



# ***CFCI Community Update 3/11/23***

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

We hope you had a good long weekend with your children! Thursday, faculty met to work on professional development including our deep dive into inquiry with Heidi Mills and writing with our EC/interventionist team. In addition, we met in our core committees: Policies and Procedures, Development, Lifelong Learning, & Technology. The time we spend together gives us the opportunity to plan and take responsibility for our school's mission & vision in ways that are shared and hands-on. As a small charter school, we accomplish great things when we work together as a team! On Friday, teachers were able to work on reports and planning for their classrooms. This time is invaluable in creating learning that is impactful and meaningful. Thank you for being part of our team that supports our teachers and our students!



This past week, Auction for Inquiry ran it's Sprint for the Bus Coin/Cash/Check Drive with the classroom raising the most funds towards the purchase of our activity bus winning a trip in the bus for ice cream! We are excited to announce that the K-3 winner is Ms. Shannon's first grade class with \$465.56 raised. The winning class in 4-8 is Ms. K's 4th grade raising \$523.55. Funds raised towards paying for our new activity bus totaled over \$4000! in 3 days! Thank you so much on behalf of the Auction Committee and from all of us - our community is AMAZING!!! PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE be sure to get your Auction for Inquiry Tickets now! This promises to be an evening of fun, festive, frolicking on behalf of raising funds to help pay for our NEW ACTIVITY BUS! There are some great auction items, including a surf board, a trip to the mountains, director for the day, art work, pizza/dance party with Ms. R/Ms. Kelly, and so much more! Come be a part of this incredible evening on March 31st from 7-9pm - we simply can't do it without you!

***Phone Lines*** - Please know that we may experience intermittent phone outages on the school's lines over the next few days. This issue was caused by a recent migration through NCDPI's firewall. The migration has caused issues with other schools as well. We are told they are working on it.

***Lower Lot Pickup Clarification*** - If you are lining up at for pickup in the lower parking lot prior to 2:30 please keep a single line and leave access for cars to get by on the left. The left lane needs to be let open for emergency vehicles and cars that need to get by until 2:30. Thank you for your help with this.

Please make a note of the following:

1. [AUCTION FOR INQUIRY - MARCH 31st - BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!](#)
2. Do you have a green thumb? Club information/invitation
3. Ms. Barbara Bowen Visits With CFCI Students to Share Her Life Experiences
4. Mr. Hope, CFCI Parent Brings His Magical Bagpipes in and Regales Kindergarten
5. 4th Grade - The Best Part of Me!
6. Power of Parent Language
7. Panera Fundraising to Benefit Williamsburg Fundraising - March 23rd
8. UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES
9. Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne
10. ART ROOM Thank You!

This is the first week of the new trimester! We hope to have all reports out to Grade 2-8 families by Wednesday! Have a great week, everyone! & Happy St. Paddy's Day!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

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



**Buy Auction for Inquiry Tickets Here**

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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**Do you have a green thumb?**

If you do, we need your help!  
Ms. Benatti is starting an after-school Green Team to help improve our campus. We are looking for a parent volunteer to help her on Mondays from 3:30-4:30.

email [partnership@cfc.net](mailto:partnership@cfc.net) if you're interested in helping!

## ***Ms. Barbara Bowen Visits With CFCI Students to Share Her Life Experiences***

CFCI first, fourth, sixth and eighth grades had a very special visit from our very own foster grandmother, Ms. Barbara Bowen. Ms. Barbara talked about her experiences living in Wilmington during the 50's and 60's. She spoke with 6th grade about riding with the [Freedom Riders to Greensboro](#) and how she had to be "so brave." Students learned that she had participated in sit-ins at a white lunch counter at Walgreens in Wilmington for an entire summer. She and her friends sat

peacefully and were refused service and she was arrested when a white patron bought her a hot dog. Ms. Bowen also shared how her grandmother lost her job because Ms. Barbara was marching and protesting with others. Ms. Barbara went off to college but she remained strong and determined to make things right in her hometown of Wilmington. Her heroes are Rosa Parks and Ruby Bridges.



"My grandmother came and got me and walked me away from the crowd. She didn't want our family to get into trouble."



"I had to be very brave to sit at the counter. I just wanted a piece of german chocolate cake."



"I rode with the Freedom Riders to Greensboro and learned it is important to stand up for what you believe in."

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## ***Mr. Hope, CFCI Parent Brings His Magical Bagpipes in and Regales Kindergarten***

A huge "thank you" to Kindergartner Hollis' dad, who came to school last week to demonstrate the bagpipes. Mr. Hope belongs to a bagpipe group in Wilmington that play their instruments and learn together.



"How does the instrument make the sound so loud?" Clifton



Bagpipes are a woodwind instrument using enclosed reeds fed from a constant reservoir of air from a bag sometimes made of sheep stomach.



"How did you learn to play the bagpipes?" Cameron

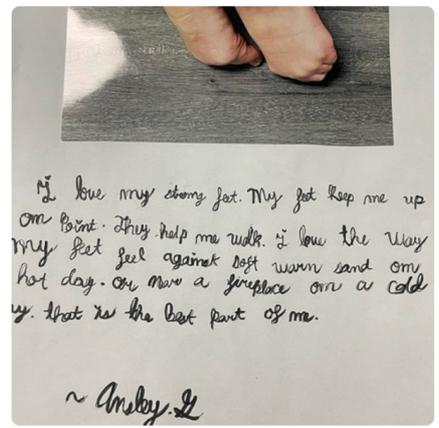
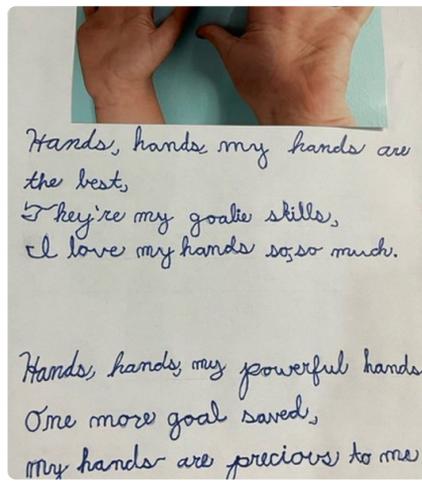
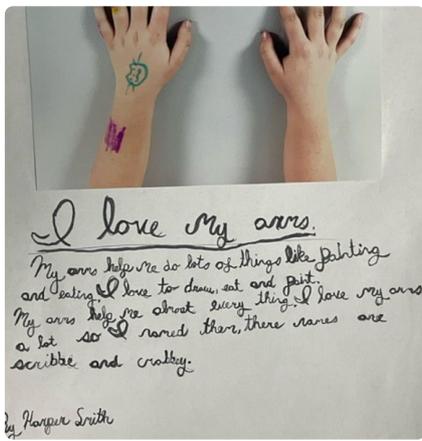
## 4th Grade - The Best Part of Me!



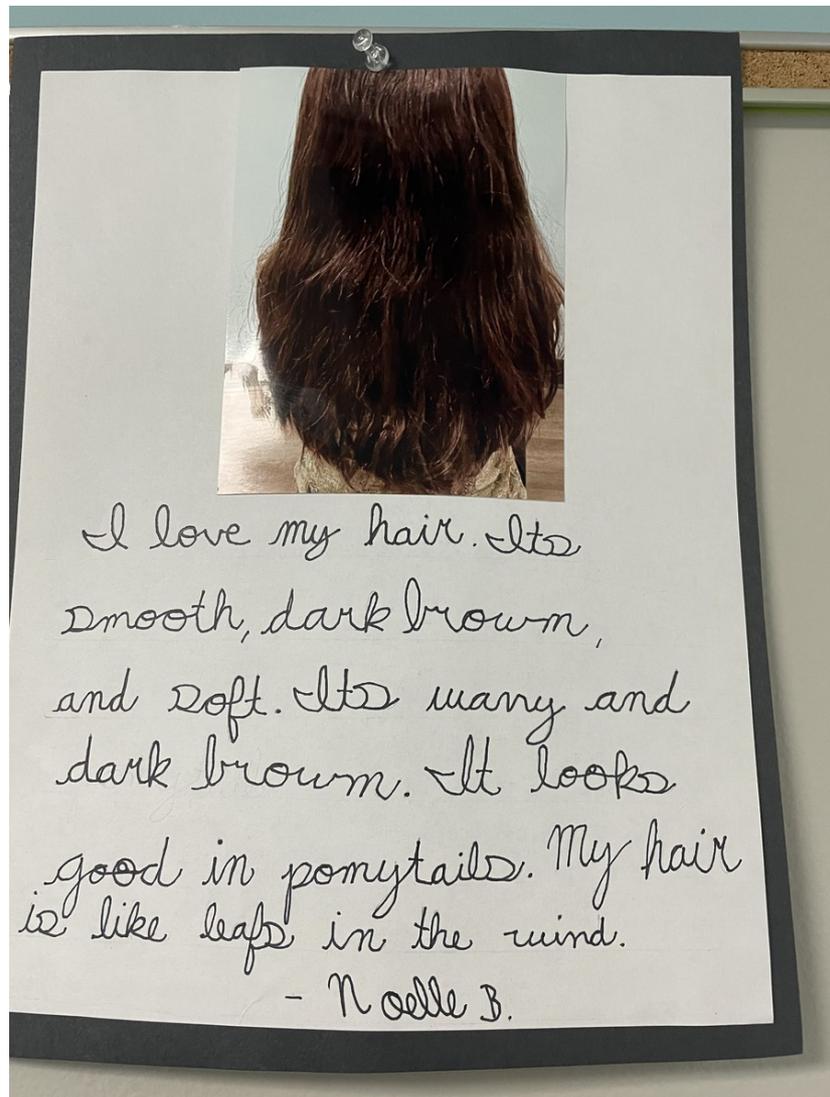
Arms

I love my arms  
long and skinny  
they lift the basket over my head  
they hand me out when i'm on one leg  
they move my hand to grab the pencil  
when i want to draw

by Ella Mitchell



Students in 4th grade worked on a writing project called The Best Part of Me. They were asked to think about their best body part based not just on what it looked like, but what it allowed them to do or be. Students had the option to write a poem, or just a descriptive paragraph or two.



## Engaging with Powerful Parent Language

In partnership with our parents and Responsive Classroom, we are sharing an article on Engaging

Journal of Social and Emotion Learning, Vol. 4, Issue 4.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 CFCl 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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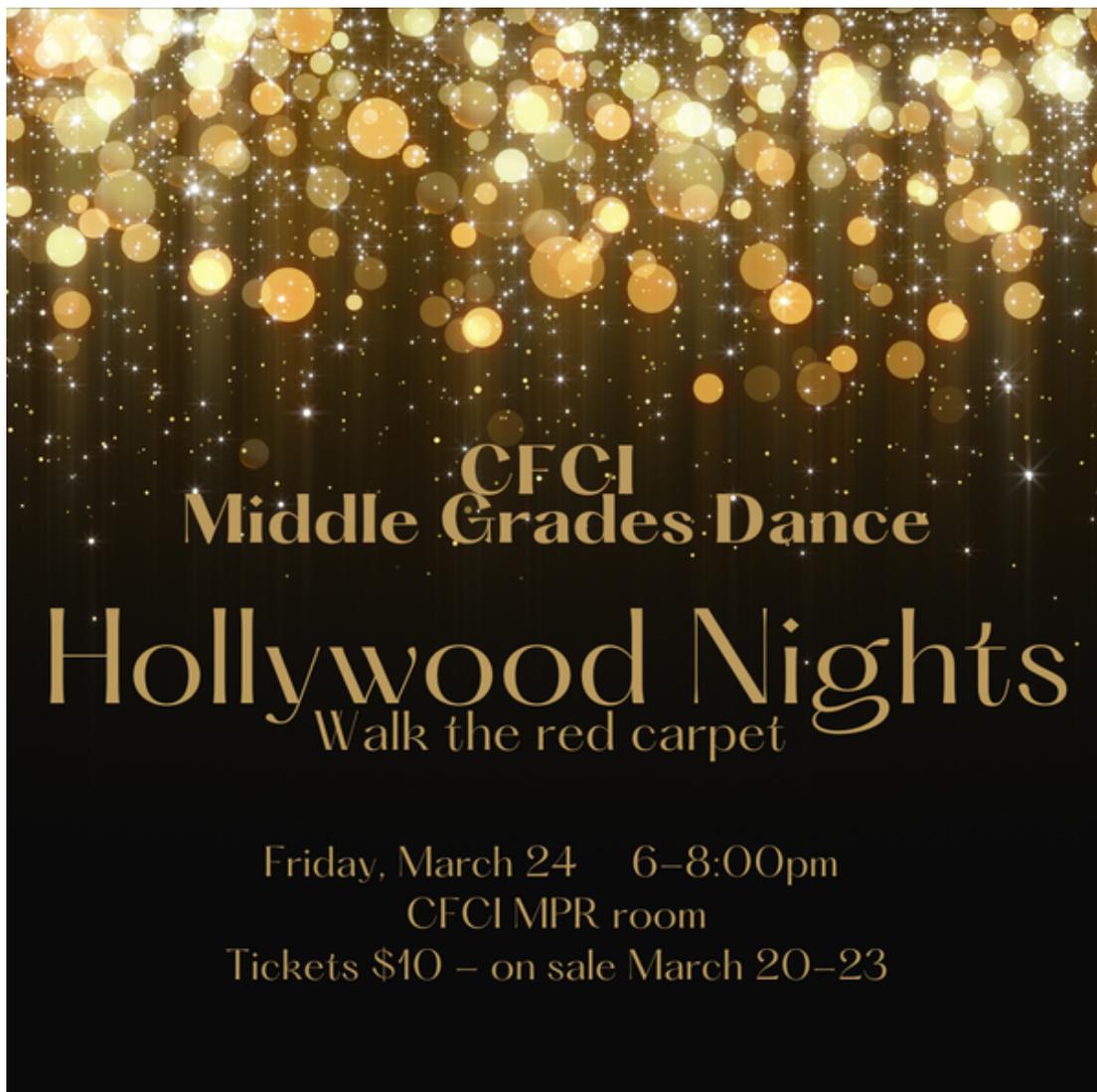
## **UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

Teacher Appreciation Week - March 20-24

Middle Grades Dance - March 24

Spring Book Fair - April 3-6

Family Night - May 5



**CFCI**  
**Middle Grades Dance**

**Hollywood Nights**  
Walk the red carpet

Friday, March 24 6–8:00pm  
CFCI MPR room  
Tickets \$10 – on sale March 20–23

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## ***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 UPDATE & THANK YOU

Thank you so much for sending in all of the supplies that are needed in the Art Room! They have been such an incredible help for Ms. Michelle.



### 2023-24 CFCI Community Calendar

23-24 CFCI Community Calendar Final - YearlyCalendar (6).pdf

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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 will add new events as they come up - we hope you like this additional feature to our website. Please direct questions/feedback to [dkorb@cfci.net](mailto:dkorb@cfci.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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