

# CFCI Community Communication

A Message From Our Leadership Team

**September 29, 2023**

Dear CFCI Families,

This week our CFCI Partnership kicked off FUND THE WONDER campaign, "Empowering Our CFCI Community." So far we have raised \$3,884 of our \$10,000 goal. That includes 37 individual donations from our learning community, including families and CFCI faculty and staff. Please take a moment now to click the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/44pjxfsn>

or text: FUNDTHEWONDER to 443-21 and donate whatever you can to help make this fundraiser a huge success. Thank you!!!

Remember, this is our last week prior to October Break! Students will return to school on Tuesday, October 17th! We hope you enjoy your time away.

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](#).)

Monday, **10/2**- Friday, **10/6** Fund the Wonder

Wednesday, **10/4** 7th Grade Field Trip to Willowdale

Thursday, **10/5** 7th Grade Field Trip to Willowdale

Friday, **10/6** 1st Grade Field Trip to Cape Fear Museum

**October Break - 10/9-10/16** - No School for Students (10/16 is a teacher workday)

**Students return Tuesday, 10/17**



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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## Fund the Wonder 2023 Continues October 2nd-October 6th

### \*\*Fund the Wonder Fundraiser: Empowering Our CFCI Community\*\*

We're excited to announce our Fund the Wonder fundraiser! At the heart of this event is our commitment to empowering our teachers, students, and school in the best possible way. Here's why you won't want to miss it:

#### \*\*What is Fund the Wonder?\*\*

Fund the Wonder is our annual fundraiser where 100% of donations go directly towards enhancing the educational experience for our students and supporting our dedicated teachers. It's not just an event; it's a celebration of community and a chance to make a lasting impact.

#### \*\*Where Your Donations Go:\*\*

Every dollar raised during Fund the Wonder goes towards initiatives that directly benefit CFCI:

1. \*\*Supporting Our Teachers:\*\* We believe in investing in our educators. Your donations provide professional development opportunities, classroom supplies, and resources to help our teachers excel.
2. \*\*Empowering Our Students:\*\* From technology upgrades to extracurricular activities, your contributions enrich the learning journey of every student at our school.
3. \*\*Enhancing Our School:\*\* We're continually improving our school facilities and resources, making it a better place for both learning and community engagement.

#### \*\*How Can You Get Involved?\*\*

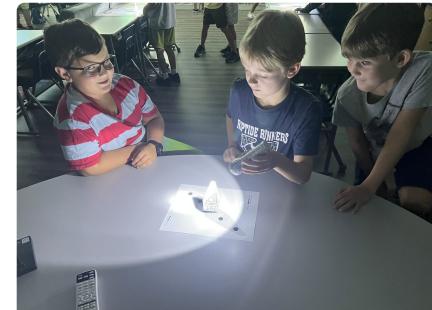
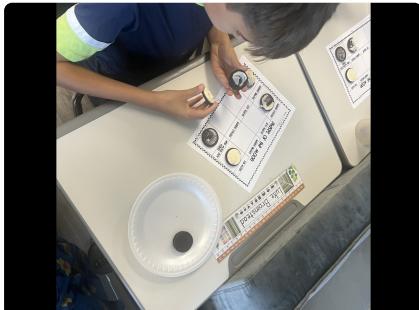
1. \*\*Donate:\*\* Your financial support, big or small, can make a significant difference. To donate, text FUNDTHEWONDER to 443-21 or <https://tinyurl.com/44pjxfsn>
2. \*\*Penny Jars:\*\* Each classroom will have a jar to donate loose change. We hope that this will allow students to feel like they can help support CFCI. If combined efforts from families and the penny jars meet our school wide goals there are some fun events planned. Stay tuned for more information.
3. \*\*Spread the Word:\*\* Share the news about Fund the Wonder with your friends, family, and neighbors. The more people who get involved, the more we can accomplish together.

Let's come together as a community to support our teachers, empower our students, and enhance our school. Together, we can make this year's Fund the Wonder the best one yet! Please email [partnership@cfci.net](mailto:partnership@cfci.net) with any questions or if you would like to help.

With gratitude,

The Partnership for CFCI

## Third Grade Investigations of the Moon Phases



During the month of September 3rd grade did

The full moon tonight is known as the Harvest

There's been a lot of energy in classroom

a number of investigations to learn about shadows and how they relate to the phases of the moon we see each night.

Moon and marks the 4th and final super moon of 2023.

lately, but we are sure our Oreo moons didn't help. ☺

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## First Grade Forces Experiments!

First graders have been conducting various force experiments. They made predictions and tested how many hard or soft blows it would take an assortment of objects to cross a finish line. They also tested various pull forces on paper to see what would happen to the cup. They tested with both empty cups and cups full of water.



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## The Hike by Alison Farrell, A First Grade Outdoor Observation

Carla read The Hike by Alison Farrell to my students today. We also walked outside to continue looking for patterns in nature (something we did last week).



## Exploring North Carolina Regions

4th grade has been exploring the different regions of NC. We just completed our salt dough maps.



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## Celebrating International Dot Day



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

Mark Your Calenders: 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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## Fifth Grade Neuro Doodles in Art



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

### What is Constitutional Convention?

#### Constitutional Convention

This is what we call the ceremony where the entire school gathers on the Upper Playground and unveils that year's schoolwide rules/expectations.

*During the first few weeks, individual classrooms talk about "Hopes and Dreams" (what their goals are for the year), and the rules and expectations that will help them accomplish them. Soon after, the teachers select two representatives from each grade level that are sent to work together on a set of schoolwide rules. When this process is complete, the school gets together for the Constitutional Convention as a celebration of sorts. It generally lasts about 30 minutes. Lots of clapping and the little ones getting their first shot at public speaking!*

This year we are focusing on Rights and Responsibilities; we are looking forward to changing the focus in a positive way for all.

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

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## Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jen and Mrs. Horne

### Conflict Resolution

Help your kids work through conflicts

Conflict resolution is an important skill that you can work on at home with your kids. Teaching kids the 3 C's of Conflict Resolution can help them solve problems with peers in a healthy way.

### 3 C's of Conflict Resolution

1. Calm down: Breathe, take a break, talk to an adult.
2. Communicate: Listen, apologize, use I Statements and consider how the other person feels
3. Choose a solution: Share, take turns, find a compromise and make a plan for next time

## 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:**

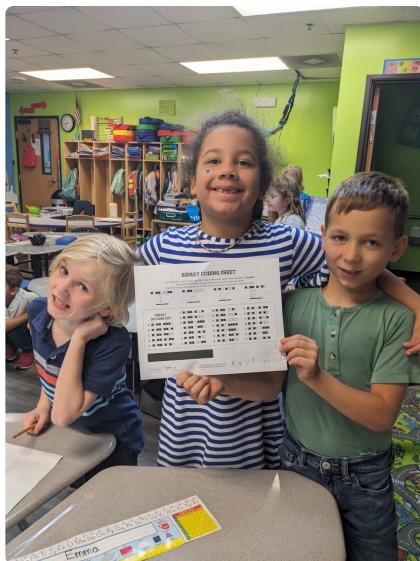
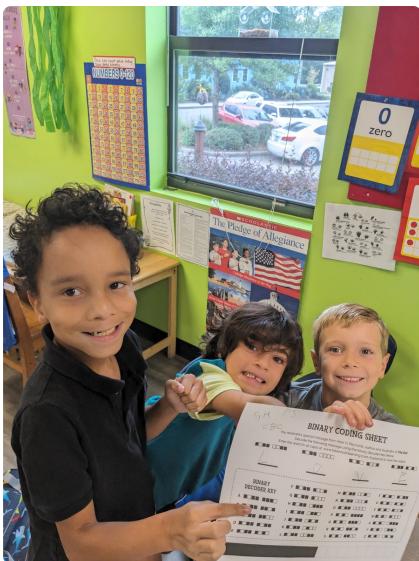
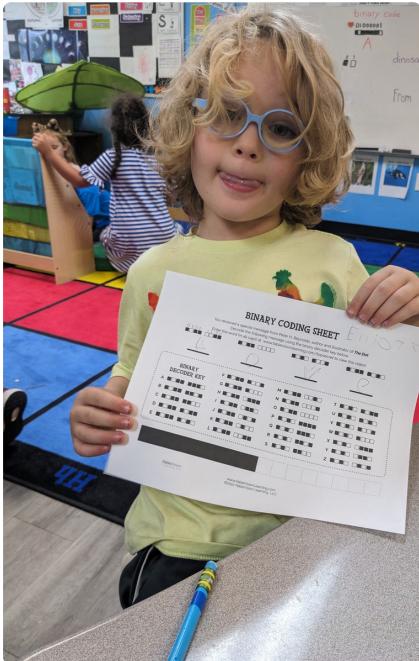
- Give examples of how to use a growth mindset
  - Define accountability
  - Describe why positive self-talk can be a helpful tool
  - Use "I-feel" statements to express various emotions
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## First Grade International Peace Day and Binary Code

Here are a few pictures from the students working through a small intro to binary code through their Peter Reynold's book connections. They successfully figured out his secret message and were able to use it as a password to view the video. If you want to see the video, enter LOVE @

<https://www.fablevisionlearning.com/topsecret>





**My Hot Lunchbox Parent/Guardian Registration**

**CFCI VOLUNTEER SIGNUP - LAST CHANCE - SIGN UP HERE -  
Deadline 9/30**

**Superlative Club - Before and After School On-Site Care - Register  
Here**

**Educational Opportunity Form for Students 2023-24**

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

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158.8 KB

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