

CFCI Community Update 10/28/22

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Hello CFCI Families,



*The second week of Fund the Wonder continues. Thank you to the **59+ donors** who have made contributions totaling over **\$6200+** to the Partnership thus far!*

Each and every gift, no matter the size, is truly appreciated. When your tax-deductible gift is combined with gifts from other donors & businesses it has real and lasting impact for our school. Don't forget to ask your employer about gift matching programs to maximize your contribution! And please take a moment now to [GO FUND THE WONDER!](#)

There is so much that is happening at the school - it was an incredibly busy week - So please...grab yourself a favorite beverage, settle into a favorite reading spot, and take a few moments to peruse the learning that is taking place each and everyday at CFCI - a very special community, indeed!
Please make a note of the following:

1. Please [FUND THE WONDER](#)
2. CFCI Partnership's SPIRIT WEEK a Success!
3. STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY - PLEASE PROVIDE INPUT
4. Deadline to Order School Photos 11/3
5. November is the CFCI Cereal Drive to benefit Nourish NC!
6. SAVE THE DATE for WINTERFEST 12/3
7. Thank You, Station 5! Kindergarteners Visit Our Firehouse Neighbors and Heroes!
8. First Grade Go Batty at Haylburton Park!
9. Our Constitutional Convention - School Rules Come to Life
10. Local Artist Lynn Olsen Visits CFCI
11. 5th Graders Ask: How Small is a Cell?

12. Some Spooky Friday Fun With Second Grade!

13. 5th Grade Williamsbug Fundraiser with Moe's Family Meal Kit Fundraiser - 11/8

14. Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jenn and Mrs. Horne

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 C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

HAVE YOU FUNDED THE WONDER YET?

A promotional poster for 'Fund the Wonder' at Cape Fear Center for Inquiry. The poster has a blue background with a large pink piggy bank on the right side, with a gold coin on top. The piggy bank is sitting on a light blue, wavy, cloud-like shape. The text is in white and yellow. The title 'WONDER WARS' is in large, bold, white letters. Below it, 'NOV. 1ST - 4TH' is in yellow. The text 'Bring in your dollars and cents to fill your teacher's Wonder jar.' is in white. Below that, 'The classroom that collects the most money gets a pizza party!' is in white, with 'pizza party!' in yellow. On the right, 'FUND THE WONDER' is in white, followed by 'DONATE TODAY AND HELP SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND TEACHERS' in white. Below that, 'Text: FundTheWonder 44-321' and 'https://tinyurl.com/ytr7dv4u' are in yellow. At the bottom, 'Follow us on Instagram and Facebook @CFCl_Partnership for updates.' is in white.

Cape Fear Center for Inquiry

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If you've been at CFCI for a few years, you've probably heard about Fund the Wonder but you still might be unclear as to what it is.

[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. We do not ask students or families to spend time outside of school selling stuff people don't need to people who don't want it!

As a school of choice, CFCI receives less funding than a traditional public school. Fund the Wonder donations are used to complement CFCI's unique inquiry based curriculum by providing semi-annual teacher stipends totaling \$250/teacher as well as opportunities for grants and continuing education. Money from Fund the Wonder is also used to host community events such as the Fall Festival many of you attended last week and other family events throughout the year.



In the past year, Fund the Wonder has provided funds for:

- Materials to create a Makerspace station in K/1 classroom
- Materials to create STEM boxes in 2/3 classroom
- Stools to promote flexible seating in 6th grade classroom
- New soccer goals on both playgrounds
- Playground equipment for all grade levels
- \$8000 towards the new playground coming in the spring
- Roll up keyboards for grades 1, 2 & 3 so they can integrate music during free time
- Wireless document camera for 8th grade allowing them to share their work with the class more readily
- Countless books, art supplies, costumes for the school play...and the list goes on

Your support during Fund the Wonder is crucial. Please consider [donating](#) so that we can continue to support our teachers, provide meaningful learning opportunities for our students, and make our community stronger.

Thank you for choosing to support CFCI,

The Partnership for CFCI Board

[Click Here to Fund the Wonder](#)

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CFCI Partnership's SPIRIT WEEK a Success!

We've Got Spirit - Yes, We Do!

Did you know? Students with school spirit do more than show support for their school. They perform better academically, are more socially and civically engaged, and are happier in general. This week, the Partnership encouraged Students, Faculty and Staff to participate in Spirit Week to kick-off the first week of Fund the Wonder!



Mrs. Mintz brought some serious game to Spirit Week!



A True Mathlete!



Just Some Morning Coffee, Rollers and a Robe...Nothing Unusual Here!



6th Grade Shares the CFCI Spirit! Wearing CFCI Gear Brings Us Together in a Positive Way!



CFCI Spirit Day! Mrs McCorcle and Mr. Cassell Have the Right Idea!



Pajama Day is a Cozy Day for Reading, Learning and Being Friends!

STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY - [CLICK HERE TO PROVIDE INPUT](#)

We Want To Hear From You!

CFCI is launching its [VISION 2026 Survey](#). The survey asks parents, students, staff, and community members about school quality goals, initiatives, communication, and other key topics. The results

will help guide the school's strategic planning. Community input is critical to informed decision making. The survey findings will carry significant weight as we work to chart a successful course for all CFCI students.

Here are the details:

- The online survey will be open from Friday, October 28th to Friday, November 12th.
- Parents/guardians, faculty & staff, and community leaders with email addresses on file with the school will receive invitations to take the survey. Simply follow the link above to participate.
- The survey will be available to all students and community members on the school homepage beginning November 1st.



DEADLINE TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS - 11/3!



Teachers have emailed links for you to order student photos online. If you have not received or have lost that email, please contact

office@cfc.net.

As a reminder, school portraits are a fundraiser for CFCI. CFCI will get a portion of all packages sold.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER PHOTOS IS NOVEMBER 3rd.

November is the CFCI Cereal Drive to benefit Nourish NC!

November 1st - November 22nd

The CFCI Cereal Drive benefits the [Nourish NC Foodbank](#) and provides non-perishable breakfast items that are both nutritious and kid-friendly for children and families in the Wilmington area who would otherwise go without the most important meal of the day - breakfast. Whether you would like to give a single box or a whole case of cereal, every donation counts when it comes to providing kids with an easy to find, easy to eat meal! Please check expiration dates and be sure boxes are unopened. Boxes are being collected outside of each homeroom. If you have questions, please reach out to Kayla Rotatori at krotatori@cfc.net. Thank you for your support!



Cereal Drive.pdf

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SAVE THE DATE for WINTERFEST

Partnership Invites You to WINTERFEST

Saturday, December 3, 2022



Thank You, Station 5! Kindergarteners Visit Our Firehouse Neighbors and Heroes!



Hands-on and In-person Learning



The uniforms. The hoses and levers. The bright shiny red trucks. The children had been prepped in the classroom but nothing takes the place of being there.

Super Curious

"What is this for?" "What does that do?" The who, what, where, how and whys of inquiry. The fire station is a wonderful place to explore.

Totally Engaged

Students were utterly fascinated and this kind firefighter took the time to share his expertise with our children.

First Grade Go Batty at Haylburton Park!

First graders had their first field experience at Halyburton Park. Students learned about bats local to North Carolina while also learning about their unique adaptations such as echolocation through hands on activities.



Ask a first grader what they know about bats and you might be surprised to learn...



Did you know that bats are mammals?



Did you know that bats are most active at night?



Students learned many facts about bats with Mr. Andy.



They got to take a nature walk and learn more about bat habitats.



Our curious first graders highly recommend going to Halyburton Park to have fun and learn!



Our Constitutional Convention - School Rules Come to Life

What is our process for Constitutional Convention? And why is it important to have school wide expectations?

At the start of the school year, each class created their own classroom rules. By late September, classes had been learning and living with those rules for several weeks.

Each class then decided which delegates would represent their whole grade at the CFCI Constitutional Convention. In September, these grade grade-level delegates, along with the school coordinators, counselors and director met together to begin taking the classroom rules and transforming them into three to five *schoolwide* rules.

Taking their responsibility quite seriously, the delegates reviewed and discussed and worked to find a way to reduce the many rules down to just three to five. They tried choosing rules from the various class posters. They tried categorizing and grouping rules that were similar. After the first hour or so, the delegates had come up with a list of 4 rules that they believed would be good a good fit for our school. They also had an idea about creating a motto, something that you follow vs having to do it. So, the final or fifth "rule" is going to be our *school motto*. So now we had gone from eighteen sets of rules crafted by over 408 students that were now represented by on set of proposed schoolwide rules.



On Tuesday, October 25th students, faculty and staff gathered on the Upper Playground to have an assembly that featured a presentation by delegates of canvases they had created about the rules as well as music (including the Star Spangled Banner and For Whom the Bell Tolls) performed by Gregory Miller and Conor Sullivan. Thank you to all of our class delegates and to Mrs. McCorcle, Ms. Horne, Ms. Cole, Mr. Pierce, Ms. Clark, Ms. R, for all their help and support in getting this organized, and to Ms. Scibetta for helping with the canvas productions. A special thank you as well to Everette Rose-Wilkinson and Maddie McNeilly for all their leadership throughout the process. We couldn't have done it without everyone working together.



CFCI School Expectations

- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Caring
- Be Your Best Self



Sharing Their Talents - Thank you Greg and Conor!

Thank you to Gregory and Conor for their musical performances. Gregory's solo Star Spangled Banner performance made us all proud!



Delegates Presented School-wide Expectations to Their Peers

Rules or expectations help students feel safe, cared for and respected at school.

Local Artist Lynn Olsen Visits CFCI

We want to thank local artist and CFCI grandmother, Lynn Olsen, for coming in to work with several of our art classes! She showed our students her masterpieces, how to work with alcohol ink, and helped them to create their own artworks as well! It was a fabulous gift of time, talent, and supplies that the students absolutely loved!





Students in Ms. Happy's art classes learned that alcohol inks are alcohol-based dye inks that dry quickly.



The alcohol will evaporate and leave a permanent design on tile, paper or cardstock after it is applied.



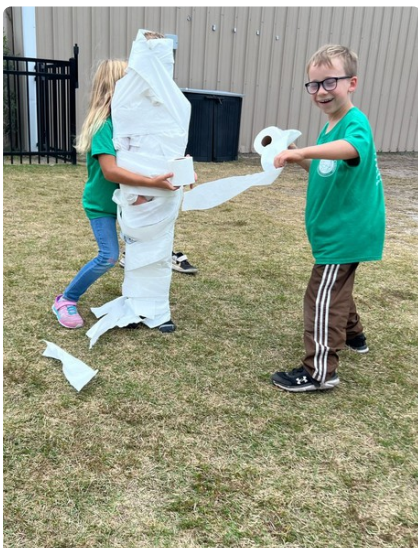
It is a very fluid and flowy medium that can be used easily, even by beginners!

5th Graders Ask: How Small is a Cell?

5th grade is learning about genes and heredity, so we are starting small with cells! We decided to take a closer look at the smallest unit of life. Students learned about some major parts of an animal cell and their function. Then, they created diagrams to get a better view of where everything fits into the cell. This was a great opportunity for students to work together and plan, as well as show understanding of cell parts!



Some Spooky Friday Fun With Second Grade!



5th Grade Williamsbug Fundraiser with Moe's Family Meal Kit Fundraiser - 11/8

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**

Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jenn and Mrs. Horne

October 26 Weekly Wellness

Safety Tips for Trick-or-Treaters

Halloween, with all the costumes, parties and treats, is an exciting time for many children!

Follow these tips to help keep your trick-or-treaters safe and healthy:



Jack-o-lanterns and Pumpkin Carving

Consider alternatives to carving pumpkins such as markers, glitter paint, googly eyes and glue. Get creative and think outside of the box. Have some push pins and string? Try making a string art pumpkin. Do you have any Mr. and Mrs. Potato head games lying around? Try using those pieces to decorate a pumpkin.

Use caution with candles! Battery operated candles are a great choice for illuminating your pumpkins. They come in a variety of sizes and can be found at many stores- even Dollar Tree! You can even paint the candle to match or compliment your pumpkins.

Costume Safety

The brighter the better! Attach reflective tape to costumes and bags, go for light up accessories and carry glow sticks or a flashlight when trick-or-treating in the dark.

Choose the right size. Oversized costumes can be difficult to move in and pose a tripping hazard. Avoid Masks and go for facepaint. Masks can limit your child's vision.

All treats no tricks!

Trick-or-treat with care and make it a family affair! Trick-or-treat in a group- the more the merrier and accompany young children. Remind your trick-or-treaters that although it's a special night, people are still driving on the streets. Use sidewalks, look for cars and use caution when crossing the street.

Check out the candy/treats for allergens, etc. Skip the home baked goods from the neighborhood and opt for the commercially manufactured snacks instead.

Ration the pile- consider snacking on a few pieces of candy at a time rather than the whole bag of goodies!

Have a healthy and safe Halloween!

Nurse Jenn

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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