



# ***CFCI Community Update 2/11/23***

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

This is an important week at CFCI - Lottery Day - is on Wednesday, February 15th! All applications are due on Tuesday, February 14th. Also this week is the 100th day of school (2/14) and of course, Valentine's Day! The Partnership is celebrating teachers that day - see below. In addition, The Partnership meeting is 6pm on Thursday Night at CFCI.



Remember Friday night, the 8th grade is having a Parent's Night Out - See the flyer below! There is a limit of 30 children - so get your registration in now!

We have a few special requests that are included in this newsletter. They are the first items at the top of the newsletter that include helping with a student needing transportation, art room supplies, & Space Exploration connections. We appreciate your connections, your kindness, your involvement, and your support! Thank you in advance for your help.

Also, get your tickets for our Auction for Inquiry on March 31st at St Thomas Preservation Hall with Gin Fizz (our own Camille Hartley's Band!) providing eclectic stylings to get you in the mood for dancing. Tickets are limited - so get yours today! See form below.

Please make a note of the following:

1. SPECIAL REQUEST FOR HELP WITH OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM SCHOOL
2. NEEDED: SPACE EXPLORATION CONTACTS/RESOURCES
3. AUCTION FOR INQUIRY - MARCH 31st - WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!
4. Partnership Honors Our Wonderful Teachers and Staff with Valentine's Treats!

5. WSO's Classical Kids - Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery on Sunday, February 26th!
6. ART ROOM REQUESTS PLEASE
7. Special Thanks to Intracoastal Realty Corp for The Generous Teacher's Fund Grant
8. Sixth Grade Rods and Bands STEM from CESTEM at UNCW
9. Mrs. Mintz's Block 3 - 7th Grade Linear Equation Art
10. Click to 5th Grade Little Buddies - A Real Team Effort!
11. Parent Night Out!!! February 17th - Reserve your space now! Proceeds benefit 8th grade DC Trip
12. Lottery Open
13. Upcoming Partnership Activities

Thank you!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

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## ***SPECIAL REQUEST FOR HELP WITH OCCASIONAL TRANSPORTATION TO/FROM SCHOOL***

Hello CFCI Families - We have a family that is in need of some occasional help with transportation to (and sometimes from) our school for their middle grades student. If you live near Laney High School and would be willing to provide a ride to/from school, please contact our school counselor, Olivia Horne at [ohorne@cfci.net](mailto:ohorne@cfci.net) for more information. Thank you in advance for considering!!



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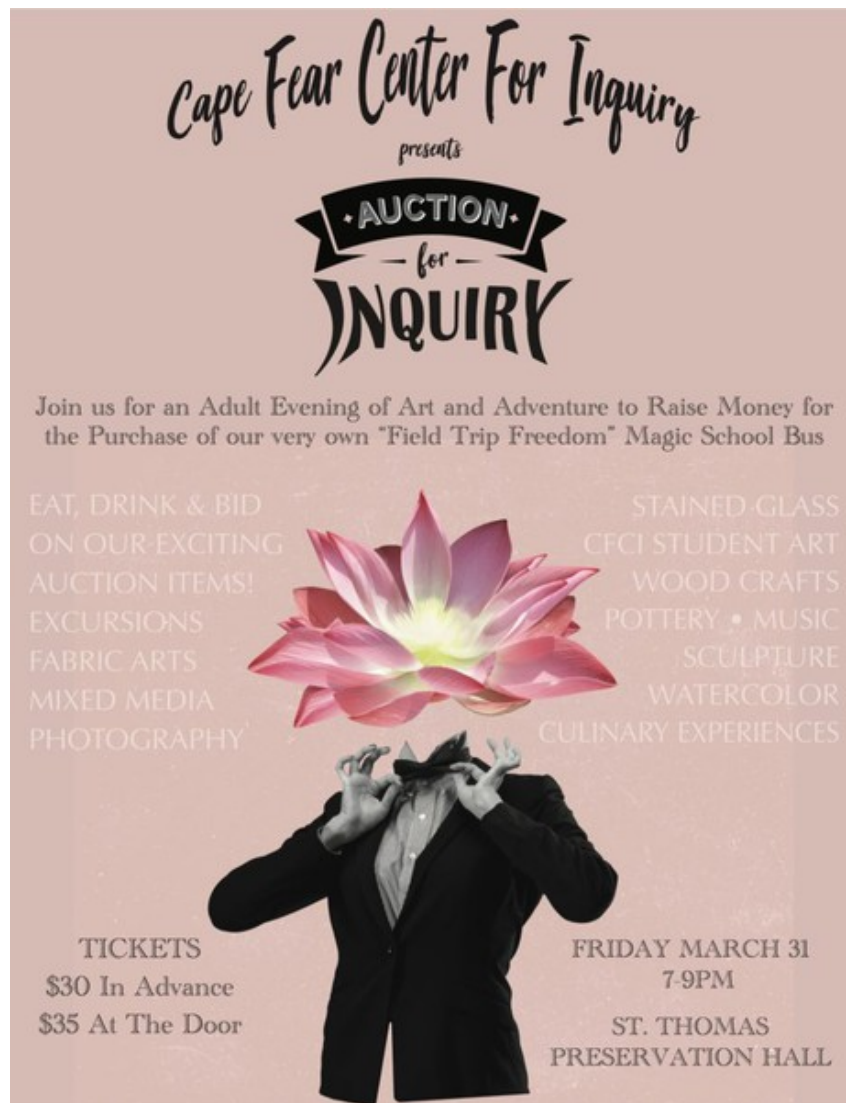
## ***NEEDED: SPACE EXPLORATION CONTACTS/RESOURCES***

Are you a person that works in the field of space or do you know someone who does? Our 3rd and 6th graders are studying space and would love to have contacts to talk about space careers or knowledge of space. If you are that person or know of someone, please contact: Grade 6 Science Teacher - Carla Bromstead at [cbromstead@cfci.net](mailto:cbromstead@cfci.net) or Grade 3 Teacher - Michele Hair at [mhair@cfci.net](mailto:mhair@cfci.net). Thank you!



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## ***AUCTION FOR INQUIRY - MARCH 31st - WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!***



Cape Fear Center for Inquiry is a kindergarten – 8th grade 501c3 public charter school in Wilmington, NC. CFCI is hosting an evening of music, food, drinks and auction of art and experiences in order to raise funds to purchase an activity bus. We believe the best way to learn is to immerse ourselves in experiences and find the wonder in the world around us. Currently, any field trips our classes take are in parent driven vehicles. When there are not enough drivers, we cannot go. The purchase of this activity bus will allow our children to explore more freely. We ask that you please consider sponsoring, your donation is tax deductible (Tax ID 56-2174502). Thank you in advance for all your time and generous spirit.

Our Auction for Inquiry will be held on Friday, March 31st, 2023 at 7pm at St. Thomas Preservation Hall in downtown Wilmington.

We are seeking your assistance with donations. Do you have tickets to a special event or place you would like to donate? Do you have a vacation home that you are willing to share for a week or weekend get away? Are you a chef who is willing to host a cooking class? Or a nature enthusiast/kayaker who can lead a small group through our local waterways? Or perhaps an artist/musician willing to give lessons to an aspiring artist/musician? Do you have a business that has a service or product you could donate? Do you have a talent or skill that you are willing to share? We are looking for donations including experiences, travel, & art that we can auction at our event. If you are willing to donate, please fill out the form below. If you have a question or an idea, please contact our co-chairs: [Courtney Boucher](#) (parent of Delaney and Maddie) and [Christyanna Durand](#) (parent of Leia) at [auctionforinquiry@gmail.com](mailto:auctionforinquiry@gmail.com). We are looking forward to hearing from you and getting ready for a successful event.



**Buy Auction for Inquiry Tickets Here**

**Auction Donation Form (3).pdf**

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**Auction-Sponsor-Form.pdf**

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## ***Partnership Honors Our Wonderful Teachers and Staff with Valentine's Treats!***

It's Valentine's Day and who better to honor than our teachers who pour their hearts and souls into our kids?! The Partnership will be honoring teachers with individual mini *Nothing Bundt Cakes*, a Valentine's Day themed vegetable tray, and our own words of encouragement on Tuesday, February 14. Parents, please help us celebrate CFCI teachers by sending in your own words of encouragement or valentine card on Valentine's Day.



CFCI is fortunate to have many teachers to include: home room teachers, teacher assistants, specialists, and exceptional children teachers. Please encourage your children to remember the special teachers in their lives, both past and present, with some sweet words as well!

The Partnership appreciates your continued support of CFCI.

Thanks,

Teacher Appreciation Committee

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## ***WSO's Classical Kids - Vivaldi's Ring of Mystery on Sunday, February 26th!***

A vibrant purple and yellow poster for a concert. The top left shows a photo of performers in historical costumes on a stage with confetti. The top right has a pink banner that says "Fun for All Ages". A large yellow circle in the center contains a stylized purple and yellow masquerade mask. Below this, the PNC logo is followed by "presents WSO's Classical Kids". The title "VIVALDI'S Ring of Mystery" is written in a mix of serif and script fonts. A circular badge on the left says "FREE for kids 18 and under \$15 for adults". A QR code is labeled "SCAN FOR TICKETS". The bottom left says "MUST HAVE TICKET TO ENTER". The bottom right has a pink banner with the website "WILMINGTONSYMPHONY.ORG".

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PNC presents  
WSO's Classical Kids

VIVALDI'S  
*Ring of Mystery*

SCAN FOR TICKETS

Sunday, February 26th  
4:00 PM  
Wilson Center  
Pre -Concert Arts Fair  
2:30 PM

MUST HAVE TICKET TO ENTER

WILMINGTONSYMPHONY.ORG

### Vivaldi Program Insert-2.pdf

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## ART ROOM REQUESTS PLEASE

Hey Parents - Ms. Michelle, our new art teacher would love some help with the following:

Newspapers (for covering the tables and projects)

Clorox Wipes (for quick clean up of spaces)

If you are able to send in any of the supplies listed, it will be greatly appreciated!



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***Special Thanks to Intracoastal Realty Corp for The  
Generous Teacher's Fund Grant***



Recently, Intracoastal Realty Corporation Teacher's Fund granted our First Grade teacher, Mrs. Brinkley \$350 to purchase books to supplement her classroom library. Thank you to Intracoastal Realty for their generous funding of literature that helps our students learn to read.



From Intracoastal website: In 2005, the founder of Intracoastal Realty, Jim Wallace established the "**Teacher's Fund**" to help local public and private kindergarten-through-5th-grade school teachers buy the supplies and books they so desperately need. The Teacher's Fund is a 501(c)(3) registered non-profit. To date, the Teacher's Fund has awarded over \$300,000 in grants.

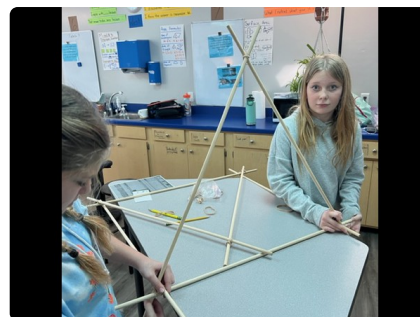
## ***Sixth Grade Rods and Bands STEM from CESTEM at UNCW***



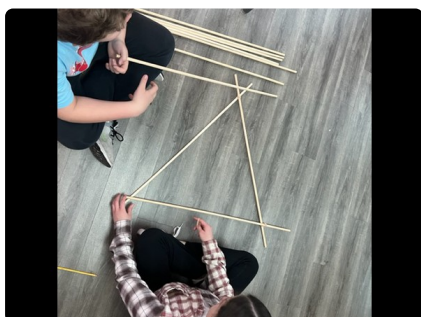
6th grade loved using their Dowels and Rubber-bands...



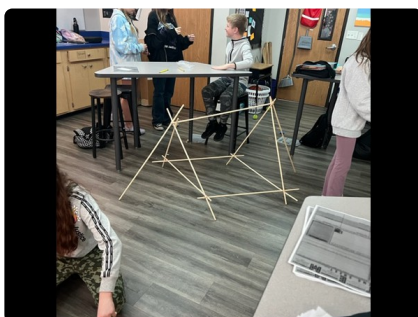
...to create a standing structure that can "house" a person.



The kiddos practiced the Engineering process as well by:



1) identifying the problem



2) creating some ideas



3) including materials





4) drawing a blueprint



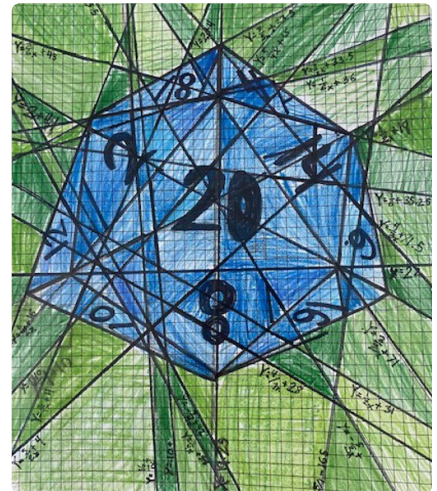
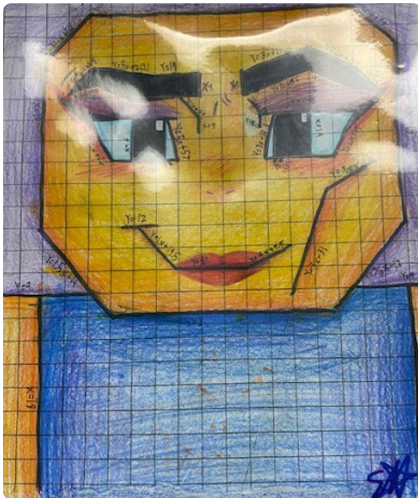
5) testing it out



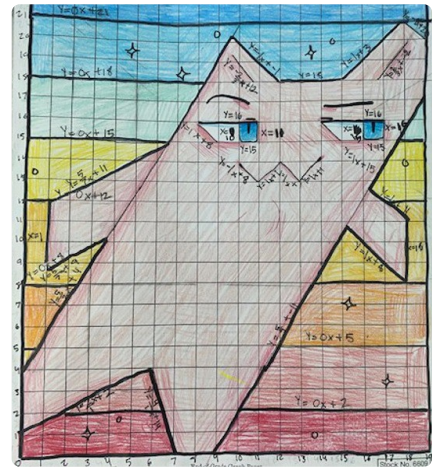
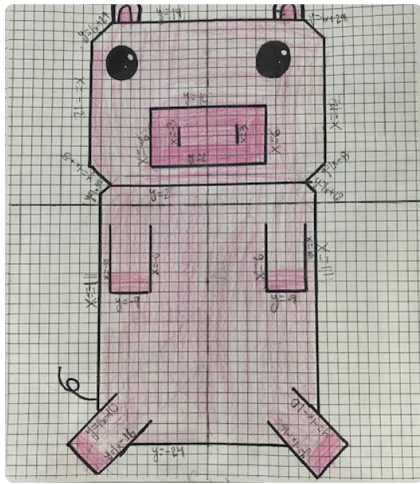
6) reflecting on what was successful and why.

## ***Mrs. Mintz's Block 3 - 7th Grade Linear Equation Art***

Students created pictures using straight lines as part of our unit on linear equations. They had to include a minimum of 24 lines, identify the equations for each line, and include lines with positive, negative, zero and undefined slope. They did an amazing job!!

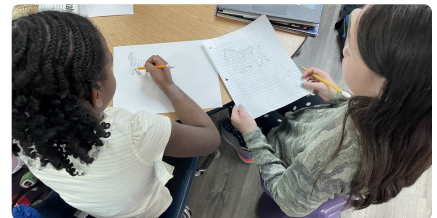






## Click to 5th Grade Little Buddies - A Real Team Effort!

Last week 4th graders in Ms.Ks class helped Mrs.Jordan's Kindergarten students diagram animals! Our little buddies have been learning about animals as a part of a non fiction book exploration. 4th used their scientific drawing skills to help guide them draw and label important parts of their animal they were interested in discovering more about. As they work, 4th graders spent the week prior to the visit learning about their little buddies selected animal and were asked to talk about each parts function for survival as they drew.



## Our New Activity Bus - Also Known as The Magical School Bus - Drivers Needed!

We are excited to announce that we will soon have our new activity bus delivered to our campus! We are in need of bus drivers for field trips. If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time bus driving position at CFCI, please contact Susan Graziano at [sgraziano@cfc.net](mailto:sgraziano@cfc.net).

Many thanks to our many supporters for helping us to acquire our new bus:

- New Hanover County Community Endowment Grant
- Auction for Inquiry (See the information below on this wonderful event!)
- ESSER FUNDS - Temporary Covid funding



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## ***Families – Morning Arrival Clarifications***

Families, please remember that if you are dropping off students in the upper lot for morning arrival, the period ends at 8:05. If there are no CFCI staff present when you pull in, you must park and walk your child down to the front office to check them in as tardy, or drive around and park in the lower lot. This helps us to maintain supervision of all students at all times. We thank you for your understanding and support in ensuring that we keep students safe.

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CAPE FEAR CENTER FOR INQUIRY HOSTS

## **PARENT'S NIGHT OUT**

February 17th | 6-8 PM | Location- CFCI MPR

Drop off your child for a night of games, fun and pizza hosted by the 8th grade students, while you enjoy some kid-free time!

\$25 per child \$10 for additional child  
(All children must be an enrolled student at CFCI)

Please fill out the [form](#), as slots are limited.  
Payable by check (made out to CFCI) or cash turned into the office.

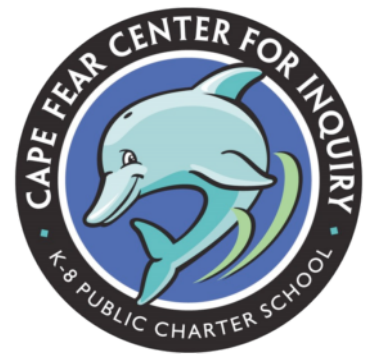
**All proceeds go towards the 8th Grade D.C. Field Trip**

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## ***CFCI Lottery 2023-24 is Now Open!***

### **Parent/Guardian Information Sessions**

The Lottery will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Here is the online [Lottorease Application](#).



**Please Submit your Lottery Application Here!**

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## **UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

Middle Grades Dance - Friday, March 24

Teacher Appreciation Week - March 27-31

Family Night - Thursday, May 4

Spring Book Fair - May 1-5

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### **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](mailto: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**

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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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