

CFCI Community Update 2/3/23

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

Our **BRAND NEW activity bus** has arrived - a little earlier than expected! And now we need your help paying for it! Our Auction for Inquiry Committee needs your help to make our fundraising dreams come true! Please consider donating an auction item (art, experiences, travel, etc) and/or purchasing tickets to our Auction for Inquiry on Friday, March 31st.

Behind the scenes: A new bus costs @ \$130,000. We applied for grant funding to purchase a bus in December and were fortunate to receive a grant for \$80,000 from the NHC Community Foundation (this grant must be spent this school year.) When we tried to begin our purchase, the busses we originally looked at had been sold and ordering a bus would put us out over a year. Amazingly, we were finally able to locate a bus that was ready to go and so, with board approval, we went ahead and reserved the bus knowing that we would pay for it with:

- \$80,000 in grant money
- ESSER grant funding
- and the very important - Auction for Inquiry funds that are currently being raised to fund the bus purchase!

All net proceeds from the Auction for Inquiry will go to paying for the bus and we feel very fortunate to have this committee working so hard to organize a successful fundraiser. So please - help us fund our new bus - the teachers and kids are so excited and we really need your support to finalize this important purchase! Please contact the committee at auctionforinquiry@gmail.com to:



1. [Join the committee and help with organization!](#)
2. [Donate - art, experiences, travel, etc!](#)
3. [Provide Sponsorship](#)
3. [Buy tickets to the event at St.Thomas Preservation Hall in downtown Wilmington!](#)
4. Ask questions!

See additional information below. We appreciate your support and look forward to an amazing evening on Friday, March 31st - 7-9pm!

Please make a note of the following:

1. Auction for Inquiry Information!
2. Activity Bus - Drivers Needed!
3. Families - Morning Arrival Clarifications
4. Parent Night Out!!! February 17th - Reserve your space now! Proceeds benefit 8th grade DC Trip
5. Letter from Our New Art Teacher - Michelle Scibetta
6. Partnership Bingo huge success!
7. Thank you, Evie Nicklas - Zones of Regulation Training
8. 6th Grade Scavenger Hunt Enrichment
9. 5th Grade Forces and Motion
10. First Grade Cameron Art Museum Field Trip
11. Riptide Runner Sign-Up
12. Save Your Seat at CFCI
13. Lottery Open
14. Please donate gently used clothing (CFCI logo is great!)
15. Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne
16. Upcoming Partnership Activities

Please remember that this is a short week. Thursday, February 9th is a half day with dismissal at 11:30am. Teachers have professional development that day. Friday, February 10th is a teacher work day (no school for students). Thank you!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

Cape Fear Center For Inquiry
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— for —
INQUIRY

Join us for an Adult Evening of Art and Adventure to Raise Money for
the Purchase of our very own "Field Trip Freedom" Magic School Bus

EAT, DRINK & BID
ON OUR EXCITING
AUCTION ITEMS!
EXCURSIONS
FABRIC ARTS
MIXED MEDIA
PHOTOGRAPHY



STAINED GLASS
CFCI STUDENT ART
WOOD CRAFTS
POTTERY • MUSIC
SCULPTURE
WATERCOLOR
CULINARY EXPERIENCES

TICKETS
\$30 In Advance
\$35 At The Door

FRIDAY MARCH 31
7-9PM
**ST. THOMAS
PRESERVATION HALL**

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. 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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3.3 MB

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.

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

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.

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)

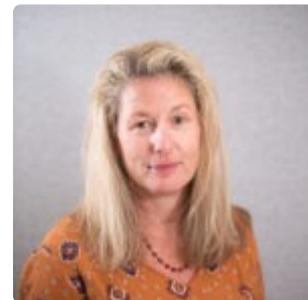
Please fill out the [form](#), as slots are limited.
Payable by check (made out to CFCI) or cash turned into the office.

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

Letter to the Community from Our New Art Teacher - Michelle Scibetta

Hello CFCI Family and Friends,

Many of you are familiar with me as "Ms. Michelle", the teaching assistant in the K/1 loop. As I have had the opportunity to work with many of your students through the years, I am happy to announce that I am moving into the full-time position as the Art Teacher for CFCI!



I am also the parent of two boys who attended CFCI (K-8th grade) and have formed lasting relationships with parents, alumni, faculty and staff that I feel strengthen the ties and belief in the CFCI mission and how that can translate into a creative and exciting art program.

My background stems from an art degree from ECU, majoring in Metals Design. I have well-rounded, hands-on experience in a variety of art mediums and am excited to share my experience and love of art with the CFCI community. I have owned and operated a local art gallery and have many community connections with artists and opportunities that I look forward to building into our program.

I welcome any assistance, volunteers, connections or talents any of you would like to offer as I develop the creative process and imagination of our CFCI learners.

I truly appreciate your support and encouragement.

Michelle Scibetta, K-8 Art Teacher

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Partnership Bingo Night a Huge Success!



A Special Thank You to Parent, Evie Nicklas

Thank you to CFCI Parent & Board Member, Evie Nicklas for presenting "Zones of Regulation" to our faculty on January 25th. Zones of Regulation is an approach used to support the development of self-regulation. All the different ways we feel and the states of alertness we experience are categorized into coloured zones. Understanding zones of regulation allows us to manage our feelings and get ourselves to a healthy place when we are stressed or feeling out of sorts and help others to do the same. Thank you, Evie!

We look forward to using this important training and continuing with additional training regarding self-regulation in adults and children.

6th Grade Enrichment Scavenger Hunters!

This week, 6th graders in Ms. B's enrichment class, participated in a scavenger hunt around the school. The clues, the thrill of the hunt, the reward of completion. Scavenger hunts allow kids to

practice problem-solving in a tangible way.



5th Grade Force & Motion Discoveries!

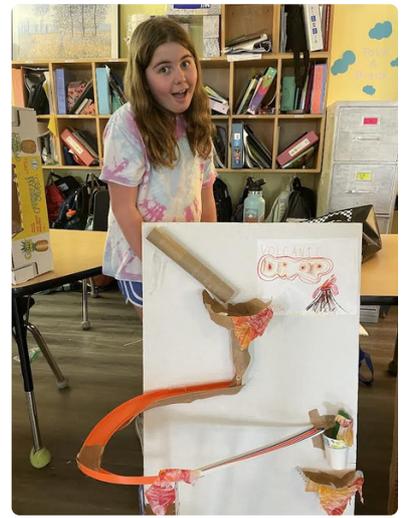
Our Fifth graders learn about how position, direction, and speed impact the motion of an object. They collect data through measurement and investigation. They delve into the forces of magnetism, gravity, and friction. They learn if the force requires contact or not, if it can push, pull, or do both, and how it interacts with objects at rest or in motion. They tested out these forces through experimentation while collecting, analyzing, and presenting data.





5th grade has been studying force and motion over the past few weeks. They were tasked with creating a demonstration of a force of their choice; gravitational, friction, magnetic, and electric. Students researched, planned, and created their projects in class over the past 2 weeks. It was so interesting to get to see the building portion of the project and watch them problem solve when initial ideas didn't work out as they hoped. We as teachers usually only see the final product, and it was so valuable to be able to see the construction of their amazing project and all the hard work that went into them! Great job guys!





First Grade Field Trip to the Cameron Art Museum was Hypnotizing

First graders were so excited to experience the art work at Cameron Art Museum. They especially loved the Minnie Evans' room, the umbrella exhibit, and the Mardi Gras costumes. Ms. Shannon's class loves art and one child even described some of the work as "hypnotizing".





Riptide Runners on the Move! Grades 3rd-8th Invited to Register Now!

Please see attached document for information on Riptide Runners and how to register your student (grades 3-8). We have 70 spots available and will accept runners on a first come, first serve basis once registration is complete and payment is received. Registration will close on February 10th or as soon as all spots are filled. The [link to register](#) is at the bottom of the attached document. Looking forward to a great season! If you have any questions, please contact Kayla Rotatori (krotatori@cfci.net) or Kelly Rooney (krooney@cfci.net)



2023 Riptide Runners Info Sheet.pdf

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SAVE YOUR SEAT FOR 2023-24!

Dear Parents,

The lottery application process is underway and we appreciate if you would complete the short [Intent to Return](#) survey so we know how many seats to release for new students in the 2023-24 school year. Thank you if you will reply by February 3rd.

The last Parent Information Session is Saturday, February 4 in the event that you have friends and neighbors interested in learning about CFCI.

INTENT TO RETURN FORM - Please complete by February 3rd!

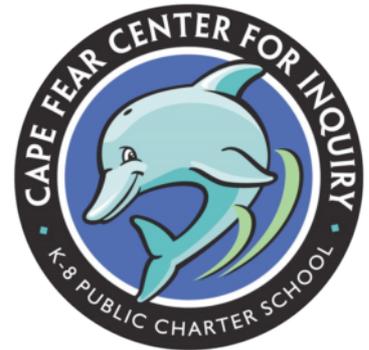
CFCI Lottery 2023-24 is Now Open!

Parent/Guardian Information Sessions

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR
Please share with families, friends and neighbors who have school age children!

[Parent Information Open House Sessions / Campus Tours](#)

- Thursday, January 26th (6-7:00 pm)
- Saturday, February 4th (10-11:00 am)



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

Please Submit your Lottery Application Here!

Nurse Jenn/Ms. Horne Seeking Gently Used Clothing (CFCI Logo Clothing is Great!)

Hi everyone,

Nurse Jenn and I have extra clothes for students who may, on occasion, need a change of clothing at school. We are in need of the following items:

- middle school sized leggings for girls
- middle school sized athletic shorts or sweatpants for boys
- middle school (especially large) sized T shirts
- K-5 size athletic shorts for boys

- K-5 size leggings for girls

Please make sure clothes are gently worn and school appropriate. Extra CFCl T-shirts are great! Thank you!!

Olivia Horne

School Counselor

Cape Fear Center For Inquiry

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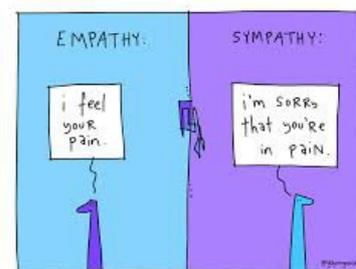
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Weekly Wellness from Ms. Horne & Nurse Jenn

Weekly Wellness Feb 2, 2023

Empathy is one of the most important skills we can help children develop. Empathy is the ability to understand how another person is feeling. Check out these tips for helping your children build empathy.



- Remind them to ask themselves this question when someone else is faced with a tough situation: If this were me, how might I be feeling, thinking, and acting?
- Help kids identify what they have in common with others. Teaching kids to look for similarities, rather than differences in others, is a critical element of developing tolerance and empathy.
- Consistently model empathy for your children. Take a few minutes to process another's emotions, even if it's in books or on TV.
- Read "Listening With My Heart" by Gabi Garcia together with your children

Stay Well,

Ms. Horne & Nurse Jenn

Strategies to Teach Empathy at Any Age

- ✓ Model empathy.
- ✓ Discuss emotions.
- ✓ Help out at home, in the community, or globally.
- ✓ Praise empathetic behavior.

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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

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.

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