

# CFCI Community Update 2/24/23

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

One month from now the Auction for Inquiry will take place on Friday, March 31st from 7-9 at Preservation Hall in downtown Wilmington. The Auction Committee has been busy collecting amazing auction items including Mountain Cabin retreats, Spa experiences, & incredible artwork from students, local artists and our very own Michelle Scibetta and former art teacher/board member Missy Ritchie. Remember, Gin Fizz (our music teacher, Camille Hartley's Band!) will be providing eclectic stylings to get you in the mood for dancing. Pine Valley Market is providing the food/drinks for our festivities. [Please plan ahead & get your tickets here now!](#) We are looking forward to spending a great evening together with our school community while raising funds that will bring our dream bus to a reality!



We want to share a quick reminder about student cell phone use. We ask that you don't send your student to school with a cellphone unless there is a critical need for it. We are currently seeing an uptick in student phone use during the day, which overall is resulting in a distraction from learning. As a reminder, students are only allowed to contact parents/guardians during the day via the Front Office. Thanks for your understanding and support.

Please make a note of the following:

1. CFCI 23-24 School Year Calendar
2. [AUCTION FOR INQUIRY - MARCH 31st - BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!](#)
3. Panera Fundraising to Benefit Williamsburg Fundraising - March 23rd

4. Our CFCI Board of Directors Was Delighted to Hear From Our Americans With Grit!
5. 7th Grade Cold War Board Game Creations and Playing
6. First Graders Adorable Emus!
7. Grade 4 Adaptations Study
8. Sixth and Second Little Buddies Taking Care of Our School!
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13. Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne
14. ART ROOM REQUESTS PLEASE

Thank you for everyone who has been able to come into the school to volunteer or has been able to chaperone on the many different field trips and come in to participate with students at their museums. Your support goes a long way in creating a learning community of care, respect, and engagement.

We hope you have a great week!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

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## CFCI 23-24 School Year Calendar

The CFCI Board of Directors has approved the Calendar Committee's recommendation for the 2023-24 school year calendar. The 2023-24 school year calendar is now available by clicking on the link below. Key details about the new calendar include: :



- 172 School Days
- 21 Staff Development & Workdays
- Start date for students is August 22nd
- Start date for teachers is August 11th
- There is a week-long break in October and another in April
- The last day of school for students is June 7th

### CFCI 23-24 school-year-calendar FINAL - YearlyCalendar (2).pdf

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# AUCTION FOR INQUIRY - MARCH 31st - BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

[Buy Auction for Inquiry Tickets Here](#)



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.

### Auction Donation Form (3).pdf

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### Auction-Sponsor-Form.pdf

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## 5th Grade Fundraisers to Benefit the Williamsburgh Field Trip

### Family Fun Night At Your Pie

When: March 21; 5 pm - 7 pm

Where: 4403 Oleander Dr. behind  
Dunkin' Donuts

What: 15% of all CFCI orders  
come back to support the 5th  
grade trip to Williamsburg..  
Mention CFCI when you  
checkout.



Choose your dough, sauce, cheese, and toppings!

Outdoor seating available.





**Support our 5th Grade field trip to Williamsburg at Panera Bread**  
**Thursday, March 23rd from 4pm-8m!**

Panera will donate 20% of proceeds from CFCI orders back to the school. Just follow the tips below.

1. When you arrive (**Oleander Drive location only**) be sure to present the fundraising flyer, either on your phone or printed out. This will ensure your purchase counts towards our fundraising efforts.
2. When placing a mobile, online or kiosk order, be sure to enter the promo code found on the flyer (**FUND4U**) prior to making payment. Online orders placed ALL DAY on 3/23 at the Oleander Drive Panera will count towards our fundraising total.
3. **Tell your friends and family and help spread the word!**

**Where:** Panera Bread  
3506 Oleander Drive  
Wilmington, NC 28403

**When:** March 23, 2023 from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm EDT

**Payout:** 20% of Receipts

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**Our CFCI Board of Directors Was Delighted to Hear From Our Americans With Grit!**

Second Graders Studied Americans with grit & perseverance and then presented to the Board of Directors on Tuesday, February 21st. Our students made appearances as Famous Americans such as Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Edison, Mark Twain, Judge Ruth Bader-Ginsburg, and Katherine Johnson.



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## 7th Grade Cold War Board Game Creations and Playing





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## First Graders Adorable Emus!

Emus are one of the largest birds found in Australia, and now our first grade students are learning how to draw an Emu face with the help of their art teacher, Ms. Michelle. The instructions focused on how to draw the face, just look at those amazing eyes!!

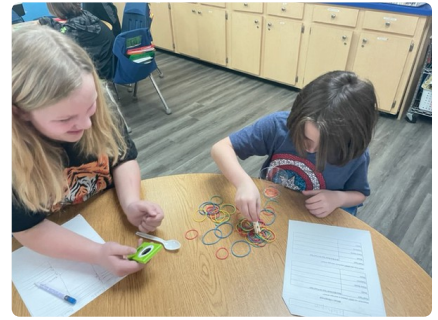


## Grade 4 Adaptations Study

Students in 4th grade are learning about adaptations. Last week they were asked to work with partners to complete a bird beak simulation lab. Students were given materials to simulate common beaks and food. The lab purpose was to learn about advantages and disadvantages of various bird beaks while competing with various types of food.







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## Sixth and Second Little Buddies Taking Care of Our School!

The sixth and second grade classes are buddies this year. They meet a few times a month on Friday mornings. This week they shared their time cleaning up around campus. Mrs. McCorcle and Mrs Sharpe's classes collected 700 pieces of trash!

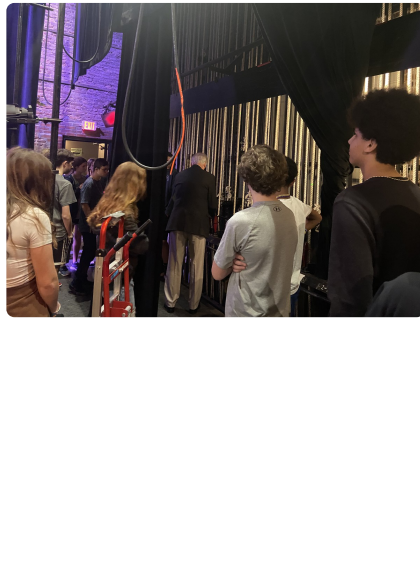
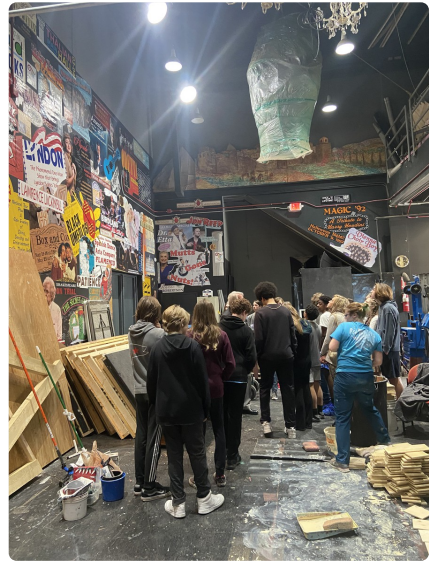


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## 8th Grade Thalian Hall Field Trip

Our field trips to Thalian Hall were a hit! Our 8th graders engaged in an educational tour of the Historic Thalian Hall. We explored the history of the theatre in Wilmington and our theatre's function. Thank you to chaperones and volunteers who helped make this trip happen!













## Music to Our Ears! Ukuleles in 5th Grade Teach Skills & are Super Fun to Play!

Many skills are developed when learning to play the ukulele that are essential not only for creating music, but in learning other subjects while building character, and responsibility, too!

**Musicianship:** Our students learn tuning, strumming/rhythm, accompaniment, melody, singing, hand coordination, sight-reading, and many other skills while learning the ukulele.

**Mathematics:** Our students see the string becoming shorter in length to create a higher pitch.

**History:** Our students learn about history with the development of the instrument, how it is made, how sound is produced, and what events were occurring at the time.

**Culture:** Our students learn about the origins of the instrument, its history, and the culture of the music being experienced.

**Social Skills:** Our students assist their classmates with learning, develop teamwork in playing together, and creativity in making their own songs!

**Responsibility:** Our students learn how to care for the ukuleles and monitor their progress.



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## Elements of Art: Line, Color, Form & Value our K Students Made Pop Art Cupcakes!







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## UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Teacher Appreciation Week - March 20-24

Middle Grades Dance - March 24

Spring Book Fair - April 3-6

Family Night - May 5





# Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne

## BRUSH FLOSS SMILE!

The American Dental Association observes National Children's Dental Health Month every February. Establishing good oral health habits in childhood helps children maintain healthy teeth and gums throughout their life.

Teaching children how to properly brush and floss their teeth, visiting the dentist regularly and helping them choose healthy food and beverages are important steps we can take to help our children establish good oral health habits.

Check out these healthy smile tips from the American Dental Association and visit your local library for fun books to share with your children on taking care of their teeth.



### Healthy Smile Tips



Brush your teeth 2x/day with fluoride toothpaste.



Clean between your teeth daily.



Eat healthy foods and limit sugary beverages.



See your dentist at least twice a year.

ADA American Dental Association®

## ART ROOM REQUESTS PLEASE

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

Wax Paper

Plastic Wrap

Tissues

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



## 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](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. Please 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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