



# CFK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Attention Tugas! Academy Awards & Student Showcase April 3rd!

## Month of the Military Child

By: Jayla Hobbs

Did you know CFKA will be celebrating The Month of the Military Child in April? We as a school will be celebrating military children, their kindness, strength, unique challenges, and contributions throughout the month. On April 15, CFKA will show its acknowledgment of military children by wearing **purple**. Please join us this April in celebrating the vital contributions of our military-connected students.



## Field Trips Are Coming!

By: Asia Leatherwood

Parents, have you signed your student's field trip form? The due dates are coming up soon! The first field trip on April 10 is an Eco-Experience and Beach Day. The money, permission slip and notarized form are due April 3. We also have two field trips on April 24: The Shipwreckers & Key West Cooking Show. Those forms and money are due April 16. The Beach Day is \$20 and The Shipwrecker & Cooking Show is \$40. The payment has to be in cash only!



## Upcoming Dates

By: Carmela Liebel

**April 3** - Q3 Academy Awards and Student Showcase @12:30pm

**April 10** - Eco-Experience Field Trip and SAT for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

**April 15** - Military Child Day:  
**Wear purple!**

**April 16** - CLT Paper/Pencil Test for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

**April 17** - No School - PD Day

**April 24** - Ship Wreckers Field Trip, Food Experience Field Trip & SAT for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

**April 25** - LAST DAY TO BUY A YEARBOOK!

**May 8** - CFK Commencement

**May 9** - Junior/Senior Prom



## TWFAC Jazz Concert

By: Carmela Liebel and Lillie Marlowe

On Tuesday, March 24, the students of CFKA, Key West High School, and The Basilica High School attended a concert to learn about Jazz music. The performance was held at the Tennessee Williams Theater and the band's name was "The Crooners."



"The Crooners" performing at Tennessee Williams Theater



# “Dr. Scoots”

By: Jayla Hobbs

CFKA’s beloved principal, Dr. Veldheer, had foot surgery over this past spring break. Because of this, she is on a scooter until her foot heals. Therefore, students have voted to come up with comical nicknames for her. “Dr. Scoots” won. Runner-ups were:

- “Hop-a-long”
- “Speedy Gonzalez”
- “Flash”
- “Velocity Veldheer”
- “Dr. Zoom
- Scooty McScooterton



Dr. Veldheer with her “Dr. Scoots” sign



## THE CFK ACADEMY STUDENT NEWSLETTER



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CREATED BI-WEEKLY IN  
JOURNALISM  
CLASS



# Community Service Thank You

By: Macey Carey

On Friday, March 27, CFKA hosted a small event and invited all community service hosts and SSOs to celebrate with refreshments. The CFKA staff and students gifted the guests with thank notes and cookies for giving CFKA guidance and help throughout the year. Thank you so much to all of the community service hosts and SSOs that helped our school.



The Utility Team



Mrs. Garica's Critter Litters



# Reach for the Stars Competition

By: Jonathan Downing

On April 14, Carson Crockett, Bryson Spivey, Michael Garcia, Aiden Baker, Alexander Tolis, Ethan Harwell, Tenille Ortiz, Ryan Harrison, and Catheryn Miller will compete in the “Reach for the Stars” national rocket competition. They will launch at the Bernstein Park on Stock Island. The winners will go from regional to national. Winners of the nationals will be invited to celebrate at the Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral in Florida. Stay tuned for updates!



Catheryn Miller working on her rocket



Carson Crockett and Michael Garcia working on their rockets



## Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher

Hi CFKA Grade 9/10 Parents,



We recently completed PSAT testing for our 9th and 10th graders, and the results are a key gateway to your student's future academic path:

**10th Graders:** If your student receives College Ready scores on the PSAT, they are officially eligible to begin taking Dual Enrollment (DE) courses. This is an exciting milestone in their transition to college-level rigor.

**9th Graders:** While the PSAT itself does not qualify a 9th grader for DE courses, a College Ready score is still a huge win. It makes your student eligible to take the PERT (Postsecondary Education Readiness Test) immediately, with no requirement to take practice tests first.

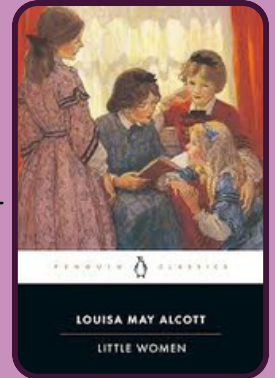
If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [brenda.huebscher@cfk.edu](mailto:brenda.huebscher@cfk.edu)



## Book Review: *Little Women*

By: Jayla Hobbs

Join the March sisters, Meg, Jo, Beth, and Amy, as they experience love, joy, youth, loss, and adolescence in Louisa May Alcott's 1868 classic novel, *Little Women*. Loosely based on Alcott's childhood, *Little Women* is a story of the March family as they grow up in New England, Massachusetts during the Civil War era in the 1860s. As the Marches endure their upbringing, they learn wonderful life lessons that impact them and their world. These lessons include: controlling your temper, being grateful, giving to people, and learning to accept. *Little Women* is a well-known title and a prominent book in literature. It has been adapted into movies, television shows and on-stage performances. Alcott's famous book is recommended to help people appreciate their siblings and be kind.



*Little Women* by  
Louisa May Alcott

## Buy a Yearbook

By: Macey Carey

Yearbooks are starting to run out! Parents, make sure to buy your student a yearbook for them to recap their memories from the CFKA 2025-2026 school year. **The last date for online sales is April 25**, and the cost is \$50. Don't miss out on what your student has experienced throughout the year. See the flyer at the end, scan the QR code, or go online and enter the code to reserve your copy today.



#yearbook



CFKA 2025-26 yearbook cover

Hi Everyone,

My name is Millie, and I'm a member of the CFK Academy Parent Advisory Committee (PAC). I'm excited to start planning Teacher Appreciation Week (May 4-8), and I would love your help in making it truly special for our incredible high school staff.

This year, our goal is to:

- Provide lunch for the staff each day of the week.
- Create a personalized gift basket for each staff member filled with some of their favorite things

For lunches, I'm thinking of doing fun daily themes such as Italian, Mexican, Cuban, Asian, or a fresh salad bar. I will be hosting Taco Tuesday on May 5 with a taco bar in celebration of Cinco de Mayo!

I'm hoping to have volunteers each sign up to take one day provide lunch for the staff. This could be purchasing lunch from a restaurant or partnering with or reaching out to local restaurants for donations. Since we only have 8 staff members, it's very manageable and a great way to make a big impact with a small effort.

In addition, I'd love help gathering items for the staff gift baskets. If you'd like to contribute items, please sign up for specific items through Sign Up Genius and I will handle putting all the baskets together.

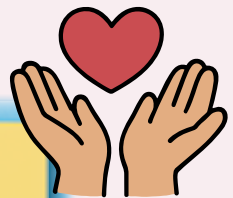
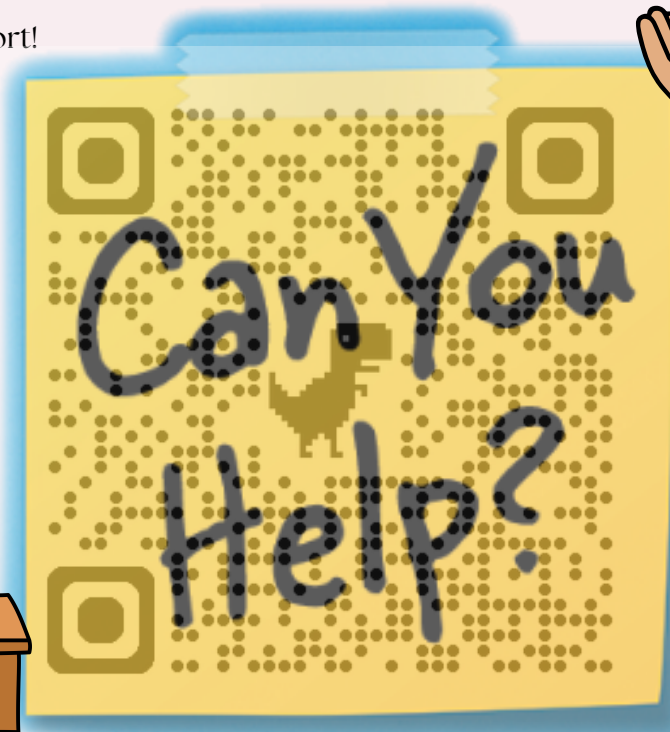
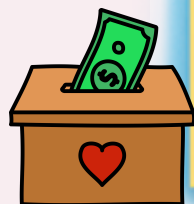
## [Sign Up Genius](#)

If you're able to help (with a lunch day, donations, ideas, or connections), please sign up or email me and let me know what works best for you. I'm also very open to any suggestions you may have!

Let's come together to show our amazing CFK staff how much they are appreciated for everything they do for our students each and every day.

Thank you so much in advance for your support!

Thank you,  
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**April 2026**

## **Tuesdays**

**Drama** 4/7, 4/14, 4/21

## **Thursdays**

**Interact** 4/9, 4/23

**Art** 4/2, 4/16



## **Fridays**

**Student Council** 4/10

**NHS** 4/3, 4/24

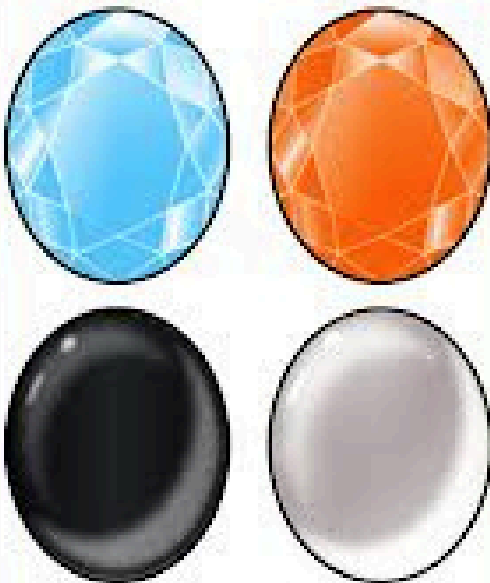


# CFK Academy

## HOME OF THE TUGA

# 2027

### SCHOOL STONES



SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO DESIGN & ORDER  
YOUR CLASS RING



### CLASSIC, FASHION, VINTAGE P100s



MASCOT

CLASS SEAL

### CLASSIC P200s



MASCOT

SEAL

CLASSIC, FASHION, MINIMALIST ENGRAVING:  
\*ONLY FOR STYLES THAT INCLUDE SCHOOL INITIALS



# KNOW THE LAW: ELECTRIC DIRT BIKES

They are NOT street legal.

## They are:

- Classified as off-road vehicles
- Not eligible for registration
- Not equipped with operable pedals
- Capable of speeds exceeding 28 mph
- Equipped with motors exceeding 750 watts



## E-dirt bikes not allowed:



- Roadways
- Sidewalks
- Bike lanes
- Bike paths
- Public rights-of-way

## Consequences

- Riders may be cited
- Vehicle impoundment
- Possible criminal charges

For additional information  
regarding electric motorized devices,  
please scan the QR code:



# ROBERT FROST POETRY CONTEST FOR KIDS (6-12) AND TEENS (13-18)

DREAM

BIG

**THREE CASH PRIZES AND THREE HONORABLE MENTIONS PER AGE GROUP! WINNERS RECOGNIZED AT PUBLIC AWARDS CEREMONY AND READING.**

**SUBMISSIONS DUE: THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

**THE STUDIOS OF KEY WEST, 533 EATON ST**



**FOR MORE INFO  
SCAN ME:**



OPEN TO MONROE COUNTY, FL ONLY / SUBMIT UP TO 3 POEMS PER ENTRY  
POEMS WRITTEN IN ENGLISH OR SPANISH WILL BE ACCEPTED

SUPPORTED BY THE JEANE AND JESSIE PORTER FUND



# EARN AMAZON GIFT CARDS

## PREVENTION PROGRAMS & TRAININGS

### HIGH SCHOOL

**ALCOHOL EDU**  
**\$25**

**SUBSTANCE USE  
AND MISUSE  
PREVENTION \$25**

**ALCOHOL WISE**  
**\$10**

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

**ALCOHOL WISE**  
**\$10**

**SUBSTANCE USE AND  
MISUSE PREVENTION**  
**\$25**

**ALCOHOL USE AND  
MISUSE PREVENTION**  
**\$20**

**PARENT SIGN UP: BRONTE WALSH**  
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**\*Parent or Guardian Email Consent Required**