

CFCI Community Update 10/21/22

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families & Friends,

Hello Families,

We hope this communication finds you and your family well - enjoying the cool, crisp autumn air and the opportunity for outdoor exploration that October brings. It's hard to believe that we have been in school now for 8 weeks! There have been so many exciting field experiences and our classrooms are teeming with the sights and sounds of student engagement. Cultivating curiosity is the hallmark of our teaching and learning at CFCI - we believe that children learn best when they are collaborating with others and creating meaning from hands-on experiences. Our students are developing higher-level thinking skills and boosting their confidence and self-esteem as well, all while learning together. As always, we are excited to share some of the great learning that is taking place at CFCI for your children - we hope you enjoy seeing these each week in the update!



This week is the kick off of our Partnership's (two week) [FUND THE WONDER](#) annual fundraiser. We hope you will consider the impact that this wonderful organization has on our amazingly sweet little school of inquiry and consider giving to their fundraiser. Partnership's efforts help to fund so many incredible opportunities for our teachers and the work teachers do with your students each and every day - through teacher stipends, grants and continuing education funding. In addition, this past year, they raised over \$9,000 to help purchase play equipment for our upper and lower playgrounds (coming this spring!) They simply can't do all of this without your help! Please take a moment now to go to the link below and give as much as you possibly can to make this the most successful fundraiser yet! Be an integral part of [Funding the Wonder](#) at CFCI! Also, please consider sharing the link with families and friends who you think may want to support your child's school. This is Partnership's only fundraiser for the year, so - **give now** - and enable teachers and

students to reap the benefits of your generosity for the entire year! Thank you for whatever support you can manage - every bit helps - it truly does [FUND the WONDER!](#)

Please make a note of the following:

1. Please [FUND THE WONDER](#)
2. STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING 10/26 - We Need You!
3. A CFCI Tradition - Buddies - Grade 2 and 6
4. Challenge by Choice - Grade 7 Math
5. 5th Grade Williamsburg Fundraiser with MOE'S Taco Kits
6. Family Night Success!
7. Middle Grades Retreat - Soaring through Spaces
8. Weekly Wellnesss
9. Young Scientists Among Us!
10. Constitutional Convention Rescheduled
11. October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

We hope you have a wonderful weekend! See you all next week! And remember, Monday, October 31st is a Teacher Workday! We hope you have an especially spooky day!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

FUND THE WONDER

Fund the Wonder is the Partnership's annual and only fundraising campaign that offers one simple way for you to make a difference with 100% of your donation directly impacting our students, teachers, and school community. Money raised through Fund the Wonder is used to enhance educational opportunities in the classroom and build community outside of the classroom.

As a school of choice, CFCI receives less funding than a traditional public school. Fund the Wonder donations are used to enhance CFCI's engaging inquiry-based curriculum by providing semi-annual teacher stipends and opportunities for teacher grants and continuing education.



Our goal is to raise \$15,000. We'd love to see 100% participation from CFCI families - whether you can give \$5 or \$500. It all makes a difference!

This coming week is WONDER WEEK!

Monday 10/24 - Mismatch Monday

Tuesday 10/25 - Class Color Day

Wednesday 10/26 - Pajama Day
Thursday 10/27 - Mathletes vs. Athletes
Friday 10/28 - CFCI Spirit Day

[Click Here to Fund the Wonder](#)

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What a Great Beginning to Cape Fear Center for Inquiry Vision 2026 - Mark Your Calendar 10/26 at 5:30 PM!

Thank you to all of the community members who joined us in September to begin the process of planning for our vision of what CFCI could look like in the next 3 years. So many great ideas were generated and we look forward to our next steps on Wednesday, October 26th. Please plan on attending if at all possible!

As a reminder:

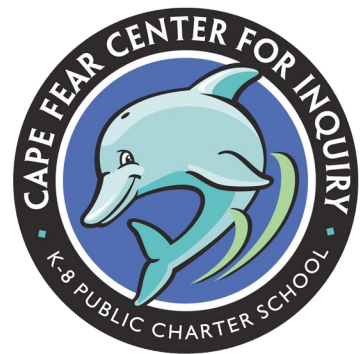
To kick off our strategic planning for school years 2023-2026, we will be hosting three community sessions. These sessions are open to the public! We would love any available student, parent, community member, and staff member to attend and provide input on their hopes and wishes for the future of CFCI.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

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 in-person at CFCI.

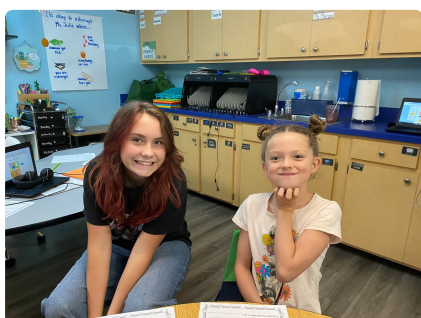
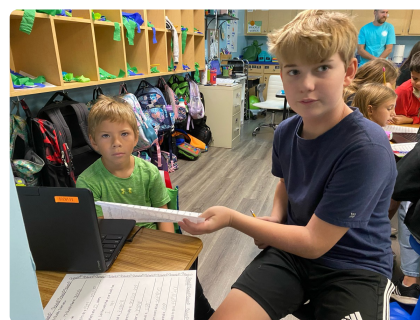


Please contact [Susan Graziano](#) or [Kim McCormick](#) with questions or ideas. Thank you!

We Need You!! Fill Out This Form if You Plan To Attend the 10/26 Session

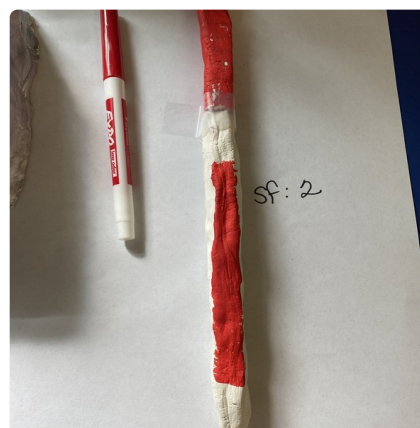
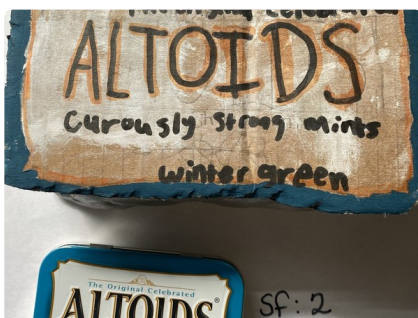
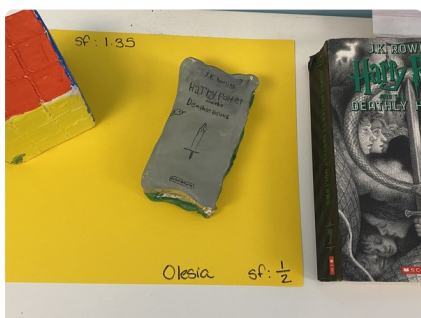
"Buddies" are a CFCI tradition! Here is Grade 2 with their 6th Grade buddies.

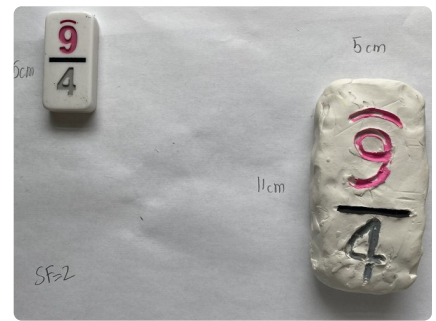
Our CFCI buddies program is an excellent way to address the learning needs of both younger and older children. Through cross-age tutoring and partnerships, students improve their reading, writing and fluency skills and gain broader literacy and social benefits.



7th Grade Scale Drawing - Challenge by Choice

7th Grade completed their unit on Scale Drawings by completing a scale project of their choosing. This "challenge by choice" project employed all of the concepts and skills learned in their math unit. As usual, these amazing students did not disappoint!





5th Grade Williamsburg Field Trip Fundraisers

Art Centered Fundraiser - October 22nd 12-4pm

[Art-Oberfest CPANA Art Crawl](#)

Hello CFCI Friends,

Renato and I have an art show this weekend:

Gabe has been planning a lemonade stand for this. Last night he decided that he will use the money to help the 5th graders pay for their Colonial Williamsburg trip!

Please share this info and send all our CFCI friends our way!!!

We are called "Art Centered " and we will be with DREAMs right across from the playground at Wallace Park!



Thank you so much!!

Anne MCombie

Come Visit Art-Oberfest!

Moe's Family Meal Kit Fundraiser - November 8th

MOES FUNDRAISER:

Order your Moe's Taco Meal kits to help raise money for Cape Fear Center for Inquiry trip to Williamsburg!

Order now

Pick up on Tuesday, November 8

Order thru the link

[Moe's Family Meal Kit Fundraiser](#)

and a portion of every meal kit sale will be donated to the school. Simply Drive thru the school and pick up your meal kit between 5-5:30 on Nov. 8! Order deadline is 8pm on Nov 7!

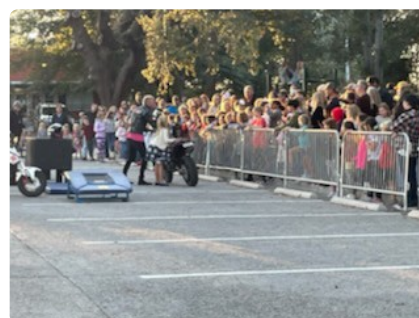
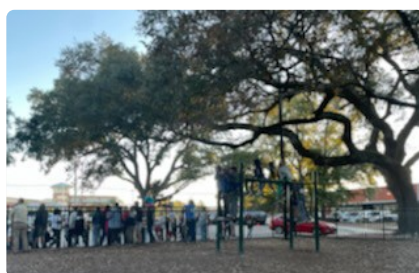


**Order your Delicious MOE'S Taco Kit for Tuesday, November 8th
Pickup HERE**

Family Night

Thank you to the Partnership and our entire community for a successful Bookfair and Family Night!

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





The Middle Grades Retreat is Back!

Middle Grades Retreat at the Betsy Jeff Penn 4-H Center is back! The students in grades 6-8 enjoyed their time away and will have lots of great stories to tell over the next few weeks.

Our 6-8 students experienced the incredible Soaring Thru Spaces Program at the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center for three amazing days!

This program is specially designed to help middle grades experience and develop life skills.

Communication, teamwork, cooperation, problem-solving, goal setting, and leadership are not always easily taught in the classroom. The Soaring Thru Spaces Program utilizes ground initiatives, communication exercises, trust-building activities, team challenge course elements (low ropes), and depending on the group the high ropes course to accomplish these learning goals. The High Ropes Course allows students to set goals, push beyond their comfort zone, bask in the support of teammates, and realize their own abilities. The BJP belief is that individuals are often more capable mentally, physically, and emotionally than they actually perceive themselves to be. If given the opportunity to try new challenges in a supportive atmosphere, they will be able to discover the excellence within themselves.

We feel so fortunate to have been able to give our students this incredible opportunity.



CFCI Students - Soaring through Spaces

This 3-day program guided participants as they explored three spaces in their lives



Students work together to overcome fears and grow stronger mentally and physically.

In a supportive and non-competitive atmosphere, students increase their ability to share feelings, express themselves, and deal with obstacles.



Outer Spaces:

Facing the unknown, envisioning a positive future, creating new ideas and applying lessons to real-life situations.



Inner Spaces:

Knowing oneself, setting goals, overcoming fears, coping with change, and making effective personal decisions.



Shared Spaces:

Group interaction, problem-solving with peers, communication skills, conflict management, and making effective group decisions.



Ultimate challenge: As a team, work together and problem-solve effectively.

If given the opportunity to try new challenges in a supportive atmosphere, students will discover the excellence within themselves.

Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jenn and Mrs. Horne

October 21 Weekly Wellness

October is ADHD Awareness Month! ADHD is a condition characterized by inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity. It's estimated that over 6 million children in America are diagnosed

with ADHD. During this month, we work to spread the word about what ADHD is, how it impacts our children, and resources to help. An ADHD diagnosis can come with a lot of challenges, so it's important to seek professional help if necessary. Be sure to speak with your child's teacher or school counselor if you have any questions about how to help your child succeed.



Resources to check out if your child has ADHD:

- The ADDitude podcast on Spotify or Apple Music, which is full of webinars from experts.
- Thriving with ADHD Workbook for Kids by Keri Miller. This is a go to resource in my counseling office!
- Get an assortment of fun timers to keep around the house or on your phone. Try Pomodoro Timer App, Zen Timer App, or the Time Timer!

Olivia Horne, School Counselor
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CFCI Young Scientists in the News!

CFCI students, William Forbes and Elliana Henderson attend the Young Science Academy after-school on Fridays. They, along with other academy students, presented their science research to the New Hanover County Board of Commissioners recently.

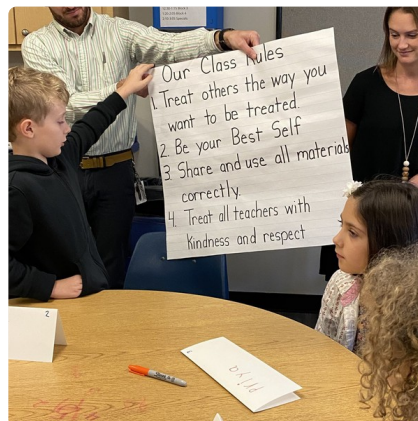


Our Constitutional Convention - New Date: Tuesday, October 25th



Articulating hopes and dreams

The teacher helps students set goals for the year, often



Generating rules

Teacher and students collaborate to generate rules that allow all class members



Framing the rules in the positive

The teacher works with students to turn rules about

beginning by sharing her/his own goals.

to achieve their hopes and dreams.

what not to do into ones about what to do; for example, "Don't run" might become "Move safely."

We have rescheduled our Constitutional Convention to Tuesday, October 25th at 1:45pm! Over the past six weeks of school, our teachers have been working in our classrooms to develop rules and expectations that help our students learn and live together. This week, we will finalize our schoolwide rules that have been developed by representatives from each of the classes. After sharing their classroom rules last week, students worked together to decide the schoolwide rules that would best align with their classroom rules and give all students a sense of belonging. We look forward to creating visible artwork that represents our rules to hang in the hallway of our school. The rules will be presented to the entire school at the end of the week. Everyone will sign the rules as a way of committing to the schoolwide rules that have been created. Engaging all of students in the rule-setting process helps them take ownership of the rules. Engaging all of the adults emphasizes for the children the significance of their work. Together, we are creating a calmer, happier place for learning.

Teachers find over and over that this investment of time and effort is well worth the payoff of calm, productive, and joyful classrooms.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

[Curious to know what it's like to have Dyslexia? Click here to experience A Day in the Life of a Child with Dyslexia.](#)



DYSLEXIA ISN'T A DISORDER, IT'S ESSENTIAL TO HOW OUR SPECIES ADAPTS, SAY RESEARCHERS. Dyslexia can make reading and writing difficult, but is also associated with skills such as creative thinking and problem solving. People with dyslexia have brains that are geared towards exploring the unknown, a trait that's been crucial to the survival and success of humans. Read more about the research in an article from BBC Science Focus [HERE](#).

[October 15: Day of Dyslexia Event with Hill School of Wilmington](#) (Open to the Public with Registration)

CFCI Events Calendar

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

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.

Chromebook Agreement

The Chromebook Agreement communicates the expectations and use of chromebooks for students and families. Please read carefully.

Volunteer Interest Form

CFCI Organizational Chart 2022-23

Organizational Chart 22-23.pdf

Please click to download the organizational chart for the school.

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