



# CFCI Community Update 4/21/23

*Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano*

Dear CFCI Families,

This week, we are asking all families to take a moment to complete the Family Climate Survey - which our Parent Collaborative Network (PCN) helped to draft. Special thanks to our parents, especially Trisha Ventura, Kasey Galvin, and Beth Forbes for their input and organization.



[The Climate Survey](#) is a series of questions designed to provide an understanding of how parents & guardians feel about our school as a whole. As the school works to improve itself, it is important to get feedback from families, as well as students and staff. This feedback is one of several pieces of evidence that then helps direct improvement efforts at the school. We appreciate the time it takes to fill out surveys and we thank you in advance for your thoughtful response! Please fill out by Sunday, April 30th!

This week we will be wishing our 8th graders and their chaperones along with their teachers, Ms. Mintz, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Benatti a safe, fun, and educational trip to the Nation's Capitol, Washington, DC. As we have mentioned previously, this is the first time we have taken this trip in a few years and it is an exciting time for our 8th grade and we are all happy to have them back on the road. Thank you to everyone who has helped bring this trip to fruition! We look forward to hearing all about their adventures and will update you in the next Community Update! Bon Voyage, 8th Grade! Safe Travels!

We would like to make you aware of a staffing update that affects our K-8 Specials. Ms. Brust, our wonderful Global Studies teacher is unable to continue teaching through the end of the year due to a health issue. She is doing well and wants you to know that although she is sad

about missing the remainder of the school year with all of her students, she is looking forward to returning next year and so are we! In the meantime, Ms. Jenn Anderson will be our long term substitute in that position. Ms. Jenn, is familiar with most of the students throughout K-8, and is excited to be working with Ms. Brust to bring Global Studies, Language Lab and Creative Expressions to life for all of our students. Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Ben Pierce, Ms. Jenn, or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

With our 7/8 middle years science vacancy, we have begun to interview some decent candidates, but continue to seek applications. If you know of someone who is interested in a science position for this year or next, please let them know to contact [Susan Graziano](#) or myself for more information. Thank you!

Finally, a bittersweet farewell as we let you know that our Board Chair, Dr. Stephen Hill has tenured his resignation effective with the April board meeting. Dr. Hill and his family are making the move to Alabama for a new teaching position at the University. We thank Dr. Hill for his years of service on the Board and for his guidance and steadfast commitment to our school, to our teachers, and to our students. We wish him, and his family, Heather, Riley, and London all the best. We will miss them dearly.

Dr. Dana Stachowiak will fill the Chair position and Amie Sloane will serve as Vice Chair for the remainder of the school year. Please note: CFCI is seeking applicants for the two board seats that will be vacant at the end of this school year. Applications and Information are in the article below. Please submit if you are interested or let others know who may have an interest in supporting our school in this important way. Applications are due April 30th. Please see below.

Please make a note of the following:

1. [Family Climate Survey - Please Respond by April 30th!](#)
2. May 5th - Cinco de Mayo Family Fun Night!
3. Upcoming Performances at CFCI with Ms. Hartley!
4. 5th Grade Car Wash - Saturday, 4/29 from 10am-12pm - Donations go towards the Williamsburg trip in May!
5. [5th Grade Williamsburg Fundraiser! Krispy Kreme Digital Dozen!](#)
6. Largest fundraising team 3rd place \$3,335 - CFCI Riptide Runners!!!
7. [CFCI Seeks Board of Directors Applicants \(Two Seats Available\)](#)
8. Thank you to Reid, Elijah and Charlie - CFCI First Graders
9. Everette Rose-Wilkinson (Gr. 8) receives Honorable Mention at Azalea Art Show!
10. Kindergarten Enjoyed Their Field Trip on the Big New CFCI Activity Bus!
11. 4th Grade Trip to Moore's Creek Battlefield!
12. Talent Talent Everywhere!
13. CFCI talent beyond the Wonder Way!
14. 2023 CFCI Yearbook - Order yours today!
15. ART ROOM - would love some paper plates and sharpies!
16. Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne
17. Parents of Rising 7th Grade Students
18. 2023 Junior Seahawk Academy at UNCW!

Have a wonderful week!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors



# Family Climate Survey

Your Feedback Matters! 

**Family Climate Survey - Please take a few moments now to  
respond! Thank you!**

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# SAVE THE DATE

Friday, May 5 6:30-9

**COCO  
THE  
MOVIE!**

## CINCO DE MAYO

Join us for family night and celebrate with food, crafts  
and a movie!

**FREE  
TACO  
BAR!!!**

**CRAFTS FOR  
THE KIDS!**



**PLEASE FOLLOW  
THE LINK TO RSVP**



# rsvpify

**Cinco De Mayo Family Night - RSVPify**

May 5, 2023 @ 6:30 PM - Cape Fear Center

🔗 [cincodemayofamilynight.rsvpify.com](https://cincodemayofamilynight.rsvpify.com)

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**Upcoming Performances at CFCI with Ms. Hartley!**

CAPE FEAR CENTER FOR INQUIRY PRESENTS



BOOK BY  
THOMAS MEEHAN

MUSIC BY  
CHARLES STRAUSE

LYRICS BY  
MARTIN CHARNIN

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THURSDAY, MAY 11TH @ 6:00PM  
CFCI MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
\$6 ADULTS | \$3 K-8TH GRADE

**CAMILLE HARTLEY, PERFORMING ARTS TEACHER**

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# *When You Wish Upon a Star*

## An End-of-Year 1-3 Grade Disney Piano Recital

Camille Hartley  
Performing Arts Teacher



May 17th @ 5, 6, and 7pm  
Cape Fear Center for Inquiry

# Ukulele CONCERT

4TH AND 5TH GRADE  
MAY 18TH @ 5PM



CAPE FEAR CENTER FOR INQUIRY

CAMILLE HARTLEY  
PERFORMING ARTS



# 5TH GRADE CAR WASH



**Saturday 4/29  
10am-12pm  
CFCI Lower Lot  
Donations Appreciated!**

**Come support our trip to Williamsburg!**

**5th Grade Williamsburg Fundraiser! Krispy Kreme Digital Dozen!**



Please support our 5th grade field trip to Williamsburg with your purchase of Krispy Kreme Digital Dozen virtual gift certificates that come via your email, and never expire! Each certificate costs \$14 and it gives you a dozen Original Glazed Doughnuts at any Krispy Kreme store anywhere in the U.S. (except Connecticut and Puerto Rico). You simply present the certificate on your phone at their store to collect the dozen donuts.

50% of proceeds will go to the field trip, that is \$7 of every gift certificate you buy.

Price of each Certificate is \$14

Send Payments to Ash Bapat - Venmo ID @Ashwini-Bapat-1

Due Date for making payments is April 30, 2023.

In the Memo section of Venmo, please specify your Email ID and the number of certificates you are paying for.

Please allow 24 hours to process your payments. Thank you in advance for your support!

Ash Bapat ([ashwini.bapat@gmail.com](mailto:ashwini.bapat@gmail.com)) and Devon Miller ([devonmiller1016@gmail.com](mailto:devonmiller1016@gmail.com))

5th Grade Room Parents - Mr. D's Class

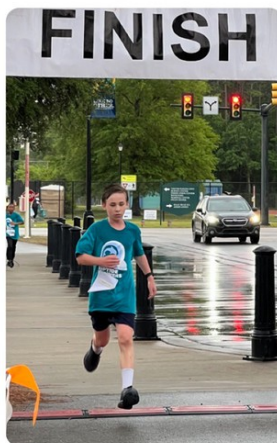
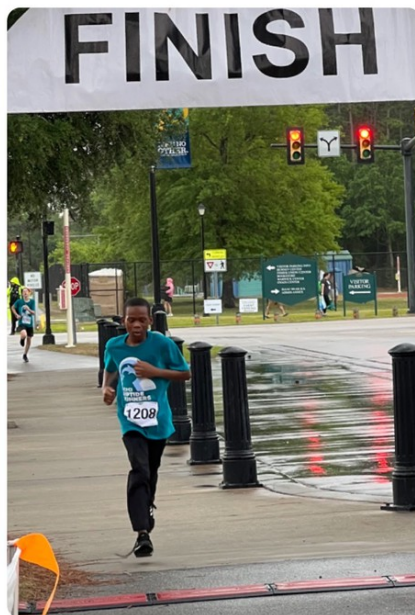
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# **Largest fundraising team 3rd place \$3,335 - CFCI Riptide Runners!!!**



**Congratulations to Our Amazing Riptide Runners!!! You absolutely rocked this run!  
We are so proud of all of you!!!**

Our CFCI Riptide Runners, comprised of 105 runners and 26 coaches for a grand total of 131 - including students, educators, & parents, participated in training for the past 8 weeks in training for the Coastal NC Run/Walk for Autism. On Saturday, April 22nd, our team ran/walked their hearts and bodies out at this amazing community event which raises money to improve the lives of children and adults with autism - the money raised supports local programming. Thank you to everyone, including those who supported our runners and gave money to the team - which was #3 in final amounts raised for the race! A very special thank you to Kelly Rooney and Kayla Rotatori - also know as KR<2 - for organizing this amazing effort of coaches and runners - we simply could not do it without them!!! CONGRATULATIONS!!!



**Largest fundraising team 3rd place \$3,335 - CFCI Riptide Runners!!!**

### **Males under 12**

1st place - Elias Howell (22:51)

2nd place - Amir Wilson (22:59)

### **Males 13-15**

1st place - Mason Miller (22:59)

2nd place - Noah Miller (23:55)

3rd place - Stone Shelton (24:32)

### **Females under 12**

1st place - Alice Jones (24:24)

2nd place - Elliana Henderson (26:13)

### **Females 13-15**

1st place - Kelty Walker (23:47)

3rd place - Caroline Thomas (31:01)

### **Females 20-29**

1st place - Coach Lexi Reeves (26:20)

### Females 30-39

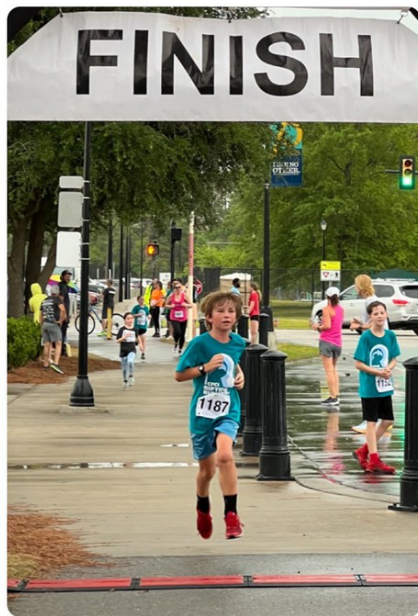
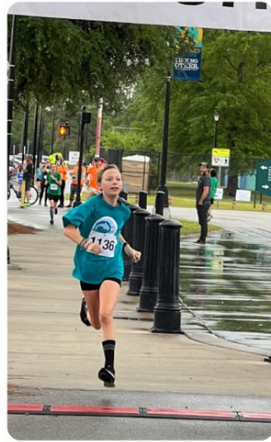
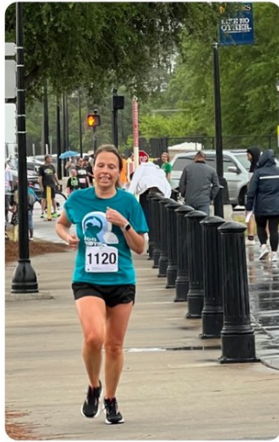
2nd place - Coach Lori Watson (24:38)

3rd place - Coach Kristen Gray (25:19)

### Females 50-59

1st place - Chase Shelton





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## CFCI Seeks Board of Directors Applicants (Two Seats Available)

CFCI is seeking two qualified candidates to fill vacant seats on our Board of Directors. Seats and qualifications are as follows:

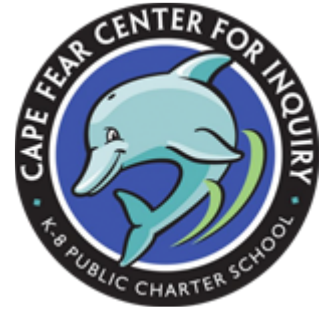
- The term for Seat 1 will be from 6/2/23 - 6/1/24.
- The term for Seat 1 will be from 6/2/23-6/1/26.
- Applicants may be community members or parents of CFCI students.

Interested candidates must complete a Board of Directors Application Form and send to the following email addresses:

[sgraziano@cfcf.net](mailto:sgraziano@cfcf.net) (Susan Graziano)

[kmccormick@cfcf.net](mailto:kmccormick@cfcf.net) (Kim McCormick)

[shill@cfcf.net](mailto:shill@cfcf.net) (Stephen Hill)



Candidates will be required to introduce themselves at the May Board Meeting on May 16, 2023.

All completed applications must be received by April 30, 2023.

### STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN MEMBERSHIP (1).pdf

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## Thank you to Reid, Elijah and Charlie - CFCI First Graders

These enthusiastic and curious learners shared their Dinosaur research with our Board of Directors and the community at large. Thank you, Ms. Shannon for bringing this great demonstration of student knowledge to our Board meeting!



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**Everette Rose-Wilkinson (Gr. 8) receives Honorable  
Mention at Azalea Art Show!**



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**Kindergarten Enjoyed Their Field Trip on the Big New  
CFCI Activity Bus!**



# Sensory safari (how we and animals use our senses in nature) at Halyburton.



## 4th Grade Trip to Moore's Creek Battlefield!

4th graders went on a field trip to Moore's Creek Battlefield! Students got to reenact walking over the Moore's Creek Bridge and aiming the cannons. Students learned about the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge and how it was an important part of the American Revolution.



# Talent Talent Everywhere!



AUDITIONS APRIL 17-21 & 24-28 @ 7:45AM

**K-8TH GRADE**

Calling all musicians, singers, dancers,  
actors, comedians, magicians, etc.

**AUDITION SIGN UPS BY FRONT OFFICE!**

Contact Ms. Hartley with questions! [CHARTLEY@CFCI.NET](mailto:CHARTLEY@CFCI.NET)

## TALENT SHOW INFORMATION

A spot in the show is not guaranteed!  
Only 16-18 acts will be selected to perform  
because of time constraints.

Acts should be between 2-3 minutes

Solos, duets, or large groups!

Students will need to provide  
any needed supplies for their act!  
Piano, speakers, and laptop to play tracks  
will be provided.

Tracks for singing auditions should not  
include voices. Karaoke tracks are perfect!

This show will be during the school day on June 8th  
for the student body, staff, and parents of performers ONLY

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## UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

Family Night - May 5



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CFCI talent beyond the Wonder Way!



Full-time CFCI parent and part-time CFCI Interventionist, Annesophia Richards is an award-winning writer. Recently, she covered fellow CFCI family, the Judges, and shared information about their new, outdoor family fun attraction in Brunswick County: [In the Pines RV: Cabin Village.](#)

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## Yearbook Class and Order Form!

This trimester, one of the specials that we're taking is Journalism. The first time the students have worked together to make the yearbook is now, this trimester! We made it really fancy this year, in order to preserve memories better, and it has an awesome hardcover. We're working really hard on it, and it's only \$20! It would mean a lot to the yearbook staff, and the school, if you were to get a yearbook for your kids. Thank you!

- By Ryan Thiessen

## CFCI 2023 Yearbook - Order Yours Today!!!

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# ART ROOM - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Art Room could really use some:

- SHARPIES (both Regular - Fine and Ultra Fine)
- Paper Plates

Thank you so much for your help in giving our students additional supplies that help them create amazing art!!!



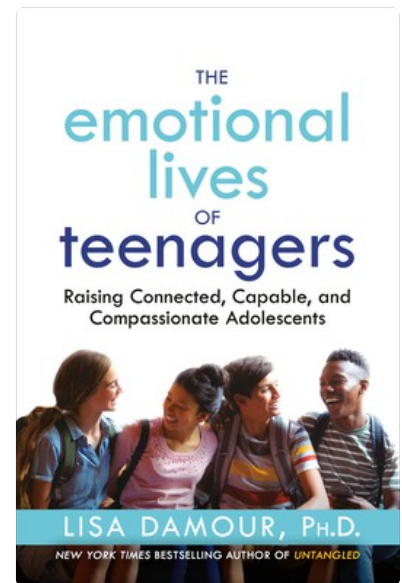
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## Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne

### Handling Big Emotions and Teens

We know that the teenage years can bring a rollercoaster of emotions. Dr. Lisa Damour is a clinical psychologist who has spent years working with adolescents, and has written three *New York Times* bestsellers on the subject of parenting teens. Here are some of her tips when your teen experiences difficult emotions.

- Reassurance doesn't work as well as we think. One of the most powerful things we can do is to empathize with children and validate their feelings by saying something like "It must be awful to feel that way"
- Sometimes it's hard to tell if a teen is reacting with developmentally appropriate emotions, or if it's a serious mental health concern. Ask yourself, "Does my child's feeling make sense for the situation?" and "Are they handling their emotions in a way that does no harm?"
- Be sure not to overprocess feelings with your child. Sometimes it's beneficial to suggest a fun, healthy activity as a distraction and come back to discussing the feelings again the next day.



*Check out the full interview with Dr. Lisa Damour on NPR's podcast Life Kit*

"Gosh, these pre-teen years are all sunshine and rainbows!" said no parent ever.



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## Parents of Rising 7th Grade Students

### Parents of Rising 7th Grade Students

Students entering 7th grade are required to have one dose of Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis) vaccine and one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine for individuals who have not already received those vaccines.

An up-to-date immunization record\* indicating that your student has received all required immunizations is due by the first day of attendance at school. If proof of immunization is not provided within 30 calendar days after school entry, **your student will not be allowed to attend school until it is provided, as required by law.**

For more information visit: <https://immunization.dph.ncdhhs.gov/schools/k-12.htm>

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Ripa at 910-362-0000 ext. 207.

\*Immunization records need to be an official certificate or record of immunization. A print out from a healthcare portal will not be accepted.

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## 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**



### 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@cfc.net](mailto: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

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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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### Kim McCormick, Director of Education

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### Cape Fear Center for Inquiry

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