

# CFCI Community Communication

A Message From Our Leadership Team

**September 15, 2023**

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Dear CFCI Families,

We hope that you were able to come to the school over the past two weeks during Curriculum Nights and learn a bit more about what is happening in our classrooms and how we work hard to create a culture of inquiry in our school. Author Donald Graves has said, "My best teachers taught me most by the way they inquired about the world, toyed with ideas, and expressed their convictions." CFCI is a school where students curiosity is honored and their questions are encouraged. Students have a place where they can explore, wonder and just be their independent and expressive selves. CFCI teachers spark and sustain the inquiry process in their classrooms as their students explore the real world. We are happy to have your children at our school. We are thrilled that your family has chosen us - Thank you for this opportunity!



Please take a moment to read the information below but in particular if your child is in 1st, 3rd, or 6th grade, or are new to our school, we are conducting vision and hearing screening on Thursday, 9/28. The Lions Club, who will be conducting the vision screening requires permission forms to be filled out prior to screening. Please fill out the attached form below and return prior to Friday, 9/22. Thank you!

Upcoming Dates: (Remember, you can see all of the upcoming activity at the school by clicking on the [Activity Calendar on our website and here.](#))

Tuesday, **9/19** CFCI Board Meeting at 6pm

Friday, **9/22** Partnership Family Picnic

Monday, 9/25- Friday, 9/29 Fund the Wonder - mor info to come.

Postponed Tuesday, **9/26** PCN Meeting at 3:30pm

We hope you have a great week. Please let us know if you have any questions or need support with your child at school.

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

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## Vision and Hearing Screening for Grades 1, 3, and 6 - PLEASE RETURN FORM by 9/22

### IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ

Dear Families of Students in Grades 1, 3, 6 and new students to CFCI (grades 1-8),

The following screenings will be taking place on Thursday, 9/28. You must return a signed permission to have the vision screening completed by our Vision Partner, The Lions Club.

#### Hearing

Screenings are completed by trained school staff and will provide follow-up for all failed hearing screenings.

#### Vision

Vision is screened by the trained Lion's Club Screeners and/or by trained school staff on all students in grades 1, 3 and 6.

Students at any grade with evidence of problems related to hearing or vision will be screened or re-screened upon request. All Kindergartners who did not pass their vision or hearing on their health assessments will be rescreened.

The school nurse is contacted if screening or follow-up assistance is needed. Please contact Jenn Ripa @ [jripa@cfc.net](mailto:jripa@cfc.net) with any questions.

#### Vision Screening Form.pdf

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## Our Partnership News - Please Read

Get Ready to Fund the Wonder! Beginning September 25th-September 29th.

What is Fund the Wonder? Fund the Wonder is simply the name we have given our direct donation fundraiser. The Partnership (PTO) will not be asking our children to sell wrapping paper, cookie

dough, donuts, coupons, or anything else. Our goal is to allow parents and volunteers to focus on our children and school, not fundraising. The money raised through Fund the Wonder goes to the classrooms and teachers as additional support beyond the government funding CFCI receives. The more we raise, the more we can support our students. It's as simple as that. Here are a few things Fund the Wonder has financed in the past:

- Classroom materials
- Scholastic books and materials for classrooms
- Playground equipment
- Professional development conferences for teachers/administration
- Teacher wish lists for equipment and supplies

The attached flyer has upcoming Events and Partnership Meetings. Thank you for your interest in our Partnership.



**Partnership.pdf**

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## **My Hot Lunchbox Parent Registration Information**

**My Hot Lunchbox Parent Registration**



Hi Cape Fear Center for Inquiry Families,

We are excited to partner with My Hot Lunchbox as our lunch provider! Enjoy ordering lunch from a wide variety of options provided by your student's favorite local restaurants.

**To begin ordering lunches, click the link below and follow the instructions on the attached registration letter to create your free account.**

Just a reminder ordering cuts off at 12:00 PM the day before the delivery.

[ORDER NOW!](#)

If you have any questions, please contact My Hot Lunchbox at [\(888\) 894-8295](tel:8888948295) or email: [info@myhotlunchbox.com](mailto:info@myhotlunchbox.com).

Don't forget to follow My Hot Lunchbox on social media @myhotlunchbox for promotions and reminders all year long!

[Log In to My Hot Lunchbox](#)

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## Middle Grades Retreat was Simply the BEST!!!





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## Did someone say “Thin Mints and Samoas?”

Local Girl Scout organizers heard at our recent CFCI Open House that there is interest in starting a troop in the CFCI community. Parents and students (of all ages), are invited to attend an introductory meeting on Thursday, September 21st at 4:30 to explore starting a group.

Please rsvp to [office@cfcf.net](mailto:office@cfcf.net) so we can plan on the best location on campus to hold the meeting.



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## 5th Grade Presents "My Unbelievable Summer" - Our Narrative Essays





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## **SMILE! It's School Photo Time with Jenny Ryder**

Mark Your Calendars: Student Photos will be taken on October 19th and 20th. We'll share the date details once a schedule has been finalized. Also, we want and need parent/guardian volunteers to help with an after-school sibling photo session.

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## **Middle Grades Retreat - Stay at Home Style**



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## Burning Questions...What Are You Curious About?

### Strategic Plan for CFCI

This past year, our School Board, Faculty, Community and Leadership created a new strategic plan that will help guide us in our planning and focus for the next three years. Strategic planning involves creating a vision, with supporting goals that can be regularly measured and adjusted as needed. The strategic plan becomes the guide that the board and leadership will use to align our improvement efforts. It allows the board to focus on effective governance processes and school leadership to direct their efforts on operational leadership practices. Our new strategic plan provides the structure for the board to monitor progress toward achieving goals and create a process for evaluating the school leadership. As a school, we look forward to using this important tool to continue to grow and improve our school for the next three years and into the future. As we begin the two year charter renewal process and look at celebrating our 25th year as a charter next year, we feel this is an exciting time for our school and we are happy you are here to be a part of it. We have attached our new Strategic Plan below. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Have you got a question about CFCI? We want to try and answer it for you or find someone who can! Email [kmccormick@cfc.net](mailto:kmccormick@cfc.net) if you are curious and would like to know more about CFCI!

#### Vision 2026\_ Cape Fear Center for Inquiry Strategic Plan.pdf

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**Request from the Office. No Deliveries From Outside the School During the Day!**



A friendly request from the Front Office. 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.

## Check Out Our Very Own Ashley & Naomi Reeser! These Two Girls are Unstoppable!

On 9/13/23 at the Token2049 conference in Singapore, 2nd Grade Ashley and 5th grade Naomi Reeser were both recognized for their efforts and made a global list of the...."50 Most Inspirational Girls in Web3 and AI". Along with 48 other girls, they were each presented this award in front of over 10,000 attendees.

<https://unstoppablewow3.com/inspirational-women/t25g.html>

Naomi and her sister Ashley have been doing great learning about web3 and AI (Artificial Intelligence)..... helping write children's books (<https://naomiandashley.com/>), creating digital DeFi wallets, minting NFTs, using BASE by Coinbase, sending crypto to different user's wallets and more! Check it Out!

# 50 MOST INSPIRATIONAL GIRLS OF WEB3, 2023



**WOW3**  
unstoppable



Juliette Blake  
Co-Founder of Miss O & Friends  
and Miss O Cool Girls NFT

*"It's never too early to start to teach girls about web3. As this new tech evolves, it's our chance to shape it with the empowering narrative we want to see, which only comes from inclusion, education and involvement. The future is female and the next generation needs to be ready to take on the challenge."*

**Unstoppable girls of Web3 is a group of female leaders who don't just believe in an equal, democratized, and decentralized future, they are actively building it.**



## Social Emotional Learning at CFCI

For the next month or so, our learning community is diving into learning about Self-Awareness



**Self-Awareness** allows individuals to assess their own strengths, challenges, and interests while building confidence and utilizing a growth mindset.

**After completing the lessons provided by teachers through Everyday Speech, students should be able to:**

- Give examples of how to use a growth mindset
- Define accountability
- Describe why positive self-talk can be a helpful tool
- Use "I-feel" statements to express various emotions

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## STAR Student Transition Assistance Resources Program

Exceptional Children's Assistance Center (ECAC) in partnership with Disability: North Carolina is pleased to announce that our successful STAR Program continues to expand across the state. We are now offering virtual courses on self-advocacy, job exploration and workplace readiness.

### STAR Program Flyer.PDF

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**SIGN UP TODAY TO VOLUNTEER AT CFCI!! Volunteer sign up window is from 8/17-9/30!**

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Women today  
making a difference  
for tomorrow.



# FEMME in STEM

Saturday, Sept. 16 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Meet leading scientists and find out more about their work at the Aquarium and in the community.



**GILLS CLUB**  
Love sharks? Girls, ages 11-14,  
can join the Gills Club local chapter.

[ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher](http://ncaquariums.com/fort-fisher)



**NORTH CAROLINA  
AQUARIUM**  
Fort Fisher

## Before and After School On-Site - Superlative Club - Register Today

[Click Here to Register Today ~ \(888\)-262-4322](#)

### After School Van Transportation and Alternate Programming - Off-Site

BOURELLE MARTIAL ARTS  
Dan 901-409-3306

CHILDCARE NETWORK  
Sandra 910-392-3430

FAST (Sports-related)  
Mike 910-620-5555

KIDDIE ACADEMY  
910-232-0881



YMCA (Midtown)  
910-515-6095

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## **Educational Opportunity Form - Please Review for Planning Purposes This Year**

**Click Here if Your Child is Pursuing an Educational Opportunity This Year**

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### **Lunches**

We will once again be teaming with My Hot Lunch Box to provide lunches from local restaurants to our students. Our plan is to begin sometime mid-September. We will be sending additional information to families when everything is ready to go.

Also, if your family is in need of free or reduced lunches/snacks, please reach out to Ben Rose ([brose@cfcfci.net](mailto:brose@cfcfci.net)) in the front office with help filling out the form. The form is included in our Beginning of Year packet but we are here to help you get what you need.

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### **Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jen and Mrs. Horne**

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**2525 Wonder Way, Wilmington, NC 28401**

**Telephone: 910-362-0000**



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Cultivating curiosity for over 23 years!