

CFCI Community Update 11/11/22

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

As we enter our 11th week of school and following last week's successful student led conferences, it is a wonderful time of year to reflect on how your student is doing at school and how the year is going. It's a time to think about what is going well and a time to think about what changes need to be made to improve in areas that aren't as successful.

As parents/guardians and as educators, we have taken a lot of time to work through routines, traditions, and expectations with our students to start the year. Our continued focus on leading students to be prepared for any barrier they may face takes all of us working together: Families, Friends, and Faculty & Staff.

Let's all take time this week to remind our children how much we love them, support them, and care for their well-being. I encourage you to talk to your children about what is going well, and what needs to change to make it better for them to be successful. As we reflect, I would also like to say how much I appreciate the countless sacrifices that our teachers and staff members make in order for our students to have the most engaging learning experience possible. They are leaders in their field and deserve numerous accolades for their commitment to our student's academic learning and social-emotional growth.

The Partnership understands and acknowledges the incredible amount of work our educators do to make CFCI special. They are celebrating our teachers and staff this month of being thankful, and asking that your children make cards and create notes that let each educator know how important



they are. Please take a look at the “call for cards and notes” below. It is sure to make them feel appreciated and will let them know that we see them, support them, and care about them.

Also, in an effort to have your voice be heard, please take time to fill out the [STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY](#) - we need your input to set the direction of our school for the next three years. (see survey link below).

Please make a note of the following:

1. Thankful Time of Year - Thankful for Educators
2. Strategic Plan Survey
3. Safety Patrol
4. Fund the Wonder Success
5. UNCW Promise of Leadership Award - Madi Stimson
6. 6th Grade Musical Theater Performance and upcoming Middle Grades Concert
7. What Are Green Days?
8. Alphabest Offering 12/19-23
9. Photo Deadline 11/14
10. Ms. Happy needs help in the Art Room (and egg cartons and newspaper!)
11. Winterfest 12/2
12. Musical Performances - Come one and all
13. Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn and Ms Horne

Have a great week, everyone! Take time to reflect - it will help us to learn and grow!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

Thankful Time of the Year - We are Thankful for Our Educators

Happy Fall everyone!

The Partnership would like to honor, recognize, and provide “thanks” to our CFCI teachers - this month.



The Partnership is encouraging your support by asking that your child write or draw a thank you card or note that demonstrates how “thankful” they are for their teacher.

CFCI is fortunate to have many teachers to include: home room teachers, teacher assistants, specialists, and exceptional children teachers. Please encourage your student to acknowledge any of the listed above that they have a relationship with.

We ask that you please send the cards or notes with your student to school on Monday, November 21.

In addition to the cards and notes, the Partnership will be honoring the teachers with bagels from Panera Bread and fruit on Tuesday, November 22.

The Partnership appreciates your continued support of CFCI.

Thanks,

The Teacher Appreciation Committee

PLEASE TAKE TIME TO PROVIDE INPUT ON OUR STRATEGIC PLAN SURVEY - CLICK HERE NOW

We need to know what direction to take our school over the next three years and beyond! We need 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.



**Vigilant and on Point!
Safety Patrol Waits for
Students to Arrive!**

**Ready and willing to
Help! Safety Patrol
Students are Friendly and
Patient!**

**That's a Wrap! Well Done,
Safety Patrol!**

Safety Patrol and Arrival/Dismissal - PLEASE READ!

We wanted to send families the following reminders and updates concerning arrival and dismissal:



Arrival:

Lower Lot - Please ensure that your child exits the car at the spot

you first stop at. Waiting to pull up closer to the K/1 door creates slowdowns and unsafe traffic conditions. Please be aware that starting Monday 11/7 there will be student Safety Patrol members to help students out of cars. **We ask that you do not exit your car during arrival.** If your child needs assistance, please wait for a staff or Safety Patrol member to assist them. Please be aware that safety patrol members will be dropped off between 7:40-7:45. These cars have been given permission to enter the lower lot through the back entrance. For cars that line up prior to 7:45, please do not pull forward until 7:45.

Upper Lot - When and if the number of cars in the lot results in traffic stacking on Shipyard, we ask that you form a double line when entering the lot, to avoid creating an unsafe traffic situation.

Dismissal:

Stacking on Shipyard and Wellington continues to occur at times. This is an unsafe traffic condition that we all need to work to avoid. In order to do so, we ask that all families continue to do the following:

- Please pull up as much as possible (in a safe manner) while waiting in line.
- Please try to arrive at your designated pick-up times. 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 understand that certain situations result in families being unable to make these times exactly, but we ask that you try as much as possible, to help us maintain a safe dismissal procedure.

FUND THE WONDER 2022-23 A HUGE SUCCESS - THANKS TO ALL OF YOU!!!!





Thank you to all of our "wonder"ful families, students, staff & community for all your hard work in Funding the Wonder! Together we raised over \$14,700 which will benefit the teachers and students through Inquiry. We are so proud of the efforts of our Partnership and everyone who helped with this important fundraising effort!

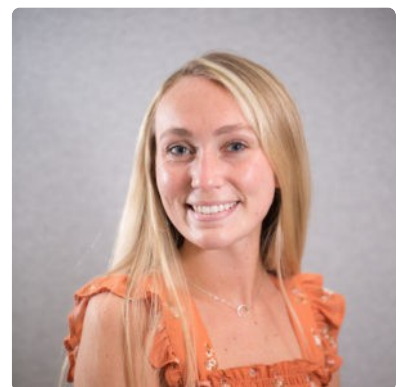
A special CONGRATULATIONS to Ms Sharpe's class who raised \$543.11 during Wonder Wars! Their efforts are so appreciated and they will celebrate with a pizza party! Together, the classes raised a total of \$1,688.73 - double the total from last year!

Thank you, again - We are fortunate to have such a supportive community!



UNCW Promise of Leadership Award Recipient - 4/5 Teacher - Madi Stimson

The UNCW Promise of Leadership Group is **comprised of ten beginning teachers in their second and third year who show leadership and innovation in the classroom.** This year, our very own Madi Stimson was nominated by CFCI and formally recognized by UNCW for her commitment and expertise with the Promise of Leadership Award. Congratulations, Madi! We are proud of you!



6th Grade Musical Performance on Point - A Musical Revue Mesmerizes!

Our 6th Grade Musical Theater class performed songs from Grease, Sound of Music, Annie, Wicked and Hairspray on Wednesday. Students gave it their all and then some as they rehearsed in

front of their 2nd grade buddies in the morning and then got the audience going in the evening with their musical revue!



Welcome to the 60's...and Hairspray!!!



It's Automatic, It's Hydromatic...GREASE is the Way We are Feeling!!!



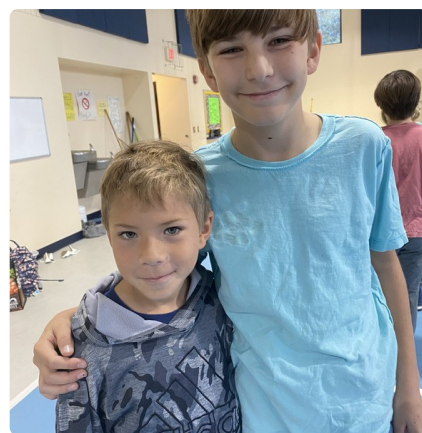
Eidelweiss, Eidelweiss - "You Look Happy to See Me" in the SOUND OF MUSIC!



2nd Grade Buddies...



...Previewing the Show...



...Happy to Cheer Their Friends On!



What Do Teachers do on Teacher Workdays - Also Known as GREEN DAYS?

Ever wonder what teachers do on designated "green days"? This year our days consist of committee meetings (a hallmark of our involvement in being a shared leadership school), Inquiry PD with Heidi Mills - Reading her book - Learning for Real, communal lunches, dedicated time for unit planning and working on our Personal Inquiry Projects (PIP), and other professional development that benefits our teachers and community. This past October 31st, we invited Brooke Lambert, Director of LGBTQIA Resource Center at UNCW to continue the conversation regarding Creating Safe Spaces at CFCI. Ms. Lambert did a wonderful job helping our faculty talk and learn more about safe practices and roles that can improve climate for our students, staff and community.

We are fortunate to have the time we need to learn and grow as a faculty...it makes a difference!

Our next scheduled Designated GREEN DAY is on Monday, November 28th - this is the Monday after Thanksgiving Break.



ALPHABEST FULL DAY PROGRAMS - MONDAY, DEC 19th - FRIDAY, DEC 23rd



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K-8 FIELD TRIP VOLUNTEERS - Sign Up NOW - Ensure You are on Our Volunteer List!

Reasons to do it now:

- Field trip frequency is increasing therefore it may be too late to sign up last minute
- Your kids want you there
- Field trips cannot happen without parent support as drivers and chaperones



DEADLINE TO ORDER SCHOOL PHOTOS EXTENDED - 11/14!



STUDENT PHOTOS PURCHASE: Deadline extended until Monday, November 14th.

There is still time to purchase student photos; please contact office@cfci.net to place your order. As a reminder, school portraits are a fundraiser and CFCI will get a small portion of all

packages sold.

THE DEADLINE TO ORDER PHOTOS IS NOVEMBER 14th.

ART ROOM NEEDS NEWSPAPERS AND EGG CARTONS!!

Ms Happy is looking for newspapers and egg cartons! We especially go through lots of newspaper while painting and crafting! If you or your neighbors receive the newspaper, please save them up and send them into the art room to be reused and then recycled.



Interested in Volunteering at CFCI? Try the Art Room with Ms. Happy!



Ms Happy is looking for Guest Artists to visit a few classes! If you have any talents or hobbies, come share your skills and passion with us!

Do you knit, build, paint, sculpt, woodwork, draw, weave, make cards, or craft in any way?

We can arrange the schedule and pick a grade level that suits you, so contact Ms. Happy today! hjones@cfc.net

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!



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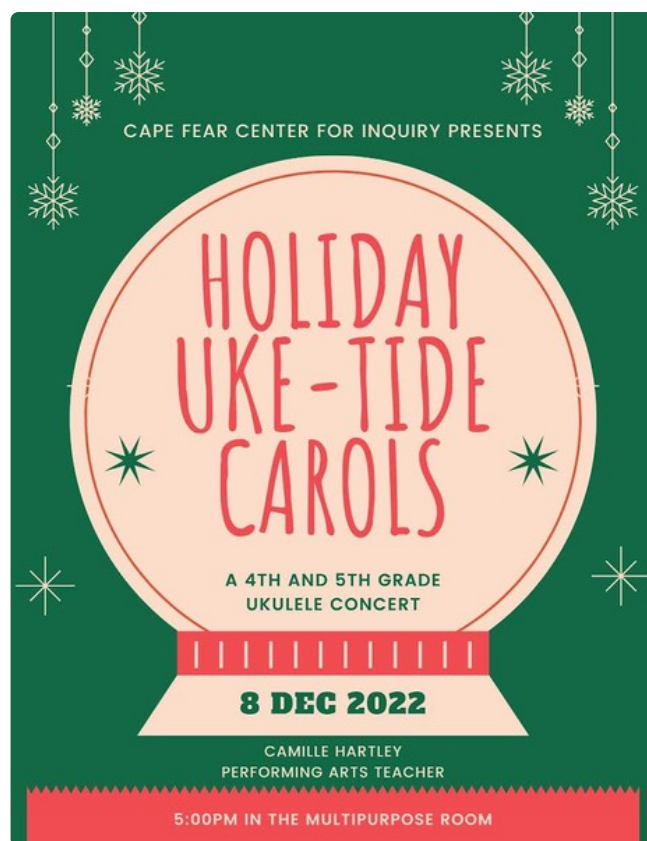
SAVE THE DATE for WINTERFEST

Partnership Invites You to WINTERFEST

Saturday, December 3, 2022



Musical Performances - Come One, Come All!



Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jenn and Mrs. Horne

November 11th Weekly Wellness

World Kindness Day on November 13th!

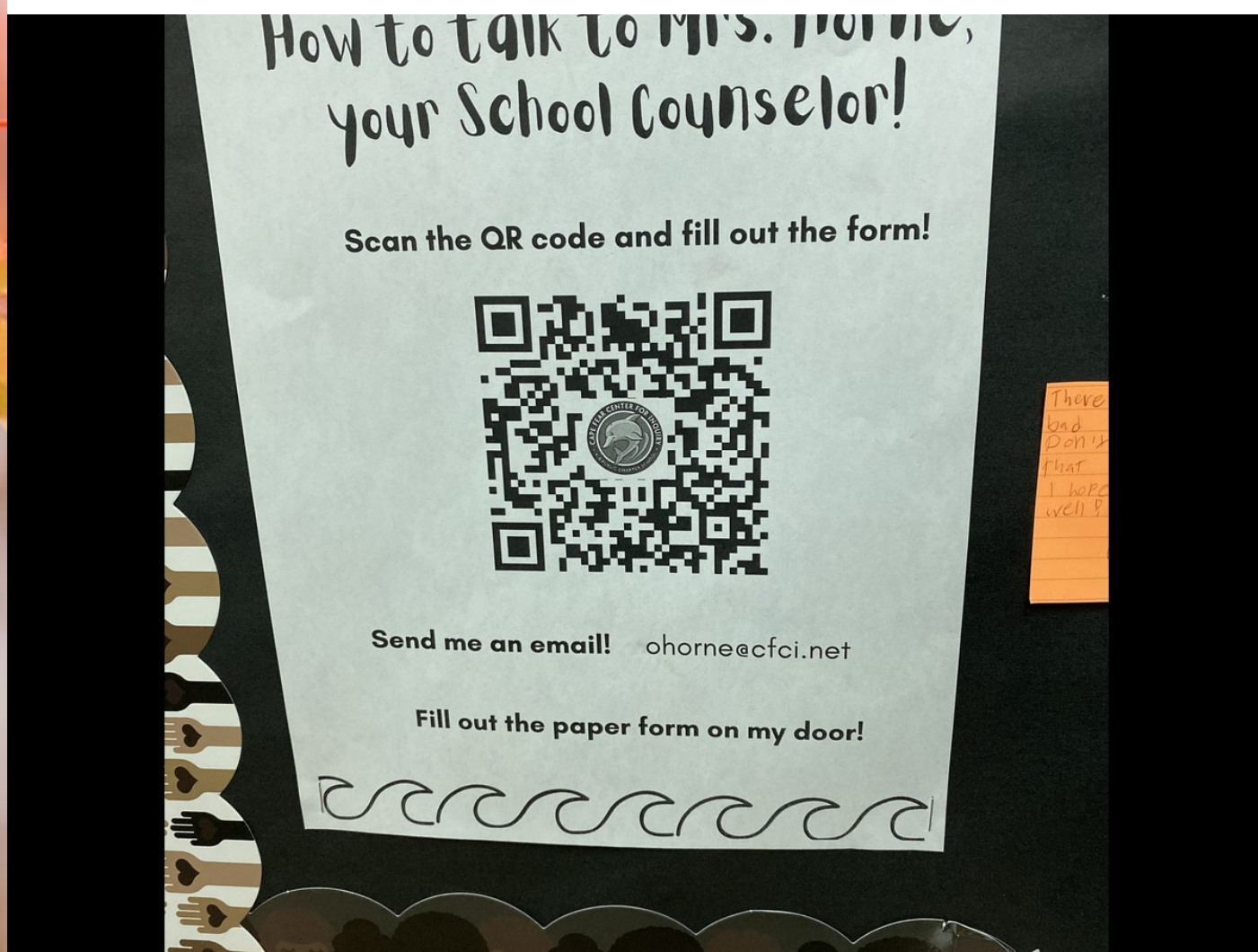


What if we made it a point to go slightly outside of our comfort zone at least once a day to make someone smile? What if we stopped thinking about them as random acts of kindness and started thinking about them as intentional acts of kindness? This year's theme for World Kindness Day is "make kindness the norm". World Kindness Day on November 13th is the perfect way to create a habit of kindness with our children. Here are some ideas you can do at home to celebrate World Kindness Day!

- Write a kind message on the sidewalk with chalk
- Make a kindness bingo card for your kids to check off
- Make positive bookmarks and hide them in library books for people to find
- Read the book *Be Kind* by Pat Zietlow Miller with your children
- Check our [randomactsofkindness.org](https://www.randomactsofkindness.org) for more ideas!

Olivia Horne

School Counselor



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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