

CFCI Community Update 12/2/22

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

What a wonderland Winterfest we had Saturday at CFCI. A huge thank you to the Partnership and Anna Fernz - our amazing chairperson for organizing this event with her incredible elf helpers who helped immerse us in the holiday spirit! So much joy for all who attended this celebration of Winter! So many people came together to organize, sponsor and make this day happen. We want to thank everyone who helped, volunteered, and showed up to make each activity around school FUN and successful! There were so many activities to do and so many delicious things to eat! The parking lot was humming with a fun inflatable course, the "snowy" flakes, the elf scavenger hunt, the incredible raffle baskets from each grade, snow person beads and other crafts, yummy hot cocoa and the 5th grade bake sale! We had a fun day of play, eating and ho, ho, ho-ing for sure! We also had the feeling community matters - so thank you to everyone for your support and partnership!



This coming week the celebrating continues with Piano Recitals for Grades 1-3 on Wednesday, from 5-8pm and Holiday Uke-Tide Carols for the 4th and 5th grade on Thursday, from 5-6pm. Ms. Hartley has been busy preparing our students for these special performances and the students are excited to show what they have learned and how they have grown as musicians.

Please make a note of the following:

1. PARTNERSHIP WINTERFEST SUCCESS AND THANK YOU!
2. MIDDLE GRADES MOVIE NIGHT 12/9!

3. **EXTENDED FOR ONE DAY ONLY!!!**CFCI Sweatshirt Sale - To benefit the 8th grade trip to DC!
4. WINTER CONCERTS! 12/7 & 12/8 - COME ONE, COME ALL!
5. SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE IN!
6. LOTTERY IS OPEN - PLEASE FILL OUT FOR SIBLINGS & SHARE WITH FRIENDS - LINK BELOW!
7. CFCI ANGEL GIVING TREE
8. KINDERGARTEN INVESTIGATION INTO CHIPMUNK STORAGE SOLUTIONS
9. 8TH GRADE HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PANEL THANKS TO MRS. HORNE & HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI!
10. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - SOMETIMES THE BEST PD IS THE TEACHER DOWN THE HALL!
11. ALPHABEST OFFERING DURING 1ST WEEK OF WINTER BREAK
12. WEEKLY WELLNESS WITH NURSE JENN & MRS. HORNE

Have a great week, everyone!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office



**AN INCREDIBLE PARTNERSHIP EFFORT - THANK YOU TO
ANNA FERNEZ AND HER MERRY ELVES!**





MIDDLE GRADES
Movie Night

Now showing:
ELF

CINEMA TICKET
ADMIT ONE

POPCORN

POPCORN AND HOT CHOCOLATE PROVIDED

6:00-8:00pm | December 9

We will be outdoors, weather permitting.
Bring a chair or blanket.

EXTENDED ONE DAY ONLY - CLOSING MONDAY, 12/5
SWEATSHIRT SALE

Limited Time Only!!!

Sweatshirt Sales

The 8th grade students are excited to once again plan a field trip to Washington DC in the Spring of 2023. This trip has been a longstanding tradition at CFCI that we have missed greatly in recent years. Part of the planning for this trip involves raising money to defray the costs to students. We are thrilled to offer **CFCI sweatshirts** for sale with proceeds from each sale going toward the Washington DC expenses.



Please use the link below to order your sweatshirts. Payment can be made via the K12 payment center linked below or by sending in a check made payable to CFCI. Ordering will be open until **December 5th**. It will take roughly 3 weeks for the sweatshirts to arrive, so please plan on them arriving after Winter Break.

Please direct all questions to Cathi Mintz at cmintz@cfci.net.

Happy ordering!

[Order Form:](#)



Grade 1 at 5pm

Grade 2 at 6pm

Grade 3 at 7pm



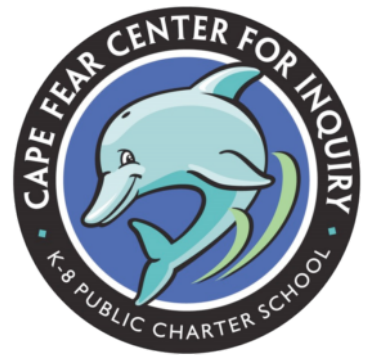
SCHOOL PHOTOS ARE IN!

Photos have been delivered to school. If your student hasn't brought them home by Wednesday, please contact the front office.



CFCI Lottery 2023-24 is Now Open!

Lottery applicants are being accepted now for the next school year. Every new student needs to register through Lotterease to participate in the lottery process.



Please Submit your Lottery Application Here!

Angel Giving Tree - A CFCI Tradition of the Heart

The CFCI Angel Giving Tree will be set up in the front office - until all ornaments for children's gifts have been taken. The deadline to bring unwrapped gifts is Friday, December 16th.

This year we are asking for gift cards in place of toys and clothes. This will provide families the flexibility to shop for their children and meet their specific needs. Thank you for sharing your resources to help our community during this season

Gift cards in the amount of \$10 and \$20 will help with even distribution of gifts to all recipients. Suggestions for gift cards are: Walmart, Target, Barnes & Noble, Amazon, etc.
Thank you again, for your generosity and giving spirit.



Kindergartners Carry Acorns: Paws or Pockets? A Wintery Investigation

Students in Ms. Jordan's class scampered like chipmunks, testing whether it's better to carry acorns in their "paws" or their pockets!





Students collected acorns outside.



They had plenty of room to scamper.



They were reminded that predators often chase chipmunks gathering acorns.



What's the best way for a chipmunk to escape with its acorns? - in its paws or in its cheek pockets?



Predict! What do you think is better?



Test! Working alone or in groups, kids scampered on all fours with acorns in their "paws". Then in their pockets. What were the results? Ask a K student to learn more!

HS Students Visit CFCI to Share Experiences Transitioning to High School

The transition from middle school to high school is a critical time for eighth graders. Our school counselor Mrs. Horne organized a panel of high school students from local high schools and

specialty programs to come and present an overview of what high school is like and how our current 8th graders can be successful, especially in some of the highly competitive programs. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions and learn more about what each program offers including those that offer intensive college partnerships such as UNCW and CFCC college credit. Several CFCL Alumni including: Max Stalsitz, Lexa McCorcle, Addison Sullivan, Gabby Mediratta, & Kaylie Seltzer, as well as Madi Ripa (nurse Jen's daughter who currently attends UNCW) and three other students represented: WEC, Sea-Tech, Isaac Bear, Hoggard and the IB program, Coastal Christian, Cape Fear Academy, Laney and Ashley. Our 8th grade students were appreciative of the opportunity and we all thank these amazing students who are hard working and impressive in their commitment to high school and beyond!

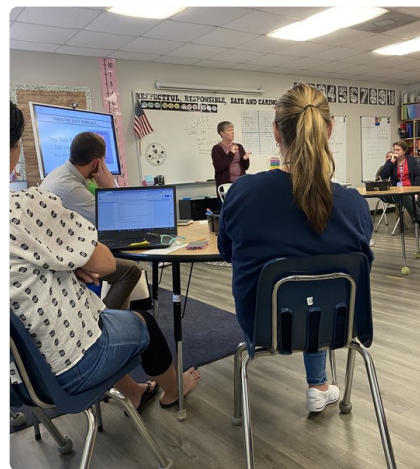
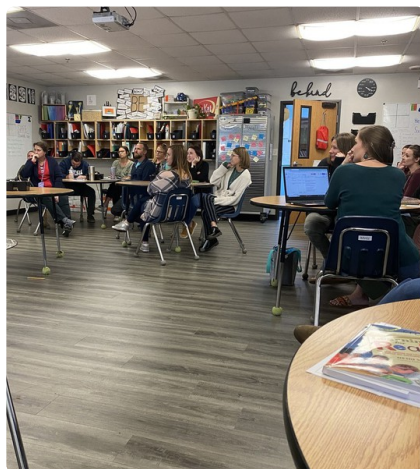
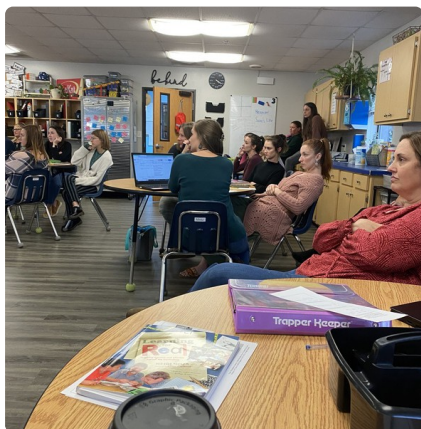


Sometimes the Best Professional Development is the Teacher Down the Hall!

Every day at CFCL, outstanding teaching and learning occurs campus-wide. Yet, CFCL's amazing teachers don't often have the opportunity to venture beyond the four walls of their own classrooms. They don't feasibly have the time in their structured day to get out and observe the inspiring teaching that brings learning to life down the hallway or even just next door.

This year, as one of CFCL's professional learning initiatives, teachers are investing time in is Responsive Classroom - our student-centered, social and emotional learning approach to teaching and discipline. We were fortunate to have four of our teachers attend a 4-day advanced course in Responsive Classroom this summer. They have come back prepared to share their knowledge as "teachers down the hall" experts with their colleagues. Julie Naylor, Carla Bromstead, Ali Balwin, and Cathi Mintz are engaging educators in opportunities that help refine familiar practices and strategies already being used with students. They are also introducing us new methods and strategies for supporting students' social, emotional, behavioral, and academic needs. In addition, other teachers are sharing their expertise and experiences by joining these 4 teachers in leading PD including: Madi Stimson, Jennifer Lafleur and Lisa Cole, among others.

This school year, CFCI teachers are practicing the philosophy that "the best professional development is the teacher down the hall"—living out the school's "Learn, Share, Live" motto. We are fortunate indeed to have these amazing faculty members to learn and grow from. We are proud of all of our educators and their commitment to professional development that improves their ability to support their students.



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



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Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jenn and Mrs. Horne

December Weekly Wellness

Healthy Celebrations

The end of the year is full of celebrations and parties. It's super fun to celebrate with special treats and to share them with friends and family. Often, those celebratory treats are loaded with sugar. Sprinkle in those sweet treats between healthier options.



Consider getting creative in the kitchen with your child while making healthy choices. Arrange fruits and vegetables in a festive shape on a platter. Keep it colorful and fun. Try swapping out ingredients for a healthier option like substituting plain greek yogurt for sour cream. Skip the juice and soda and make infused water by adding berries, lemon or lime slices, cranberries, etc to your water. Have some fun and mix it up.

Offering healthy options and allowing your child to choose, preparing food together and creating positive memories in the kitchen helps your child make healthy choices now and in the future. Give this fun recipe a try for a healthier frozen treat! Use ingredients your family likes and add your own twist.

Frozen Yogurt Bark

<https://feelgoodfoodie.net/recipe/frozen-yogurt-bark/>

Nurse Jenn and Olivia Horne

CFCI Events Calendar

Follow the link and bookmark it so that you can keep up-to-date on events happening at CFCI. We 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. Pleaes 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.

[Download](#)

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