We believe, as a school, that state assessments are one piece of the data we need to use to analyze our success in teaching our students. We also believe that our philosophy of teaching with and through inquiry is what is best for children to become problem solvers, critical thinkers, researchers, mathematicians, scientists, writers, and great human beings. We have recommitted our time and professional development dollars this year to **Responsive Classroom** and to **Inquiry** but our plans for proactively addressing the areas of math and literacy include:

Targeting common areas of weakness

Using the data to plan interventions

More small group and personalized learning

Professional Development for target areas

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the classroom teacher, the coordinators, or myself. We are excited about our plans for the year and goal setting for our future growth and learning.

Kim McCormick, Director of Education

NEW on our CFCI website - a MONTHLY SCHOOL CALENDAR

Follow the link and bookmark it so that you can keep up-to-date on all the events happening at CFCI. We will be adding new events as they come up - we hope you like this additional feature to our website. Please direct questions/feedback to Debra Korb at dkorb@cfc.net.

CFCI Events Calendar

First Friday Community Cleanup by 8th Grade!



Thank you, 8th grade! The campus looks great!!! We appreciate you all taking care of our common spaces!

These green minded students cleaned up the fence and playground areas!

FORMS, FORMS, FORMS...please be sure you have filled out all of the forms below.

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.

Student & Family Handbook

The Student and Family Handbook communicates the expectations, policies, procedures, and practices for our students and families. Please read with your student and fill out the student/family handbook acknowledgement form (below).

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.

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

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.

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



Class Directory Opt In Form

Volunteer Interest Form - PLEASE FILL OUT

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.

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- 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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CFCI Organizational Chart 2022-23

Organizational Chart 22-23.pdf

Please click to download the organizational chart for the school.

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