

CFCI Community Update 3/17/23

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

Looking forward to next week, the Partnership asks you all to join us as we celebrate the very special educators in our school. Please take a look at the flyer below to see what is happening each day of this coming week to honor and acknowledge our amazing teachers! We are saying "thank you" this week, and always, to the extraordinary educators who work tirelessly to help our students learn, grow, and reach their full potential.



Also this week, we have our CFCI Board Meeting at 6pm on Tuesday, 3/21. In addition, there is a PCN meeting at 3:45 where members are working on a survey for families to help us see how we are doing and where we can improve! There are a couple of great fundraisers for the 5th grade trip to Williamsburg including Your Pie on Tuesday and Panera Fundraiser on Thursday (see below). On Friday, there is a Middle Grades Dance from 6-8pm. Lots of great activities and fun things happening that make our school special...we hope you can participate when you can!

Please make a note of the following:

1. Please! No Deliveries from Outside the School During the School Day
2. [AUCTION FOR INQUIRY - MARCH 31st - BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!!!!](#)
3. Partnership Celebrates All Our Educators THIS Week - Teacher Appreciation Week!
4. Center for Safer Schools Announces Rave Panic Button
5. Fifth Grade Heads to Masonboro Island on a Chilly March Day!
6. Happy Pi Day from 4th Grade!!!
7. CFCI Back from Texas for Active Shooter Response Certification (ALICE) Training
8. Sign Up for New Parent Newsletter from Superintendent Truitt!

9. Just a Typical Thursday...Exploring Ms. Megan's Baby Chicks!
10. Wilmington Sharks Read Around the Bases comes to CFCI!!!
11. Do you have a Green Thumb?
12. Big Buddies and Little Buddies - To Catch a Leprechaun!
13. 5th Grade Fundraisers to Benefit the Williamsburgh Field Trip
14. Sixth Grade Loving the Sky View Lite iPads
15. Thank You to Our Awesome Partnership for Purchasing the New Playground Hoop
16. UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES
17. Middle Grades Dance! Buy tickets Mon-Thurs from 7:45-8:05 (\$10, cash only)
18. Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne
19. 2023 Junior Seahawk Academy at UNCW!
20. ART ROOM Thank You!

Have a great week everyone!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

Please! No Deliveries from Outside the School During the School Day

We are asking that you please do not order food from outside vendors to be **delivered** to the **school** during the **school** day to your students. This creates an unanticipated influx of work for the front office and creates undue stress for the classroom teachers. If your student forgets their lunch or snack, the school has a limited number of items that we can share. Thank you for your cooperation.



Partnership Celebrates All Our Educators THIS Week - Teacher Appreciation Week!

Teacher Appreciation

March 20-24, 2023



Monday

Let's show our teachers how much we care. Please send in a thank you card. Sweet treats provided in the breakroom by the Partnership.



Tuesday

Bagel Bar provided by the Partnership accompanied by a gifted toaster for the breakroom.



Wednesday

Please bring a school supply to restock your classroom. Breakroom supply restock provided by the Partnership.



Thursday

Please bring a salty or sweet snack pack for your teacher to keep in their classroom for a recharge.



Friday

The Partnership will provide all teachers and staff with a luncheon from McAlister's Deli.

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



CAROLINA GYMNASTICS ACADEMY

SUMMER CAMPS

MAGIC CAMP

NO SLEEVES
UNLOCKING POTENTIAL

Wild Bird & Garden

BIDDING!

JENEAE DURHAM

3/31/23 BUY TICKETS!

Cape Fear Center For Inquiry
presents
•AUCTION•
for
INQUIRY

[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. We are looking forward to hearing from you and getting ready for a successful event.

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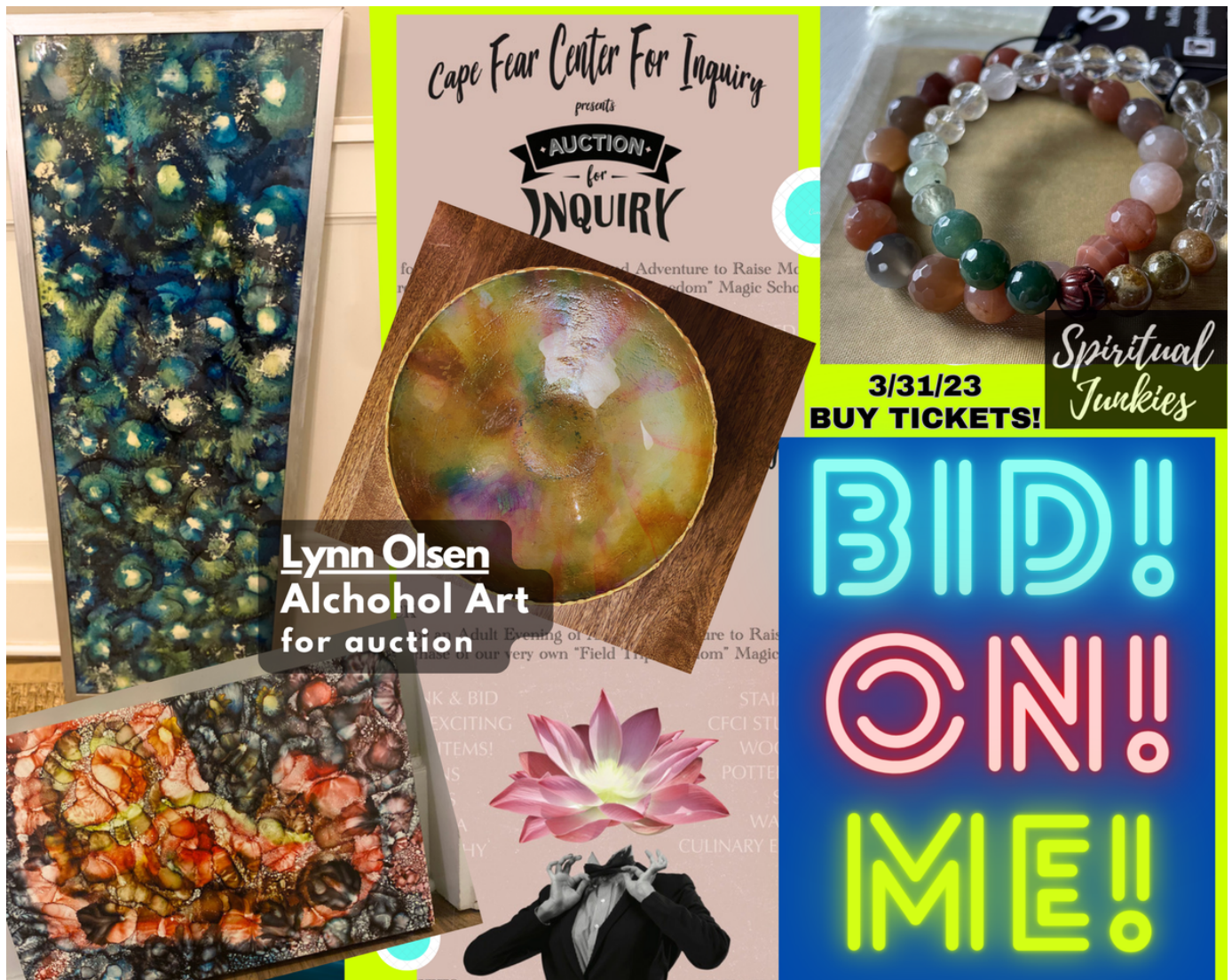
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Center for Safer Schools Announces Rave Panic Button

CFCI's Co-Director, Susan Graziano has been trained in the state's Panic Button app. When an emergency happens at a school, minutes can make a world of difference. To reduce the time it takes for an emergency response, the Center for Safer Schools announces the launch of the Rave Panic Button, which the N.C. Department of Public Safety has made available to all public K-12 school districts and K-12 charter schools across the state.

The Panic Button – an app created by Framingham, Mass.-based Rave Mobile Safety – alerts authorities to an active shooter, medical emergency, fire or other crisis. The app simultaneously sends out a notification to other teachers and staff on campus.

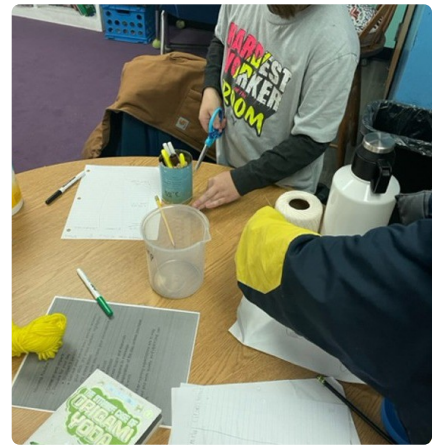
More information, including it's use at the school, will be forthcoming.

Happy Pi Day from 4th Grade!!!

Pi Day is celebrated every year on the fourteenth of March around the world, and although we're not celebrating actual pies, there can be pies involved in the celebration. Pi is used to represent a mathematical constant. Not only is it the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter, but it's also the 16th letter in the Greek alphabet (π).

In honor of Pi Day this year, our 4th graders investigated what Pi means with a circle inquiry. Before I told them about the meaning of Pi we talked about the part of a circle. They were asked to gather 4 different circular objects around the room, using yarn they measure the diameter and the circumference of each of their circles. Each measurement was recorded on a piece of paper so they could look for patterns. We discussed what we noticed with each of the measurements. Students were able to make connections by observing patterns in their data, the relationship between the diameter and its circumference approx 3... math is cool!





Fifth Grade Heads to Masonboro Island on a Chilly March Day!

Traveling to Masonboro Island, the largest undeveloped island on the Southern Coast of NC is a right of passage for our fifth grade students. Groups went crabbing with baited lines in the tidal bay, collected and studied marsh life as well as collected shells and learned about mollusks while exploring a pristine beach.





CFCI Back from Texas for Active Shooter Response Certification (ALICE) Training

Co-Director Dr. Susan Graziano and Facilities Manager, Ben Rose, headed to Texas this past week to participate in Active Shooter Response Certification Training (ALICE Training) . This certification is a 2-day train-the-trainer class on civilian, active shooter response options to enable you to empower others to survive violence. Attendees included a range from law enforcement, school officials, and business leaders.

ALICE Training is a program that teaches proactive options-based strategies that empower individuals to participate in their own survival in the face of violence. This training is part of our safety preparedness plan and was paid for by the Safety Grant that was approved this year by the state.

Sign Up for New Parent Newsletter from Superintendent Truitt!

Want to be in the know on education happenings in our state? Superintendent Truitt is starting a twice yearly parent newsletter that will help parents and guardians do just that. [Sign up for the newsletter here](#) by entering your email address and selecting "Superintendent Truitt's Parent Newsletter" under the "Internal Lists" section and keep an eye out for the first edition this spring!

Just a Typical Thursday...Exploring Ms. Megan's Baby Chicks!



Wilmington Sharks Read Around the Bases comes to CFCI!!!

Sharkey the Shark came to CFCI on Thursday to meet with our K-5 students about chomping through some books and getting some free tickets to a Wilmington Sharks Game. Be on the look out for your child's goal coming home from their teacher!







Big Buddies and Little Buddies - To Catch a Leprechaun!

Big Buddies supporting Little Buddies with their Engineering Design Process lessons. Today's task was to build a Leprechaun trap based on the designs the Kindergarten students made. (Ms. K/Jordan).





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

Sixth Grade Loving the Sky View Lite iPads

6th grade LOVING using the sky view lite iPads outside to explore our “night sky” during the daytime hours!

Isn't it great when a lesson comes together and Inquiry abounds?

Your student can research constellations, discover new ones, and take pictures to share with friends and family. This app is fascinating and can be useful for entertainment or academic purposes by children and adults of all ages.



Click to add a title



SkyView is an amazing augmented reality app that reveals the stars, planets, and other astrological features that surround the user.



To do this, Sky View uses the location of your child and overlays the stars and other features right on top of the camera on the device.



Simply move your iPhone around and point the camera to discover what constellations and planets are around your region.

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UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Teacher Appreciation Week - March 20-24

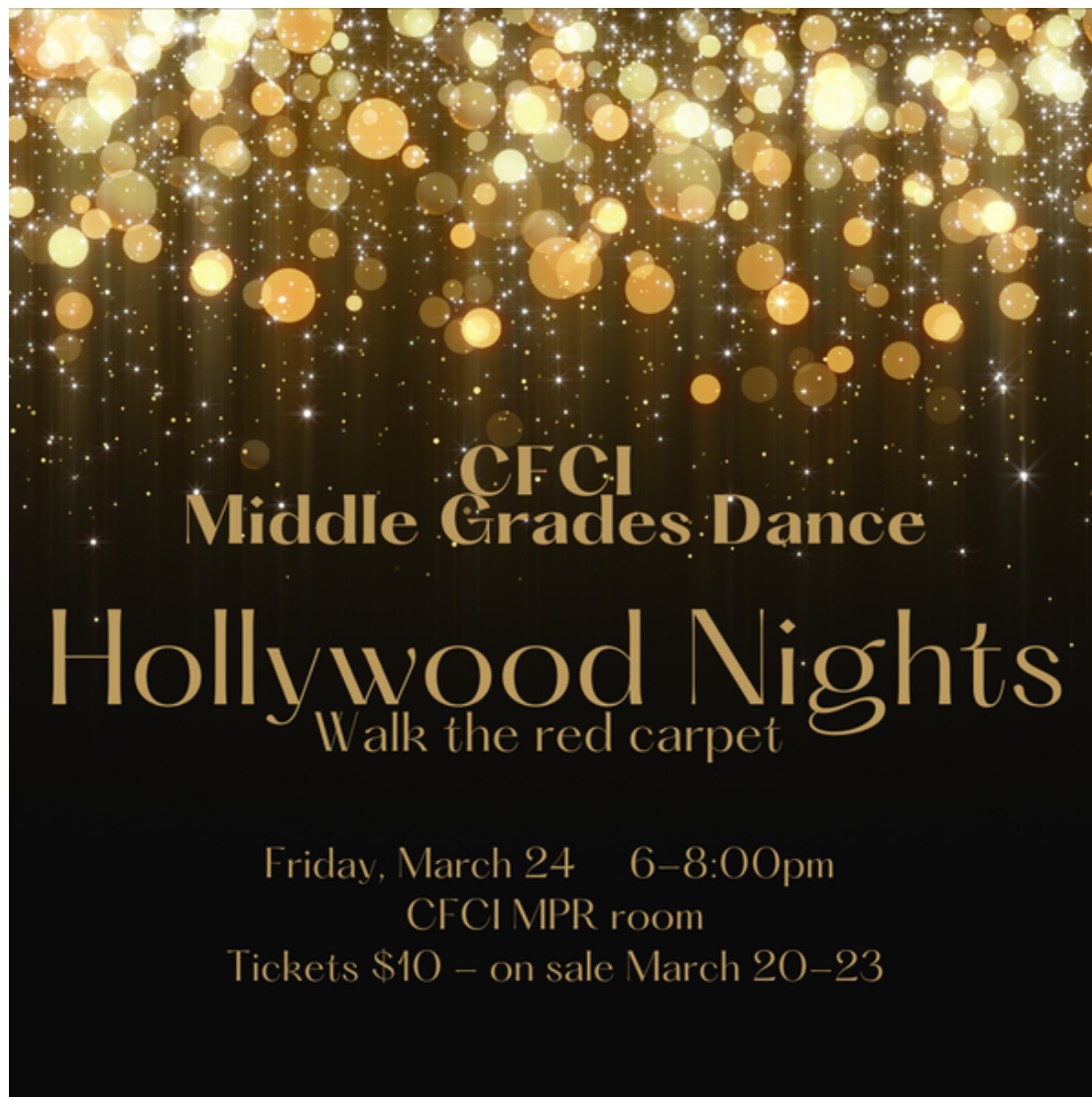
Middle Grades Dance - March 24

Spring Book Fair - April 3-6

Family Night - May 5



Middle Grades Dance! Buy tickets Mon-Thurs from 7:45-8:05 (\$10, cash only)



Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne

BRUSH FLOSS SMILE!

Our early stretch of springlike weather brought warm temperatures and tons of pollen. Even though temperatures dipped back down this week, spring is right around the corner.

When your child has the sniffles, sore throat and congestion, it's hard to know whether it's allergies, a cold, or something else.

Colds are infections of the upper respiratory tract and are spread by contact with a person who has a cold, touching an object that someone with a cold has touched or breathing in the virus that's in the air after someone with a cold has coughed or sneezed. Remind your children to wash their hands often and cover their mouth and nose when they cough or sneeze.

Allergies are the body's immune reaction to an allergen like pollen from trees, weeds or grasses. Allergy symptoms can be similar to cold symptoms.

Here are some things to consider when trying to determine if your student has a cold or allergies. This is for informational purposes only. Please see your child's healthcare provider for a diagnosis.



- People with colds or allergies can experience sneezing, stuffy nose, or a sore throat.
- Coughs are sometimes associated with allergies and often associated with colds.
- Body aches are common with colds but not allergies.
- Headaches less common with allergies and more common with a cold.
- Colds can often be accompanied by a fever, especially in the beginning stages whereas a fever is not a symptom associated with allergies.
- Colds develop over several days while allergy symptoms develop after exposure to the allergen.

Remember, if your child has a fever, keep them home until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

If your child has experienced vomiting or diarrhea, please keep them home. They may return to school when it has been 24 hours since the last occurrence of vomiting or diarrhea.

2023 Junior Seahawk Academy at UNCW!



REGISTER NOW!

2023 Junior Seahawk Academy

Junior Seahawk Academy is a STEM, healthcare, and teacher education summer camp for children ages 10-14 to learn about these fields and opportunities at UNCW.

Junior Seahawk Academy will be in-person & hybrid this summer with sessions available online via Zoom or in-person at the Watson College of Education:

SESSION 1: (IN-PERSON ONLY)
JUNE 13-16, 2023 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
FEE: \$25.00
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 31ST

SESSION 2: (IN-PERSON & ZOOM)
JULY 17-21, 2023 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM
FEE: \$30.00
APPLICATION DEADLINE: MAY 29TH



ARTROOM 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 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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