

CFCI Community Update 1/21/23

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

We find ourselves half way through the 2022 - 2023 school year. Our Leadership Team would like to express our gratitude to the parents, guardians, students, faculty, & staff of our school for the spirit of cooperation that has defined this school year thus far. It is with profound sincerity that we thank you. Now, we have half the year still ahead of us, with a spring to hopefully brighten and lighten our days. We have much work left to do; but, through a partnership grounded in mutual commitment and caring, we are confident that we will welcome the end of the year with strong student growth and achievement. Through you and through the partnership we share, we have the privilege to be able to say that we come to work each day with both joy and appreciation.



Please make a note of the following:

1. CFCI Auction for Inquiry
2. CFCI Bingo Night
3. Intent to Return
4. Lottery Volunteers
5. Lottery and Parent Information Sessions
6. Genius Hour
7. 6th Grade Exploration Museum
8. Upcoming Partnership Activities
9. Weekly Wellness

We hope you enjoy the week ahead,

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors
Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators
Debra & Ben R - Front Office



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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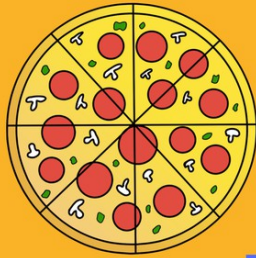
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CFCI Bingo Night

February 3rd 6-8pm



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

CASH ONLY EVENT

INTENT TO RETURN TO CFCI FORM

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 .

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

LOTTERY PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS - VOLUNTEERS WELCOMED!

Hello CFCI Parents -

Prospective Parent Information Sessions are beginning next week and because you are part of the CFCI community, we thought it would be nice to have parents involved, if possible.

If you have an hour available on any of the following dates:

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

There will be opportunities to greet new prospective parents, help direct them to classrooms, answer questions and most importantly, share with them what you and your children love about CFCI!

If you'd like to fill a spot or if you have any questions, please give me a call or send a note.

Thank you and have a great weekend,

Debra Korb

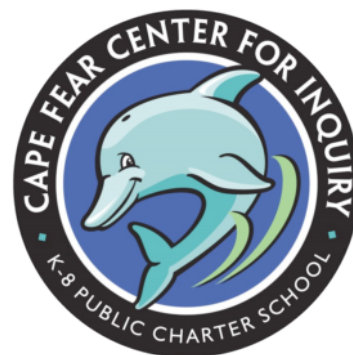
CFCI Lottery 2023-24 is Now Open!

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)



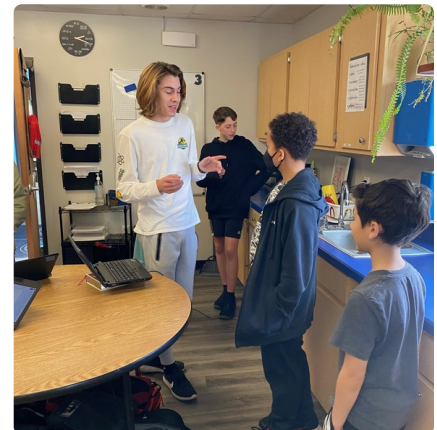
The Lottery will take place on Wednesday, February 15, 2023. Here is the online [Lottorease Application](#).

Please Submit your Lottery Application Here!

MS. MINTZ TEACHES A NEW SPECIAL - GENIUS HOUR FOR GRADES 7/8

Genius Hour is an approach to learning where students are guided by their own interests, background knowledge, and curiosity to learn. From the outside looking in, it is less organized, less formal, and less standardized than traditional learning.





GENIUS HOUR IS...

- Authentic
- Messy
- Student-centered
- Often collaborative & social
- Inherently creative and personalized
- Emphasizes inquiry & research
- Purpose-driven
- Maker-friendly



GENIUS HOUR IS NOT...

- Teacher-centered
- 'Free time for students'
- Structure-free
- Data-driven
- Standards-based
- Something that ends in a 'test'
- Less rigorous

- Completely without rules/expectations

6TH GRADE EXPLORATION MUSEUM - A TIME TO LEARN FOR OUR GRADE 2 READING BUDDIES



6th grade's 2nd grade reading buddies visited us today during our Exploration Museum.



Our task was to turn wasteful packaging products into useful items.



Our task was to re-use the items to make a work of art, a practical useable item, or an engineering masterpiece.



The 6th grade teams came up with many amazing ideas...



...including a reusable floor cushion seat, table dividers (as requested by Mrs B, yay!!!)...



...a Lamborgine car, a suit of armor, sun catchers, and just a million other amazing items.!!!



The second graders enjoyed learning from their big buddies all about the items and asking in depth questions.



At the end, they even voted on their favorite inventions using post it notes...



... creating an amazing bar graph to show favorites.

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

WEEKLY. WELLNESS WITH MS. HORNE & NURSE JENN

Weekly Wellness January 18

Making Friends

Making friends can be hard! Social skills don't come naturally to all kids, especially those with ADHD. Impulsivity and hyperactivity can sometimes make it difficult to interact with others. Check out the following tips on how to help your child make friends:

- According to the Child Mind Institute, coaching your children at home is one of the best ways to help them make friends. Practice taking turns and managing frustration. Practice with role playing different ways to handle disagreements.
- Teach your child how to apologize, so they will be ready to handle disagreements with friends. Read *How To Apologize* by David LaRochelle for practical tips for young children on how to say sorry.
- Talk about friendships with your children. Discuss what they have to offer in a friendship, and what they value from a friendship with others.
- Read the *Making Friends* series by Kristen Gudsruk for older children, and *Making Friends* is an Art by Julia Cook for younger children.

If you have concerns or questions about your child's friendships, feel free to contact me at ohorne@cfcfci.net.

Olivia Horne

School Counselor

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@cfcfci.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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