

# CFCI Community Update

*A Message From Our Leadership Team*

## Winterfest Weekend and the Week of December 4th!

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### **Come and Play in the Snow at Winterfest!!!!**

Dear CFCI Families,

A quick reminder - tomorrow, Saturday, December 2nd is Winterfest from 10am-1pm! Please plan on coming - we are so excited to have a wonderful event and kick off the winter season of light and merriment!



Today is the official opening of our Lottery Application Opening for the 2024-25 school year! We invite families with siblings of students currently attending the school to apply now. In addition, if you have friends or family that would be interested in applying to to our school, please forward them the link here: [Lottery Application Link](#)

We have scheduled 3 Family Information Sessions for the following dates:

- Thursday, January 11 from 6-7pm
- Tuesday, January 23 from 6-7pm
- Saturday, February 3 from 10-11am

The lottery will close on Monday, February 12th at 8am and will be run on Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 at 9am! We look forward to a robust application period and appreciate you spreading the good word about our school to friends, families, co-workers, and neighbors. Thank you!

### **5th Grade Spaghetti Dinner:**

We will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner at Ciana Restaurant on Monday, December 11th. The entire restaurant is shut down for our fundraising event. The only patrons at the event will be those we have invited.

Please invite your coworkers, family, or friends to join us. Tickets are \$12/child or \$15/adult. The tickets include spaghetti, salad, bread, and a dessert. You have the option of meatless or with meat. Please send out this link to purchase tickets. We are selling tickets cashless. Please pay via the link. Also, tickets will be sold at the door. The link is <https://linktr.ee/cfci5th>.

Please join us in wishing Ms. Debra Korb, our wonderful front office coordinator and Deb LaRue, one of our amazing 2nd grade Teaching Assistants - very fond farewell as they retire from our little learning community to spend time with family and friends. We wish Ms. Sadie Page as a 2nd grade TA in Ms. Michele's room and Ms. Jennifer Eason as a 3rd grade Teaching Assistant a very warm welcome. We look forward to their joining us in the classrooms to help our students each day.

A quick reminder that student photos will be sent home mid-week.

Please also consider some of the very worthwhile fundraisers and giving opportunities that are outlined below. CFCI is a very generous community and we appreciate all the love and support you all give throughout the year but especially during this time of giving and hope.

We hope to see you tomorrow at the Partnership's Winterfest from 10am to 1pm...so much goodness and so much fun & merriment all in one place! Please come and celebrate the beginning of winter!

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

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**Come to The Partnership's WINTERFEST - DECEMBER 2nd  
From 10am-1pm**



CFCI Partnership Invites You To

# WINTERFEST

Sat. December 2  
10am-1pm!

RAFFLE BASKETS | ELF SCAVENGER HUNT | GAMES  
HOLIDAY CRAFTS | DANCE PARTY | AND MORE!

HANDMADE VENDORS  
Hand CRAFTED

100FT OBSTACLE COURSE  
AND WRECKING BALL  
GAUNTLET!

HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

Come Join Us

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**5th Grade Crafts for Williamsburg at Winterfest! Please  
Come Saturday to BUY!**





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**5th GRADE FUNDRAISER - MONDAY, DECEMBER 11TH!!!!  
DINNER AT CIANA RISTORANTE**



Ciana Ristorante

## ***SPAGHETTI DINNER***

CFCI 5th Grade Fundraiser



Monday, December 11

6:00-8:30pm

\$15/adults and \$12/kids

Includes spaghetti, salad and bread

Student  
Performances!!

Dine in or

To Go



4724 New Centre Drive, Unit 3

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## **HELP! Two Grade 4-8 Students Who Need Help with Transportation. Can You Help?**

We currently have two Grades 4-8 siblings who are in need of transportation to and from school that live near the Northchase/Laney High School area. If you would be willing and able to provide that for a CFCI family in need please contact: Ben Pierce at [bpierce@cfci.net](mailto:bpierce@cfci.net) or Front Office at [office@cfci.net](mailto:office@cfci.net). Thank you for considering - They can really use your help!



# CFCI MIDDLE GRADE MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, December 8 : 5:30-7:30 PM



POPCORN & HOT CHOCOLATE WILL BE PROVIDED  
PLEASE BRING A CHAIR/BLANKET

PARENTAL/ADULT SUPERVISION REQUIRED

**LOST - But Hopefully - if You Take a Look - FOUND!!**

**Items of Clothing NOT Claimed by December 15th Will Be  
Donated to Good Will**



**Please Take a Look [HERE](#) For Clothing/Lost Items That Have Been Accumulating**

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## **Student Led Conferences in Full Swing**

Congratulations on all the wonderful Student-Led Conferences that have taken place thus far! Student-Led Conferences, or SLC's, happen once in the fall and once in the spring. A student-led conference is a preplanned meeting in which students demonstrate responsibility for their academic performance by providing a review of their work for parents/guardians. We look forward to welcoming you into your child's classroom to learn about their goals and learning this year.

Grades 7/8 - December 5th 4-6pm

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## **What a Difference a Week Makes - Can you say 660+ Boxes!!! THANK YOU!!!!**

Thank you to Ms. Kelly and Ms. R for their leadership and spirit in organizing a successful Turkey Trot and food drive. We are so proud of our entire community and your willingness to bring in cereal for our neighbors and friends at NourishNC - they are here to feed our children and that is a meaningful endeavor. Yay Team CFC!!!!



THERE IS  
SO MUCH  
to be  
THANKFUL  
FOR





Cape Fear Center for Inquiry Presents

A WINTER  
*Wonderland*

1-3 Grade Piano Recital

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Camille Hartley  
Performing Arts Teacher

December 6th, 2023

A stylized illustration of a winter scene with snow-covered trees and bushes in shades of blue and purple against a dark blue background with white snowflakes.

CAPE FEAR CENTER FOR INQUIRY PRESENTS

# HOLIDAY UKE-TIDE CAROLS

A 4TH AND 5TH GRADE  
UKULELE CONCERT

**7 DEC 2023**

CAMILLE HARTLEY  
PERFORMING ARTS TEACHER

5:00PM IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM

PLEASE JOIN US AT CFCI'S



## Family Caroling Night

Saturday, December 9th

Meet at CFCI at 4:00pm  
for a hot chocolate bar and a short rehearsal

We will then all drive separately to  
several locations to sing!

All ages and families are welcome!

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## 8th Grade Washington DC Trip SWEATSHIRT SALE! DUE DATE DECEMBER 4th!!!

CFCI Sweatshirt Sale!

This year we are excited to offer Hoodie Sweatshirts, Crew Neck Sweatshirts and Full Zip Sweatshirts. All sales benefit the 8th grade Washington DC Trip!



Please use the form attached: [HERE](#).

All questions and concern should be directed to Cathi Mintz at [cmintz@cfci.net](mailto:cmintz@cfci.net)

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## Washington DC Trip Links for 8th Grade Families and Supporters

Links for 8th Grade Families for Washington DC Trip:

- [Washington DC Interest Form](#) - Please fill out this form with as much information as possible. Every student needs to complete this form.
- [Online Payment Link](#) - Use this link to make an online payment for the trip deposit. You will need to pay separately for chaperone and student. If you decide to send in a check, that works too. Ask your student to bring the check to Mrs. Mintz.
- [Donation Link](#) - Use this link if you would like to make a donation toward the trip. This is NOT required, but several parents have asked about making donations in order to defray the cost for students. Please give as you see fit.

Deposits for Washington DC are due by **December 1st**. Be sure to reach out to Mrs. Mintz with any questions or concerns.

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## The CFCI Angel Tree - Your Help is Needed!

CFCI's Angel Tree giving program is in full swing. This year we will be collecting gift cards. CFCI's Angel Tree is on display in the Front Office. Feel free to take a star ornament as a reminder - this year we are collecting gift cards for students.

**THANK YOU FOR DROPPING OFF GIFT CARDS BY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13th.**

Some of the requests are for:

- Chick-fil-A
- Cook Out
- McDonald's

- Sonic
- Amazon
- Books-A-Million
- Gamestop
- Lego store
- Target
- Walmart
- Scooters



## Fundraising for the 5th Grade Williamsburg Field Trip



### CFCI 5th Grade Williamsburg Trip



We are fundraising with the Attractions Dining Guide & Mobile App for our Williamsburg field trip. Our goal is for each student to sell at least 5 books.

Books have over **\$7,780 in LOCAL savings** and families save over \$370 a year!

Your fundraiser packet includes a coupon book to show, sell, or buy!

#### PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR FUNDRAISER

- Show the money-saving coupon book to family and friends. Ask them to help support our fundraiser!
- **COST OF BOOKS: \$30** (Myrtle Beach books are also available for \$25)
- **PAYMENTS ACCEPTED:** Cash or Credit Cards via EZPay  
Online Order link: [www.attractionsbook.com/pay](http://www.attractionsbook.com/pay) Use EZPay Code: **CFCITrip**
- **LAST DAY OF FUNDRAISER:** Monday November 20th
- **QUESTIONS?** Contact Keri Wray at [cfc5th@gmail.com](mailto:cfc5th@gmail.com) or 910-233-8916

#### INCENTIVES

- Top seller will win a **\$50 CASH PRIZE!** (minimum 10 books sold to qualify)
- Sell 5 books **ONLINE**, get 1 **FREE!** No limits, Sell 10 get 2 **FREE!** (EZPay orders only)

#### USE THESE TOOLS TO MAKE SHARING AND SELLING EASY!



**Grade 1 Morning Share - Ms. Jordan's Class - All About Alligators with Ms. Angie**



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## First Graders Are Curious About the Art of Animation



Some of the students wanted to know how animation works. Abby came in to do a presentation for them during inquiry time.



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**\*\*\*\*Please make a note now: Friday, December 15th is a half day of school.\*\*\*\***

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**Wren McCauley, Gr 3 & Her Sister, Alumni Kaylen Won in Irish Dance Competition!**



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## 8th Grade Opportunity! Step Up to STEM at Elizabeth City State Univ Summer 2024

Greetings,

My name is Lura Jones and I serve as the Communications/Marketing Specialist for the Division of Extended Learning at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM). The purpose of this email is to share with you information about the Step Up to STEM program.

**Step Up To STEM** is a **free**, residential summer program offered through NCSSM. The program uses real-world subjects to challenge rising 9th and 10th graders across North Carolina and build their skills in science, math, technology, and communications. The program is designed to provide STEM opportunities and support for students from groups historically underrepresented in STEM fields and college attendance, including but not limited to students who identify as African American/Black, Hispanic/Latino, Native American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or female; students from low-income households; and students from the three NC U.S. Congressional Districts (1, 3, 11) with the lowest proportion of students pursuing post-secondary education after graduating from high school. The program is **free** and available to students who are residents of North Carolina. Students who are accepted into and complete the program as rising ninth graders are then offered a spot to return for a second summer of programming.

Students can apply online to the program during the eighth grade (**[applications for summer 2024 will open December 1, 2023 and remain open through February 8, 2024](#)**), and students who are accepted into the program have the opportunity to participate in two summers of programming (as rising 9th graders and rising 10th graders). For the past two years, NCSSM has offered Step Up to

this summer. The dates for Summer 2024 are July 7-12. Step Up to STEM at ECSU is designed specifically for students from Eastern North Carolina, giving students from this region early exposure to a university setting.

We will be hosting Step Up to STEM virtual office hours to answer any questions that parents, students, and/or educators have about the Step Up to STEM application process. Virtual office hours will be held from **4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** on the following dates:

- **December 7, 2023**
- **January 25, 2024**

Spanish translation services are available upon request. [Click here to sign up for a 15-minute appointment.](#) We will also be hosting a virtual information session scheduled for **Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. Interested individuals can sign up here: <https://forms.gle/mA2KgVPuy3M4eQC29>.

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

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!

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## Social Emotional Learning at CFCI

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

**Self-Management** is the tool we use to set and achieve personal and educational goals.

**After completing these lessons, students should be able to:**

- Describe and celebrate something they have accomplished
- Distinguish between long-term and short-term goals
- Describe why learning is important in achieving personal goals
- Evaluate the action steps taken to accomplish a goal
- Identify resources that help them achieve their goals, i.e., home, school, and community support



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**My Hot Lunchbox Parent/Guardian Registration**

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**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**

[Download](#)

158.8 KB

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