

# CFCI Community Update

A Message From Our Leadership Team

Week of January 15th, 2024



Dear CFCI Families,

Thank you so much for your patience and support as we dealt with some weather issues and closing/delays last week. As you most likely know, with regards to closures/delays, CFCI takes it's lead from the county we are located in: New Hanover County. We err on the side of caution and appreciate your understanding with these matters.

This week we will be assessing our students on Thursday and Friday in Math (2-8) and Reading (Grades 4-8). To prepare for testing:

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before the test.
2. On the morning of the test, your child needs to get up in plenty of time so he/she won't feel rushed.
3. Feed your child a good breakfast. Research shows that children do better on tests if they have had a good breakfast.
4. Do as much as you can to make your child feel comfortable. Try not to say things to make him/her feel more nervous.
5. Encourage them to simply do their best.

We have our Board of Directors Meeting on Tuesday, 1/16 at 6pm live on YouTube.

Below are several Fundraisers and Volunteer opportunities that are happening over the next few days and weeks. Thank you for your interest and participation.

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

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## The Middle School Dance and Partnership NEED YOUR HELP! Please Volunteer!

Our middle school dance has always been a highlight of CFCI for our students. This year we are in dire need of a dance chair and volunteers committed to making this a memorable experience for our students. Please reach out to the partnership ([partnership@cfcfi.net](mailto:partnership@cfcfi.net)) ASAP if you can help plan the dance!



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## The Lottery is Live! Sign Up Siblings Now and Please Tell Friends and Family!

The Lottery Application is officially open 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!

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## 8th Grade DC Fundraiser – Boston Butt BBQ!

8th grade is selling cooked and shredded Boston Butt BBQ. You may purchase a whole Butt or by the pound. Cost and information is included in the order form and on the attached flyer. All orders are due by January 19th so it is a quick turn around.

[Order Form Link](#)

A promotional graphic for a BBQ sale. At the top, a red banner with white text reads "8TH GRADE". To the right, a black starburst contains the text "BBQ SAUCE FOR \$5". The central illustration features a black grill with a flame, flanked by two red-handled forks. Below this, the words "BOSTON BUTT" are written in large, bold, black capital letters. Underneath, the word "SALE" is in large, bold, black capital letters, flanked by two stylized orange flames. A red banner with white text reads "BENEFITS 8TH GRADE TRIP TO WASHINGTON DC". Below this, the text "BUY A WHOLE BUTT FOR \$45" is in bold black capital letters, followed by "OR" in bold black capital letters, and then "PURCHASE FOR \$12 PER POUND" in bold black capital letters. At the bottom, the text "PICK UP AT CFCI" is in bold red capital letters, followed by "2525 WONDER WAY, WILMINGTON NC" and "ON JANUARY 27TH FROM 2:00 - 4:00" in bold red capital letters.

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Sweatshirts From the 8th Grade Fundraiser Will Be Delivered This Week!



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## Empowered Parenting – A CFCI Family Education Series

### **8th Grade will provide childcare - donations appreciated for their trip to Washington DC!**

As part of CFCI's continuing partnership with families to nurture and support students' health, wellness and potential, we are offering a workshop series this winter/spring through our Family Education Series...**"Empowered Parenting"**.

The series will kick off Wednesday, February 21st from 6-7pm, with a workshop for parents and guardians exploring and experiencing "Empowered Parenting." Our guest speaker Buffy Andrews, will lead us in learning more about building good communication, providing support and information, building knowledge and being open to working in partnership. Gain practical and useful tools to enhance connection with your children, as well as professional resources for knowing where to turn when you feel out of your element.

Coming up:

Wednesday, March 27th, 6-7pm - Managing Child Stress and Anxiety

Wednesday, April 17th, 6-7pm - Childhood ADHD





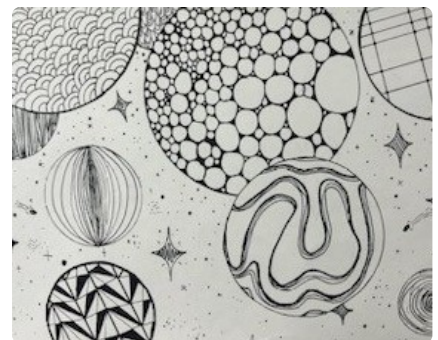
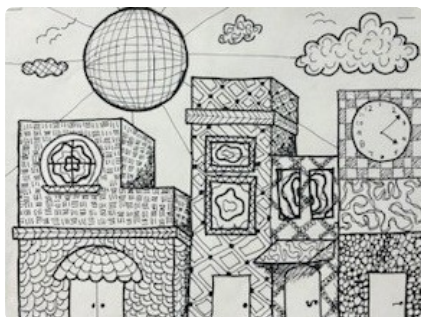
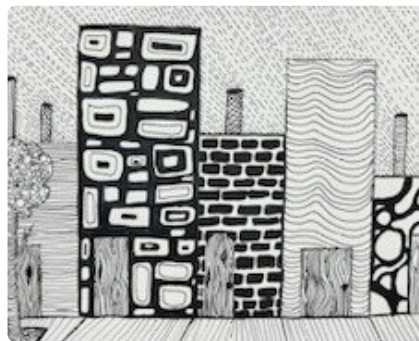
## Family Education Series

Join us for a celebration of family, heritage, and diversity! As part of CFCI's continuing partnership with families to nurture and...

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## Seventh and Eighth Grade Zentangle Landscapes



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## Cape Fear Memorial Bridge Construction Update

We want to let families and staff who live on the other side of the bridge know about an upcoming bridge lane closure that will impact arrival and dismissal routes/times starting in the new year. If you haven't heard about the it yet, please take a look at the following article: [Cape Fear Memorial](#)

[Bridge Lane Closures Beginning January 28th.](#) We hope that by providing you with this information you will be able to plan ahead. If you need morning care, Superlative Club is available beginning at 6:15am. See link below.

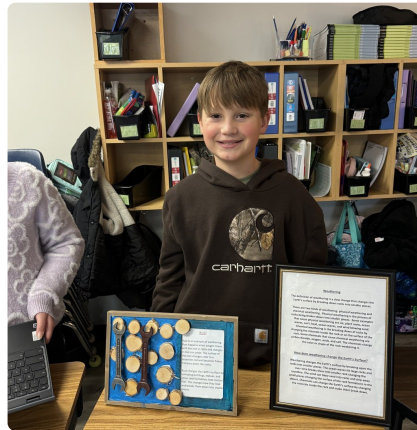


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## Fourth Grade Learns About Changes to the Earth's Surface



**Our students had their final project for the Changes to Earth's surface unit!**



**Students created a digital or physical demonstration of their change, and included a real life example of their selected change in their presentation.**

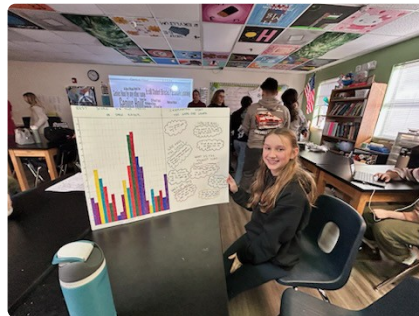
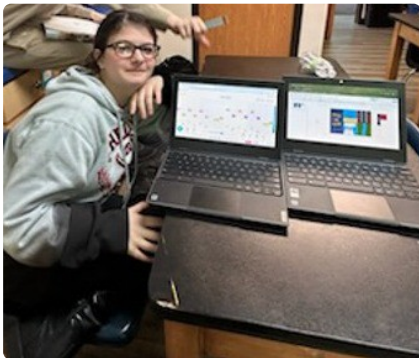
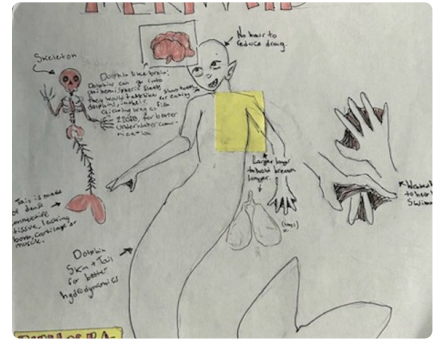
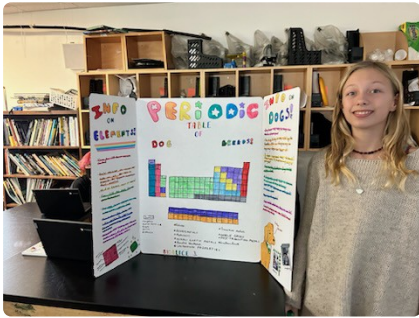


**We are so proud of their understand of how natural disaster can affect the Earth's surface!**

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## Genius Hour Presentations – What are YOU Curious About? with Mr. Babineau





## Parent/Guardian's Bill of Rights – CFCI Policy

**THESE POLICIES WILL BE POSTED AND AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE.**

CFCI believes that parent/guardian and family involvement must be pursued and supported by our community, in homes, schools/colleges/universities, neighborhoods, businesses, faith congregations, organizations, and government entities by working together in a mutually collaborative effort. As such, the Board is committed to developing policies to involve parent/guardians in school and in their child's education effectively. N.C.G.S. § 115C-76.20(b)(3).

**2023.SB49.CompliancePolicies Final11.14.23.pdf**

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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 STEM on the campus of Elizabeth City State University (ECSU) and will offer the program again 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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## Weekly Wellness with Nurse Jenn and Ms. Horne

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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**

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

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