



CFCI Community Update 1/27/23

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

As you know, we have been in the process of meeting, interviewing, and vetting candidates for the position of art teacher at our school. It is with great pleasure we announce the hiring of our very own, Michelle Scibetta for the position. Michelle has been a teaching assistant at our school for the past 10 years and has been very involved in our school community through summer art camps, Great Artspectations, and bringing local artists into the school to work with our students. Michelle has a degree in metal art and is an accomplished artist in her own right. She is very excited to be taking on this new role in our school and bringing her joy of creating and appreciating art to our students in the art room.




This week, we are excited to announce that Riptide Runner registration is open for our Grades 3-8 students. CFCI Riptide Runners is a long standing tradition, it is a running program that is organized by Kelly Rooney and Kayla Rotatori and offered by CFCI staff and parents, who serve as coaches for our students. Through Riptide Runners, we strive to increase our students' knowledge of team building, and maintaining a healthy lifestyle, as well as place a strong emphasis on building cardio endurance over an 8 week period. The culminating event is a 5K Coastal Walk/Run to support Autism.

Please remember to Auction for Inquiry is coming up in March - be sure to purchase your tickets now for this amazing event which will support the purchase of our brand new activity bus! We need your help making this happen for our students and teachers!

Please make a note of the following:

1. New Activity Bus Drivers Needed
2. Substitutes Welcome

- 
3. CFCI Auction for Inquiry
 4. CFCI Bingo Night
 5. Riptide Runners Registration Now Open
 6. 7th Grade Visits CAM
 7. 4th Grade Debate
 8. Otis, Canines for Service Dog, Visits CFCI
 9. Save Your Seat!
 10. Lottery and Parent Information Sessions
 11. Lost and Found
 12. Upcoming Partnership Activities

We hope you enjoy the week ahead,

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

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

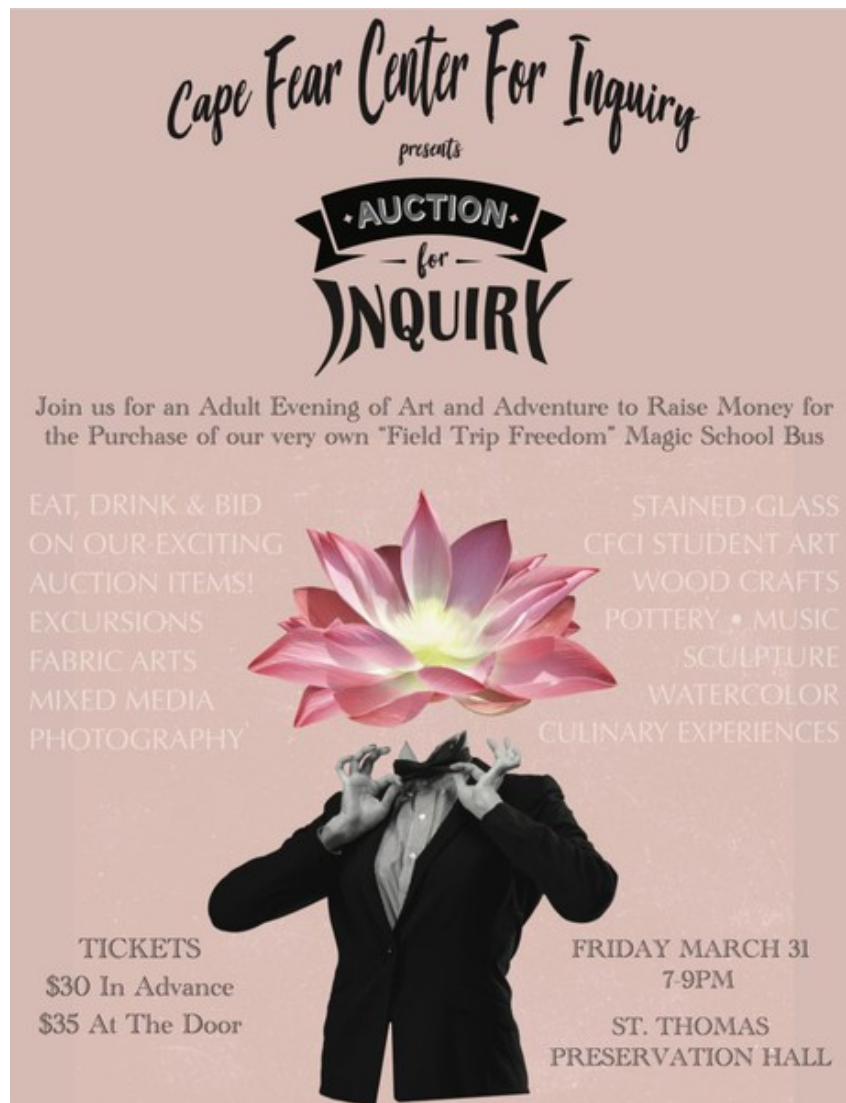
We are excited to announce that we will soon have our new activity bus delivered to our campus! We are in need of bus drivers for field trips. If you or someone you know is interested in a part-time bus driving position at CFCI, please contact Susan Graziano at sgraziano@cfc.net.

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

New Substitutes Always Welcome

We are always looking to broaden our substitute pool. If you or someone you know is interested in substitute teaching at CFCI, please contact Susan Graziano at sgraziano@cfc.net.



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

[Download](#)

1.1 MB

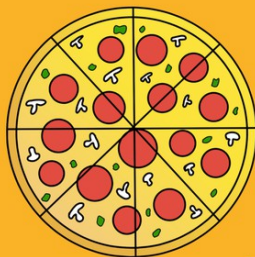
Auction-Sponsor-Form.pdf

[Download](#)

3.3 MB

CFCL Bingo Night

February 3rd 6-8pm



PRIZES!
PRIZES!
PRIZES!



**Pizza slices and bingo
cards \$1 each**

CASH ONLY EVENT

**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

Download

476.0 KB

7th GRADE VISITS THE CAMERON ART MUSEUM WHIRLIGIG INSTALLATION!

Ms. Baldwin has been teaching the novel Whirligig. Her 7th Grade ELA classes have been engaged in an interdisciplinary unit involving whirligigs. They researched the artist Vollis Simpson* and took a field trip to the Cameron Art Museum to view his installation. They observed other works of art in a variety of mediums. These works will inspire their own art when they create whirligigs of their own.

*Cameron Art Museum honors [Vollis Simpson](#). His wonderful whirligigs delight us all. Vollis' whirligig "Caroline" can be seen on museum grounds.





Cameron Art Museum

Cameron Art Museum honors Vollis Simpson. His wonderful whirligigs delight us all. Vollis' whirligig "Caroline" can be seen on museum grounds. Read more on Mr. Simpson's passing on abcnews.com Mel Chin (American, b. 1951) The Structure of Things Given and Held, 2008-2009 Bronze Given by Mary Ann Keith Massey; In Memory of Her Parents Allene Coats Keith and H.

🔗 cameronartmuseum.org

4th Grade - It's Debatable!

For the past few weeks our 4th grade enrichment class has been working on developing their debating skills. Debate skills enhance children's problem solving skills, communication skills, and defending skills. It also supports great listening skills. Students had to learn to think critically, use persuasive skills, they learned to listen to defend, understand and to analyze information. After much discussion and practice, they narrow down their topics for debate to:

Should HW be banned? And Should animal testing be banned? 12 of the students from this class presented the for and against sides of each of these arguments in front of their peers.





Otis, a Canines for Service dog, comes to CFCI!

Annesophia Richards, parent and Academic Support team member at CFCI, shared a very special visitor with our school this week. Ms. Richards shared, "Thanks to everyone who warmly welcomed my canine friend Otis today! He had a great day training and acclimating to our school community, something that is super important for him to do before he graduates from the Canines for Service program very soon and becomes permanently placed with his chosen veteran!"

Ms. Richards went on to say that she and her family have enjoyed volunteering with CFS and is happy to share her experiences with others at the school. Thank you, Ms. Richards for sharing Otis with our school community!

To learn more about Canines for Service visit: <https://caninesforservice.org/>



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!

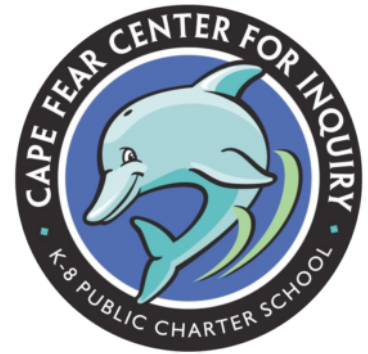
CFCI Lottery 2023-24 is Now Open!

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 [Lottorease Application](#).

Please Submit your Lottery Application Here!

Lost and Not Found...Yet!!!

Please ask your students to stop by the hallway near the teacher workroom to look for their lost items.



UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Bingo Night - Friday, February 3
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 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.

[Download](#)

120.3 KB

Susan Graziano, Director of Operations

Email: sgraziano@cfc.net

Phone: [910-362-0000](tel:910-362-0000)

Kim McCormick, Director of Education

Email: kmccormick@cfc.net

Phone: [508-667-1085](tel:508-667-1085)

Cape Fear Center for Inquiry

2525 Wonder Way
Wilmington, NC 28401
910-362-0000



Cape Fear Center for Inquiry

Cultivating Curiosity since 2000....

