

CFK ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER



America's 250th Birthday

By: Michael Bryant

This year marks the 250th birthday of the United States of America: the land of the free and the home of the brave! CFKA celebrated with a few events including a student led national anthem directed by Mrs. Hughes. The performance featured singers Summer Bailey, Isabella Rivera-Rodriguez, and Asia Leatherwood, with Carson Crockett and Michael Garcia on guitar, and Haven Andrade and Tristan West serving as the color guard. Thursday's highlights included a 13- flag folding ceremony and a historical look-alike contest featuring Abraham Lincoln, Betsy Ross, and George Washington. Riley Chapman took home the grand prize which was a \$25 Starbucks gift card.



Upcoming Dates

By: Carmela Liebel

- March 12 - King of Spring
- March 13 - No school
- March 16 to 20 - Spring Break
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 25 - PSAT Grades 9/10
- March 26 - Report Cards
- March 27 - CFK 60th Anniversary Party, Leadership Summit & Community Support Social
- April 1 - B.E.S.T Writing Grades 9/10
- April 3 - Academy Awards and Student Showcase @12:30pm
- April 10 - Eco-Experience Field Trip and SAT for 11th/12th
- April 16 - CLT Paper/Pencil Test for 11th/12th



End of student flag folding ceremony

Riley Chapman dressed up as Abraham Lincoln

Students sing the National Anthem. Tristan West and Haven Andrade hold up the flag



Field Trips Coming Up! April 10 & 24! Permission Slips Required!

FIELD TRIP

Class Rings

By: Jayla Hobbs

Did you know that CFKA students can order class rings? These rings will be a fashionable addition to show school spirit. There are many color options for the ring stones: blue, orange, white, and black. Students can choose between the CFK logo, the Tuga, or the words "Class of" printed on their ring. See the flyer for ordering and other details.



Student Showcase Progress

By: Isabelle Coller

The Student Showcase is coming up, and students are making great progress. The performers have been working hard and started auditions on March 6. The people who are making products for the raffle and auction items are busy creating their items. Some of these products are handmade bracelets, a welded table, candles and art pieces. See the flyers at the end of the newsletter. Save the date: Friday, April 3.



Guest Speaker: Candace Wiley

By: Jayla Hobbs

On Monday, February 23, poet Candace Wiley spoke to Dr. Drewel's first and second period classes about her journey as a writer. Wiley started writing from a young age, and continued to write at a historically black college. Wiley also traveled to Columbia to better understand the language and culture. She founded an organization called "The Watering Hole," where she helps young writers get their start. Wiley writes Mythological and Religious poems, as well as poems based on her experiences. She helped CFKA students think about and recognize their dreams.



Poet, Candace Wiley

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CREATED BI-WEEKLY IN
JOURNALISM
CLASS

Sports Corner

Upcoming Sports

By: Asia Leatherwood



Upcoming track schedule for the KWHS track team to support junior students Dominik Galaz and Damarla Thompson

March 11 @3:00pm at Marthon High School

March 13 @2:00pm at KWHS vs. Calvary Christian School

March 31 @3:00pm at KWHS vs. Belen Jesuit

KWHS Girls Lacrosse KWHS Boys Lacrosse

Game Schedule:

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3/13 at 4:00pm

3/11 at 4:00pm

3/24 at 4:00pm

3/12 at 6:00pm

3/25 at 6:00pm





Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher



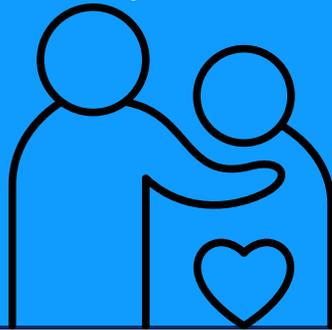
Happy Spring Break, CFK Academy families!

As we head into the break, I want to encourage all our students to find a healthy balance between productivity and relaxation. This time off is vital for mental health, helping students avoid "burnout" as we head into the final stretch of the school year. Below is a short to do list for your student during spring break:

Rest: Catch up on sleep so your brain is ready for the final quarter.

Plan: Dual Enrollment students, keep an eye out for summer and fall registration dates—Mrs. Gerrard will be back on campus soon!

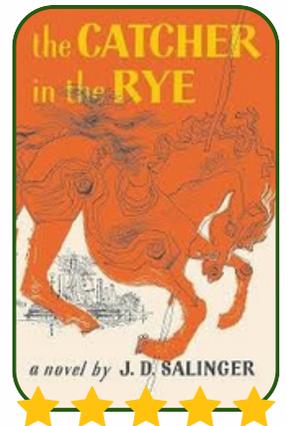
Community Service: If you need more community service hours, the break is a perfect time to volunteer with local Keys organizations.



Book Review: The Catcher in the Rye

By: Jazzmyn Carr

The Catcher in the Rye is a classic coming of age novel written by J.D. Salinger. It is widely beloved by many audiences, whether it be adults who find it nostalgic, or teenagers who find themselves relating to the protagonist's point of view. Holden Caulfield is a 16 year old kid who's gotten kicked out of his school for his less than average grades yet again. I think this book is really good. Although it is fairly slow, I find that it makes up for it with its philosophical value and well-written characters. Holden is a pretty good example. He's a very dynamic character and I can see the way things influence him and his perspective. Another thing I find nice about this book is that it's very short and easy; I didn't find myself looking up a lot of words. In conclusion, it's a very well written book that has a lot of good attributes to it.



★★★★★
Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger

NHS Induction Ceremony

By: Jonathan Downing

On Friday, March 6, ten members were inducted into the National Honor Society. Congratulations to Aaliyah Morffi-Gonzalez, Asia Leatherwood, Damarla Thompson, Kai Quiring, Katie Norris, Lizbeth Manfrediz, Macey Carey, Matthew Gomez, Rachel Stewart, and Roger Mendoza-Barralaga. Officers gave speeches on the four pillars: Scholarship, Service, Character, and Leadership. New members received a pin, card, and candle, signed the membership book, and said the NHS pledge.





Upcoming Field Trips

By: Macey Carey

On Friday, February 27, PAC President Amy Andrade introduced three possible field trip options to CFKA Academy students. The first option is a beach field trip on April 10. Students will explore the ocean, immersing themselves in marine sciences with a talented instructor. The second trip is a haunted ship wreck and treasure tour on April 24, narrated by Amy Andrade, where students will discover the haunting history of Key West. Lastly, the third trip is the Key West Cooking Show also on April 24. Students will get to experience the exciting making of a culinary arts show and explore the marketplace. Signed permission forms and money are due April 3 and April 17.

King of Spring

By: Jarrett Miller

On March 12, CFKA held this annual event before students head off spring break. The "King of Spring," which is the counterpart of "Queen of Hearts," is where all CFKA girls were given lanyards by Mrs. Garcia and if they talked to any boys during the day, they lost their lanyards and forfeited it to the boy who caught them speaking. The boy with the most cards by the end of the day was Ethan who was crowned the "2026 King of Spring" and Glinda who was crowned the 2026 "Knight of Spring."



CFKA Birthdays

By: Sophie H.

Bryson Spivey 03/03

Aaliyah Morfii-Gonzalez 03/04

Franklin Palma 03/05

Ryan Harrison 03/05

Rocko Paez 03/07

Emily Ferruffino-Nolasco 03/20

Interview Corner: "What are you doing for Spring Break?"

By: Macey Carey

Since spring break is coming soon, CFKA's journalism class decided to interview a staff member to see what their plans are.

CFKA's math and digital technology teacher, Mrs. Hughes, was going to travel to New York to visit her daughter, but her plans changed. She decided to stay here, working on her college classes and spending time with her family. Her daughter is flying in and visiting her and her family instead. Mrs. Hughes ends her interview with this last quote: "I had a great trip planned, but my plans changed. I'm spending time with family and studying!"

Tune in next time on April 3 to see what journalism class is going to ask next!

EXCLUSIVE

INTERVIEW

CFKA teacher, Kelly Hughes





CFK ACADEMY

Final Academy Awards & Student Showcase

*Come and show your support
for the Stars of CFKA. Bring Cash!*

Card payments will be allowed for silent auction items

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

12:30-2:30 P.M.

5901 College Rd, Key West, 33040

At Tennessee Williams Theater

Singers, dancers, and skits.

Student-made products and Silent Auction.

Everyone welcome!



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

12:30-1:00 P.M.

Academy Awards

1:00-1:30 P.M.

Shopping, Silent Auction
bids close at 1:30 P.M.

1:30-2:15 P.M.

Performances

2:15-2:30 P.M.

Winners announced and
cleanup

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March 2026

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Academic Challenge 3/2, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30

Tuesdays

Music 3/3, 3/24

Bible Study 3/3, 3/24

Drama 3/3, 3/10, 3/24, 3/31

Thursdays

Interact 3/5, 3/26

Art 3/12

Fridays

Student Council 3/27

NHS 3/6



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CFKA Student Showcase

Save the Date!

Are you interested in seeing skits and musical performances? Do you want to buy student-made products and participate in a silent auction? Come to the CFKA Academy Awards and Student Showcase on April 3 from 12:30-2:30 p.m. at the Tennessee Williams Theater! Free admission!



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