



# CFCI Community Update 4/28/23

Message from Co-Directors, Kim McCormick & Susan Graziano

Dear CFCI Families,

Just a quick note to let everyone know that the 5th grade carwash scheduled for tomorrow, 4/28 has been cancelled! If you still want to support their efforts, scroll down and read about the Donut Sale!

Welcome back to our world travelers (or at least DC travelers!), the CFCI 8th Grade! They had an amazing trip and we can hardly wait to hear all about it and share details with you in the next Community Update! Until then, Thank You to all of the wonderful chaperones - and to Ms. Mintz, Ms. Baldwin, and Ms. Benatti for an incredible trip! You all are amazing!!!



On May 23rd, the Partnership in conjunction with CFCI Faculty and Staff invite our wonderful volunteers to a breakfast from 8:30-9:30am in the MPR to thank each of you for all of the time, effort and energy that you have given to our school over the past year! We want to celebrate you all - so please plan to come for a little treat to show how much we appreciate you.

Please make a note of the following:

1. [Family Climate Survey - Please Respond by April 30th!](#)
2. Reminder: Please Do Not Order Food To Be Delivered At School - Thank You!
3. May 5th - Cinco de Mayo Family Fun Night!
4. CFCI 8th Grade Hit the Road - Trip to Washington DC
5. Upcoming Performances at CFCI with Ms. Hartley!
6. Director for the Day! First Grader, Olivia Firth was an Amazing Leader on 4/28!
7. 4TH Graders Get to Know the Importance of Beekeeping from Parent Jordan Godwin!

8. 6th Grade Genius Hour Museum - Our Term 3 Students Show What They Know!!!
9. Kindergarten Monsters With Implied Texture!
10. Third Grade Technology Class is Learning to CODE!
11. Ms. Jordan's Kindergarten Enjoyed Sharing Their Very Cool Inventions!
12. [5th Grade Williamsburg Fundraiser! Krispy Kreme Digital Dozen!](#)
13. The Partnership Needs YOU!
14. Volunteer Breakfast!
15. Largest fundraising team 3rd place \$3,335 - CFCI Riptide Runners!!!
16. [CFCI Seeks Board of Directors Applicants \(Two Seats Available\)](#).
17. ART ROOM - would love some paper plates and sharpies!
18. Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne
19. Parents of Rising 7th Grade Students
20. 2023 Junior Seahawk Academy at UNCW!

Have a wonderful week!

Kim & Susan - Co-Directors

Lisa C, Ben P, & Kelly - Coordinators

Debra & Ben R - Front Office

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take our  
**survey**



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

Dear Families,



Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to fill out our Parent Climate Survey this past week. If you haven't provided feedback as yet, please take a moment to respond by clicking the button above. Your thoughts, concerns, and ideas matter and make a difference in the lives of our students and staff. Thank you! Survey closes on Monday morning, May 1st!

## Reminder: Please Do Not Order Food To Be Delivered At School - Thank You

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.

A photograph showing a Coca-Cola glass bottle, a hamburger, and some fries, likely representing the type of food being discouraged from being ordered for delivery to school.

A colorful poster for a Cinco de Mayo family night event. The poster features a central pink banner with the text "SAVE THE DATE" in red. Below this, it says "Friday, May 5 6:30-9". The event is titled "CINCO DE MAYO" in large red letters, with a subtitle "Join us for family night and celebrate with food, crafts and a movie!". To the left, it says "COCO THE MOVIE!" and to the right, "FREE TACO BAR!!!". At the bottom, it says "CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS!" and "PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK TO RSVP" in a yellow box. The background is decorated with various Mexican-themed illustrations like sombrero, maracas, and flowers.

A photograph of a McDonald's meal. In the foreground, a Big Mac burger is shown with its characteristic two beef patties, special sauce, pickles, onions, ketchup, and mustard on a sesame seed bun. Behind the burger is a glass of Coca-Cola with a red straw. To the right, a portion of French fries is visible. The background is dark and out of focus.







## 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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## CFCI 8th Grade Hit the Road - Trip to Washington DC



Our 8th grade class and their teachers and parent chaperones embarked on an adventure this past Wednesday, April 26th and discovered the significance of Washington D.C.'s famous monuments, incredible Smithsonian museums, and awe-inspiring memorials. Our middle grades students experienced the perfect combination of learning and fun, putting them in the center of the nation's most thrilling historical city!

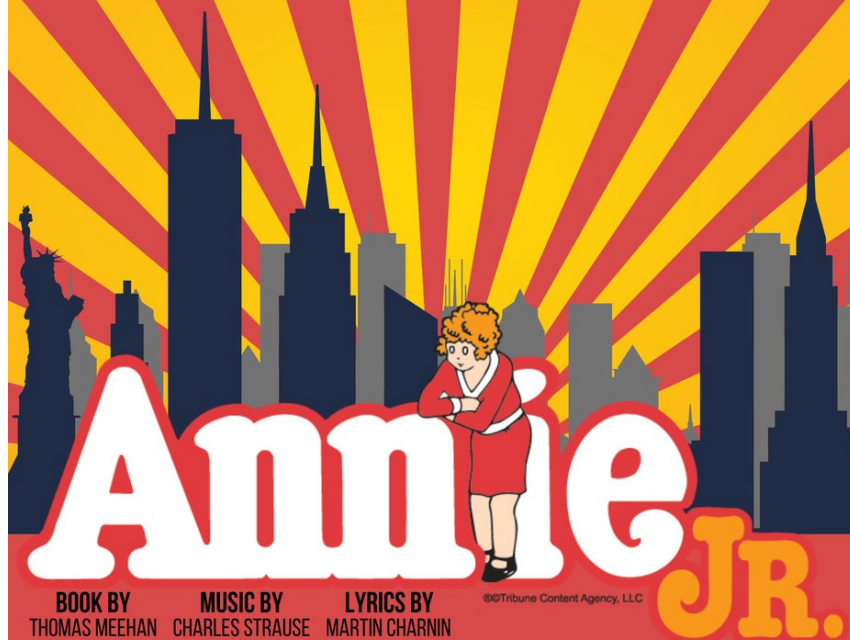




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Upcoming Performances at CFCI with Ms. Hartley!

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





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Director for the Day! First Grader, Olivia Firth was an  
Amazing Leader on 4/28!



**Director Olivia read the  
book "Ishi" to First Grade  
and Kindergarten**



**The Director visited Ms.  
Jordan's Kindergarten  
Invention Museum!**



**Director Olivia helped Dr.  
Graziano with finances!  
Great job, Olivia!**

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**4TH Graders Get to Know the Importance of Beekeeping  
from Parent Jordan Godwin**



The week leading up to Spring Break, 4th graders got a special visit from a beekeeper!

Jordan Godwin, one of our 4th grade parents came in to talk about bee adaptations as a part of our interdependence of plants and animal unit. This presentation went beyond adaptation, and went deeper into how important and amazing these special pollinators are! Mrs. Godwin was so Knowledgeable and passionate about her job helping keep bees alive, when she left she transformed all of us into bee lovers!



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Kindergarten Monsters With Implied Texture











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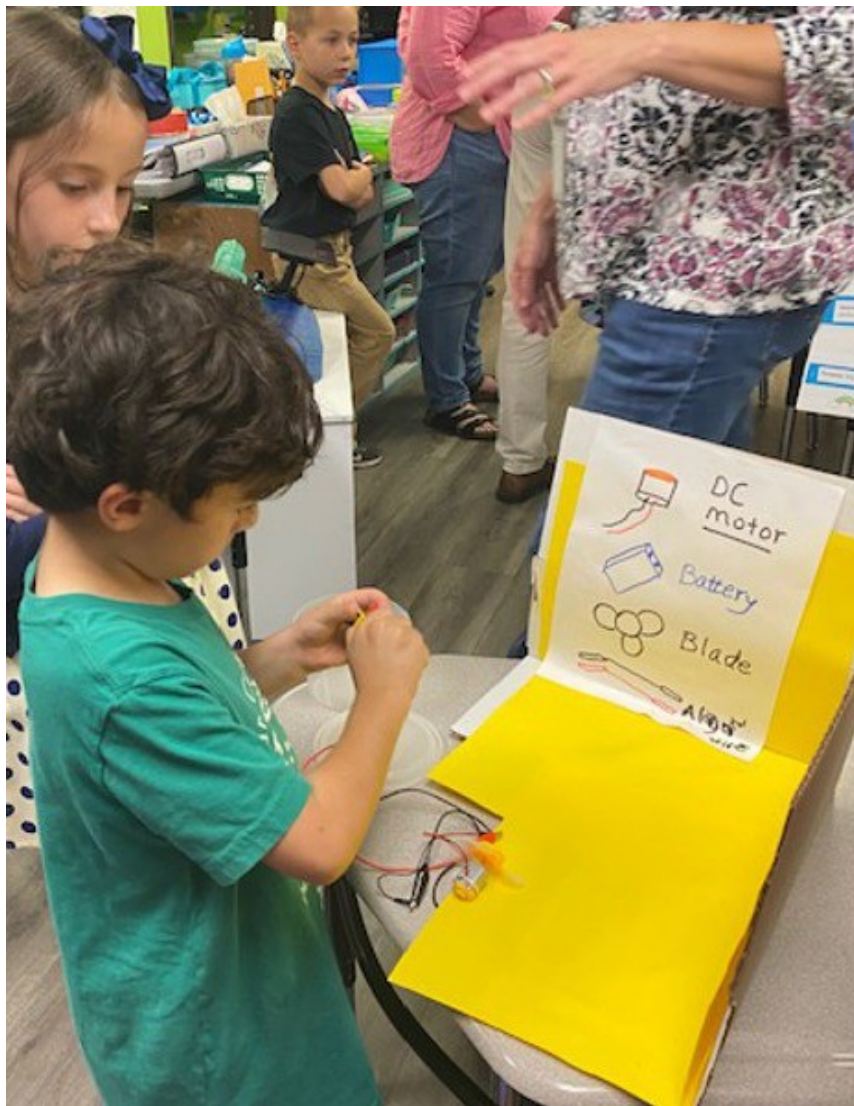
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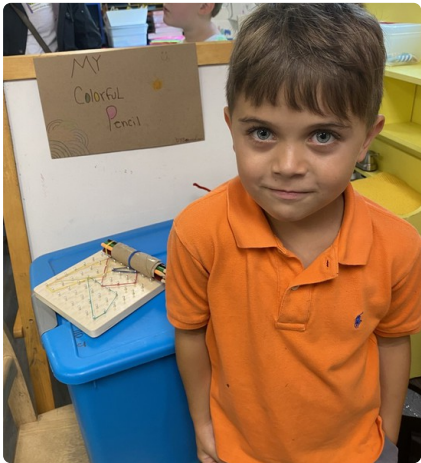
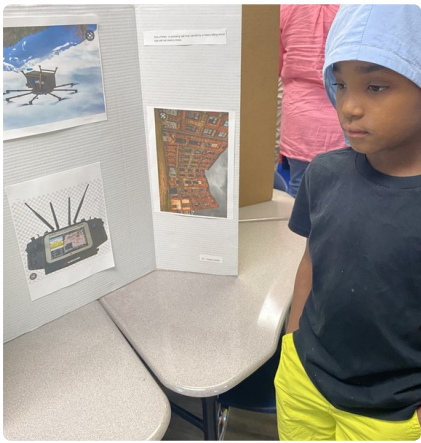
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## 5th Grade Williamsburg Fundraiser! Krispy Kreme Digital Dozen!





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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# THE PARTNERSHIP NEEDS YOU!

The Partnership is looking for dedicated volunteers to join our board for next school year! The Partnership is 100% volunteer-run and is a great way to get involved in your child's school!

## WHAT IS THE PARTNERSHIP?

We are CFCI's Parent-Teacher Group (PTO). There are no membership fees to join - everyone at CFCI is automatically a member! More parent involvement means a stronger school community!

The Partnership Board works to support the mission and vision of the school by organizing community events, raising funds and pitching in wherever help is needed!

## WHAT POSITIONS ARE OPEN?

- Secretary
- Member at large
- Committee chairs

## HOW TO APPLY?

Fill out the form below! If you have questions, or would like more info on specific roles, email us at [partnership@cfc.net](mailto:partnership@cfc.net).

[PARTNERSHIP BOARD APPLICATION.](#)



# Volunteer Appreciation *Breakfast*



Tuesday, May 23rd  
8:30-9:30

Join us in the MPR!

Thank you for making a  
*difference*

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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!!!

**Riptide Runners - You are INCREDIBLE!!! We are  
SOOOOOOOO Proud of You!**



**THANK YOU! THANK YOU! To Ms. Kelly and Ms. R! Couldn't  
Do it Without You!**





## 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:

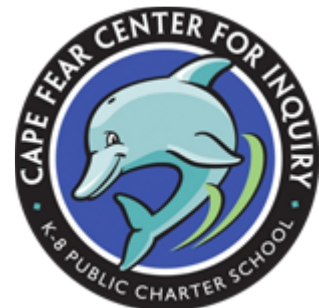
- The term for Seat 1 will be from 6/2/23 - 6/1/24.
- The term for Seat 2 will be from 6/2/23-6/1/26.
- Applicants may be community members or parents of CFCI students.

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

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

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

[shill@cfci.net](mailto:shill@cfci.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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## 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!!!

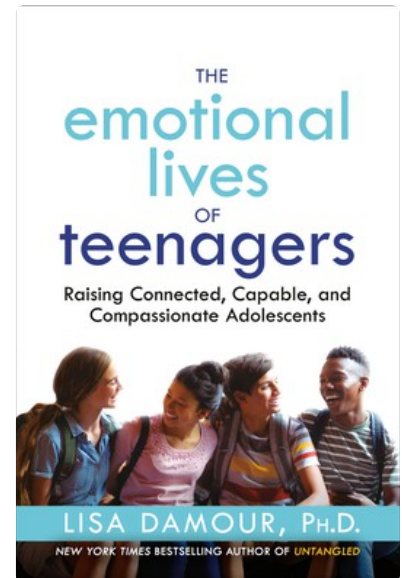


## Weekly Wellness from Nurse Jenn & Ms. Horne

### 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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### Susan Graziano, Director of Operations

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### Kim McCormick, Director of Education

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