



CFK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Welcome and Welcome Back!

By: Macey Carey

As we begin the 2025-2026 school year, CFKA welcomes our new students from freshmen to seniors. Being newcomers, make sure to follow your student handbook, finish your paperwork, and get to know your teachers. Get ready to learn through our PBL style, as lessons through projects are already beginning. For returning students, welcome back! Adjust yourself for the new rules set in place within dress code, attendance, and DE regulations. Students, for anything Dual Enrollment related, please visit Ms. Huebscher's office for help. Work hard, and let's have a great year Tugas!

PBL Painting

By: Jarrett Miller

On Friday the 22nd students participated in a group paint and chat event. They painted Tugas together with the help of Marissa Owens, CFK Recruitment Manager.



Upcoming Dates

August 29: Wellness and College Colors Day

September 1: Labor Day
- No School

September 3: Ready, Set, College Info Night @ 5:30 PM in CFK Library.

September 9: FAST ELA PM1

September 15: PAC Meeting

September 17: Constitution Day - Wear red, white and blue!



NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Club News and Updates

By: Abby Parsons

Are you interested in joining a club?

CFKA has a plethora of great options for after school activities! Clubs start the 1st week of September. Attached are the dates for September.

- Academic Challenge
- Fashion
- NHS
- Music
- Interact
- Student Council
- Art



Aydin Alexander, Rodger Mendoza and Haven Andrade shooting hoops at the end of year party.



End of Year Pool Party

By: Lillie Marlowe

Last May, CFKA threw a party for all of the students and staff members. This was a celebration for having a nice school year and to celebrate the inaugural class of 2025! Students spent time at the CFK pool, had fun sliding down inflatable water slides, playing various games, and ate delicious food that students and teachers made for everyone.



Students gathered around the water slide as they took turns powering down into the water.



Students having fun in the bouncy house.

Thank you Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Parents!

By: Jayla Hobbs

Amy Andrade - PAC Chair

Stephanie Mitchell - PAC Vice Chair

Millie Rodriguez - PAC Secretary

Claudia Valdes - PAC Social Media Chair

Thank
you!

Thank You PAC Members:

Dustin Bass Laura Stewart Angela Youngs

April Allen Michele Adams Lindsey Tolis

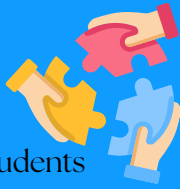
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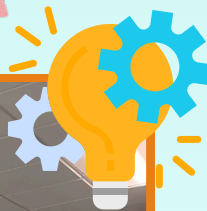
CFKA Teambuilding

By: Diyari Cooper

At our first Friday Leadership day, students and staff connected through fun activities as the school year began. The highlight was a lively bingo game where everyone mingled, completed challenges, and made new friends.



Students holding up their bingo sheets.



Students planning Wellness Day.



friendship



THE CFK ACADEMY STUDENT NEWSLETTER

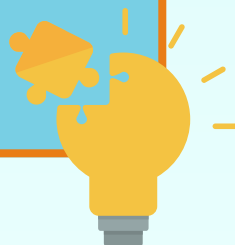
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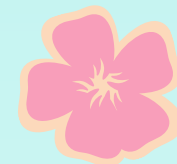
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JOURNALISM
CLASS





Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher



Welcome back, everyone! I hope you all had a fantastic summer and are feeling ready for a great school year. I'm so excited to see both familiar and new faces in the hallways. My door is always open, so please feel free to stop by and say hello or reach out whenever you need support. The start of a new school year is the perfect time for a fresh start. Here are a few tips to help you build good habits and have a successful year from day one!

1. Create a "Success Station"

Find a quiet, dedicated space at home for homework and studying. Make sure it's organized and has everything you need: Pens, paper, a planner, and any school supplies.



2. Get Organized

Use a planner or a digital calendar to write down assignments, test dates, and school events. This helps you stay on top of your workload and avoid last-minute stress. Try to check it every day so nothing slips through the cracks.

3. Establish a Routine

Figure out a schedule that works for you. This could include a consistent time for homework each evening, a designated bedtime, or even a routine for packing your backpack before bed. Routines make life a little easier and help you feel more in control.

4. Don't Be Afraid to Ask for Help

It's okay to not know everything. If you're struggling with a subject or feeling overwhelmed, please talk to a teacher, a parent, or me. The sooner you ask for help, the easier it is to get back on track.

Here's to a wonderful and successful school year!



CFKA SPORTS CORNER

By: Carmela Liebel

Here at CFKA we have many students athletes. Fall sports are going on right now and students are currently swimming, and on the volleyball team. Our athletes for swimming are Haven Andrade and Wen Jun Wang. On volleyball we have Summer Bailey. Students play for the Key West Conchs!



Haven Andrade



Photo Credit: Bert Budde



September 2025

Mondays

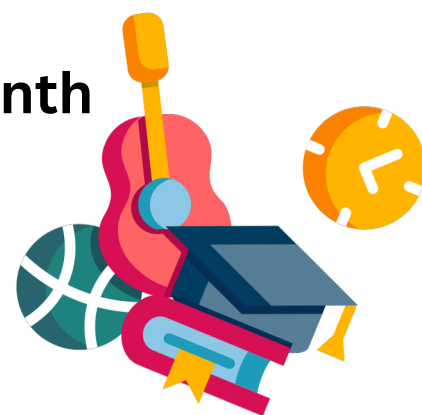
Academic Challenge 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29

Tuesdays

NHS 9/2, 9/16: 1st/3rd of the month

Music 9/9, 9/23: 2nd/4th

Fashion 9/9, 9/23: 2nd/4th



Thursdays

Interact 9/4, 9/18: 1st/3rd

Art 9/11, 9/25: 2nd/4th

Fridays

Student Council 9/5, 9/19: 1st/3rd

Bible Study 9/12, 9/26: 2nd/4th

The Key West Chamber of Commerce presents:

Ready, Set, **COLLEGE!**

for high school students, parents, and teachers

Wednesday, September 3

5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

**The College of the Florida Keys
Key West Campus- 5901 College Rd.
Library, Building A**

Writing for College

Learn how to complete stellar college application essays, scholarship essays, letters of recommendation, and thank you letters.

Paying for College

Receive hands-on guidance through the completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) & learn about scholarships, grants, and loans.





Please note the following testing dates:

September 9: F AST ELA PM 1

September 11: FAST Retake

September 18: Algebra 1 & Geometry





CONSTITUTION DAY

Wednesday, September 17 at 11:00am
Key West Campus Library

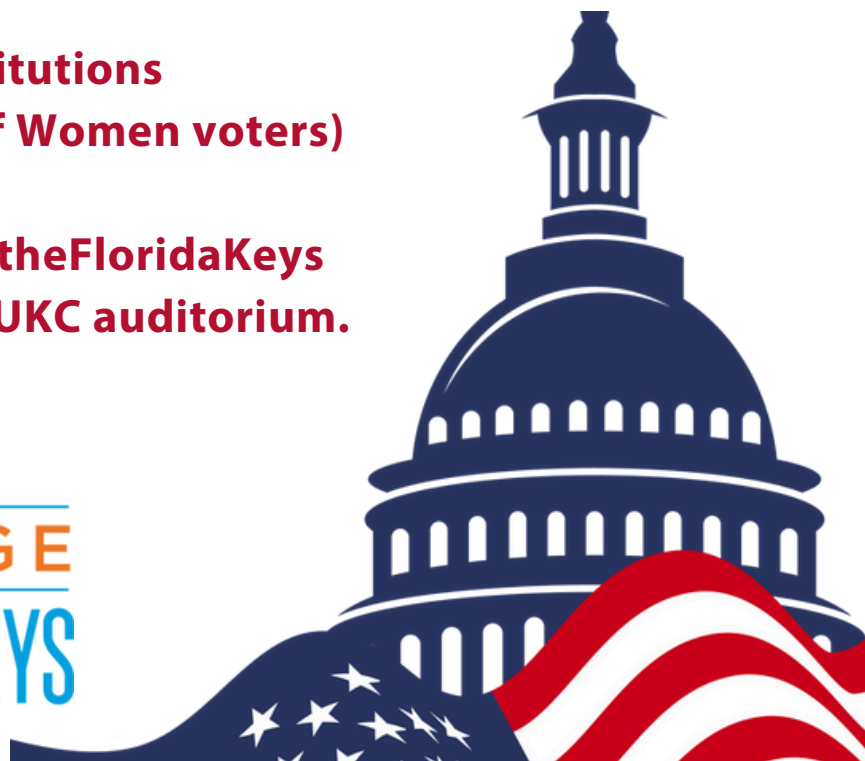
**The Constitution: A judge's perspective of the relevance of a 246
year old document to our lives today**

Speaker: Judge, Carol Rose

- **FREE lunch and pocket constitutions**
- **Voter registration (League of Women voters)**
- **Streaming Facebook Live!**
Facebook.com/TheCollegeoftheFloridaKeys
- **Watch the live stream in the UKC auditorium.**



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Your child may be eligible for a TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN College Scholarship Opportunity!



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TO APPLY

Application Requirements— Student must:

- Have a U.S. Social Security number
- Be enrolled in an approved Monroe County School in grades 6—9
- Have earned As, Bs, and Cs in all classes with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Have passing scores on State standardized tests
- Meet financial eligibility requirements established by the TSIC Program (see chart below)
- Sign a contract agreeing to remain crime and drug free, attend school regularly, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and meet with a mentor once a week

The applicant's 2024—2025 academic records will be reviewed prior to application approval.
Please review the financial qualifications below:

2024 Federal Income Tax Return filed
by parent(s) or guardian(s) claiming
student as a dependent is required
to verify income eligibility.

Household Size	Annual Income
2	\$ 62,034
3	\$ 69,834
4	\$ 77,553
5	\$ 83,769
6	\$ 89,984
7	\$ 96,200
8	\$ 102,375

NOTE

Family income cannot exceed the levels shown in the chart

Applicant must provide a copy of his or her parent(s)/guardian(s)
2024 tax return or equivalent proof of income

W2 earning statements, payroll stubs, or bank statements are not accepted

Income guidelines provided by Florida Prepaid College Foundation

Contact a Take Stock in Children Team Member
nearest you for more information

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Mrs. Traci Wittenwiler-Driscoll
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Ext: 55418

Upper Keys

Mrs. Autumn Hager
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Mr. Chuck Licis-Masson
Executive Director
Take Stock in Children Monroe
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305-293-1546 or

TakeStock@MonroeCountyEdFound.com



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Monroe County Education Foundation



Request and submission of a completed application does not ensure a scholarship award.

updated 7/26/2024

Last year's (2024) IRS Form 1040 tax return required with TSIC scholarship application

The image shows a sample of the 2024 U.S. Individual Income Tax Return (Form 1040). Red boxes and arrows highlight key areas:

- Dependents:** Lines 1-4, which include the first name, last name, social security number, and relationship to the taxpayer for each dependent.
- Income:** Lines 1a-11, which detail various sources of income including wages, dividends, interest, and capital gains.
- Total income:** Line 9, which is the sum of all income after adjustments. This line is specifically highlighted with a red box and an arrow pointing to it from a callout box.

Student applicant's name must appear on the tax return.

Total family income cannot exceed income eligibility.

****REQUIRED****

2024 U.S. Income Tax Form 1040

- ▢ Student must be listed as a dependent
- ▢ Total income (line 9) cannot exceed the income eligibility guidelines listed by household size in the chart to the right
- ▢ Current Free or Reduced Lunch eligibility letter from Monroe County Schools
- ▢ SNAP, TANF, or HUD documentation as needed

Families may qualify with current SNAP documentation.
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W-2 STATEMENTS OR PAYROLL STUBS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

School Safety Parent Training

LEARN MORE ABOUT

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School Safety is Everyone's Responsibility.



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IF IT IS FOUND THAT ANY PERSON, PARENT OR CHILD KNOWINGLY SUBMITTED A FALSE TIP, THROUGH FORTIFYFL OR ANY OTHER TIP REPORTING TOOL, INFORMATION ON THE DEVICE USED TO MAKE THE CLAIM WILL BE PROVIDED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND THE PERSON MAY BE SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PENALTIES.

