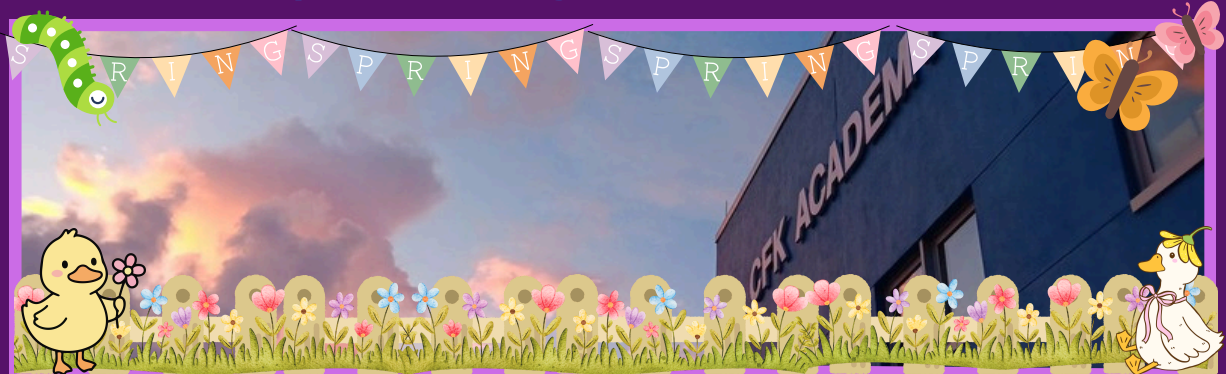




# CFK ACADEMY

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Remember! Last chance to buy a yearbook: April 25. See attached flyer!

## April = Military Child

By: Diyari Cooper

April is recognized nationally as the Month of the Military Child. Each year, schools and communities show support for military children by celebrating their unique challenges; CFKA held a spirit week (See right). Purple is the color that represents all branches of the military, symbolizing unity and appreciation. The dandelion reflects the resilience, adaptability, and strength that military children demonstrate every day.



## Month of the Military Child

### THEME WEEK

April 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>

#### Monday

**Stars and Stripes:** Wear our flag colors. Red, White, and Blue.

#### Tuesday

**Service Day:** Wear a shirt that represents your family member's branch of the military.

#### Wednesday

**Purple Up Day:** Wear purple to support military children.

#### Thursday

**Remember Everyone Deployed:** Wear RED to support deployed service members.



## Upcoming Dates

By: Carmela Liebel

April 17 - No School - PD Day

April 20 - PAC Meeting @2:35pm

April 24 - Ship Wreckers & KW Cooking Show Field Trips & SAT for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>

April 25 - LAST DAY TO BUY A YEARBOOK!

April 28 - Progress Reports

April 30 - Robert Frost Contest due

May 4-8 - Teacher Appreciation Week!

May 8 - CFK Commencement

May 9 - Junior/Senior Prom

May 22 - End of the Year Party

May 25 - Memorial Day



## Military Children Reflections

By: Jayla Hobbbs

When asked about their experience as military students, the responses were heartfelt and encouraged others to be empathetic. "Never lose hope. Don't give up on anything and the time is going to pass anyway."



-Haven Andrade

"It's like a roller coaster that loves ups and down." -Carmela Liebel

"I want people to understand that being a military child comes with a lot of hidden challenges. It's not easy watching a parent leave for months at a time or having to move just when you start to feel settled. But going through all of that has taught me how to stay strong, handle challenges and get through tough moments even when it's hard."

-Ryleigh Shaw



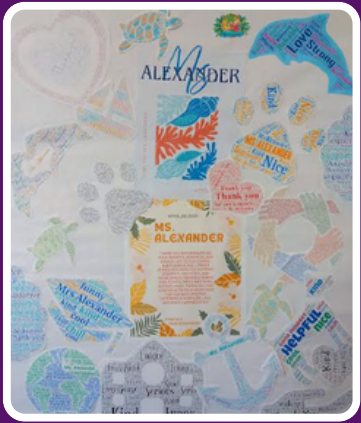
Isabella Rivera-Rodriguez, Ryleigh Shaw, and Alexander Tolis are three students with active military parents.

# CFKA Birthdays

By: Asia Leatherwood

- Zach Jeanjulien  
4/8
- Keirra Austin  
4/9
- Cat Miller  
4/16
- Kai Quiring  
4/17
- Koa Quiring  
4/17
- Aydin Alexander  
4/18
- George Bueno  
4/21
- Michael Bryant  
4/26

**LAST**  
**CHANCE**  
**TO BUY A**  
**YEARBOOK**  
**APRIL**  
**25**

Congratulations on Assistant-Principal's Week Ms. Alexander. Students made a word art collage.

## THE CFK ACADEMY STUDENT NEWSLETTER



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## What's Happening in our Classes?

By: Jayla Hobbs



In Dr. Drewel's English classes students have been reading the works of William Shakespeare, such as, *Romeo & Juliet*, *The Tempest*, and *Macbeth*. The classes are now working on individual Shakespeare projects, writing, and understanding poetry.

Mrs. Hughes' Algebra class learned how to add, subtract, and multiply matrices. In Geometry, students have been graphing slopes, polygons, kites, and took a quiz.



In World History, Mr. Hughes is teaching his students about World War I, World War II, and The Russian Civil War.



In Marine Biology, Mrs. Garcia's students went on a field trip to the Turtle Hospital in Marathon Key.

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2$$



## ECO/Beach Field Trip

By: Isabelle Coller



The ECO/Beach field trip was on April 10. Lunch was provided. Students had the choice to participate in the ECO tour or get right to swimming and playing games. PAC president Mrs. Andrade provided floats for students to use. Ms. Alexander even taught some students to surf! Everyone enjoyed playing volleyball.



CFKA students posing at the Southernmost Beach Resort's Famous chair.



## Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher



**Q: If my student takes a Dual Enrollment college course, how does it show up on their high school transcript?**

A: English Composition I and English Composition II each count as one full high school credit (one year). This means your student can complete a year's worth of high school English or Math in just one semester. Plus, these courses earn college credit that is transferable to Florida public universities.

**Q: What is the difference between "Asynchronous" and "Synchronous" dual enrollment classes?**

A: Asynchronous classes have no set meeting time; the student logs in and works at their own pace. This requires high self-discipline.

Synchronous classes meet at a specific time (e.g., Wednesdays at 5:30 PM).

• Pro-Tip: If your student tends to procrastinate, a synchronous class provides the structure they need to stay on track and avoid being withdrawn for non-attendance.

**Q: Why is the school asking for a "Letter of Intent" so early?**

A: We are already building the "Master Schedule" for next year! Your Letter of Intent tells us how many seats to save in popular classes. Even if your student is 50/50 on staying or transferring, communicating with the office helps us ensure your student has a spot if they choose to remain. Please make sure your student turns this form in as soon as possible.

**Q: Can my student take "fun" classes over the summer?**

A: Absolutely! Dual enrollment isn't just for English and Math. Students can explore career interests with electives like Digital Camerawork, Introduction to Business, or Criminal Justice. It's a low-risk way to test drive a potential major before they head off to a four-year university. Students also can sign up to take FLVS classes during the summer to earn elective credits.

**Q: My student is struggling to keep up with an online course. What should I do?**

A: Communication is key. Have the student email their instructor immediately. In the college world (and dual enrollment), the professor won't always "chase" the student for late work. Encouraging your teen to advocate for themselves is a huge part of the college-readiness process! If your student is taking a FLVS course and is falling behind, please make sure they are in communication with the instructor. Students in FLVS courses should be roughly 75% complete with their course.

**Q: What if my student wants to take a Florida Virtual School (FLVS) course this summer?**

A: If your student plans to take an FLVS course during the summer, they must sign up by June 1.

# CFKA Student Showcase

By: Macey Carey

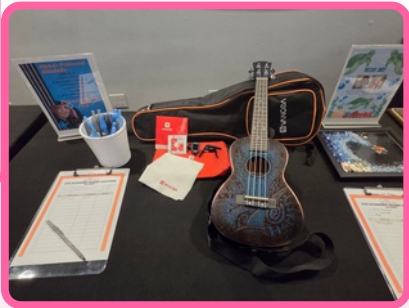
On Friday, April 3, CFKA had their first student showcase. Students presented talent, creativity, and craftsmanship through their spectacular performances and amazing vendors. Students sold bracelets, gift baskets, a ukulele, crafted knives, and clay handmade charms. Students demonstrated their talent through art and salesmanship. Many students also performed, showcasing their musical talents and beautiful voices. In the end, the showcase raised \$1,400. Thank you to all parents and guests who attended. CFKA hopes to see you next year at this annual event.



Mrs. Garcia's silent auction item: "Resin Art"



Sophie Herrera's vendor stand: "Hair Clips and Charms"



Keirra Austin's silent auction item: "Hand-Painted Ukulele"



Matthew Gomez and Haven Andrade's vendor stand: "Forged In Friendship"



Francheska Yanes' silent auction items: "Gift Baskets"



Summer Bailey performing "Beaches" by Beabadoobee



Austin Student-Trew's vendor stand: "Safe Swords"



Noelia Perez, Katie Norris, and Melody McRoy's vendor stand: "Tuga Bracelets"

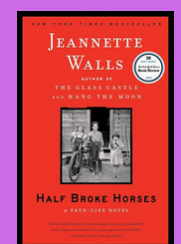
# Book Review: *Half Broke Horses*

By: Jayla Hobbs

Many have read *The Glass Castle* by Jeannette Walls, but her prequel to the memoir is lesser-known: *Half Broke Horses*; is the real life story of Walls' opinionated, resourceful, strong, and resilient Grandmother, Lily Casey Smith. In this book, Lily grows up in Texas breaking and riding horses. She lives through Prohibition and The Great Depression, teaches in a one-room schoolhouse, raises two children, helps her husband manage a ranch, tends to cattle, flies planes, all while finding ways to get by in life. She stands up for individuals who get treated unequally, while also standing up for herself. She does things her way and never holds back. Walls definitely channels her Grandmother's spirit. *Half Broke Horses* is a book that teaches perseverance, strength, self-awareness, and the importance of getting back up when you fall.



Lily Casey Smith



*Half Broke Horses*



**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

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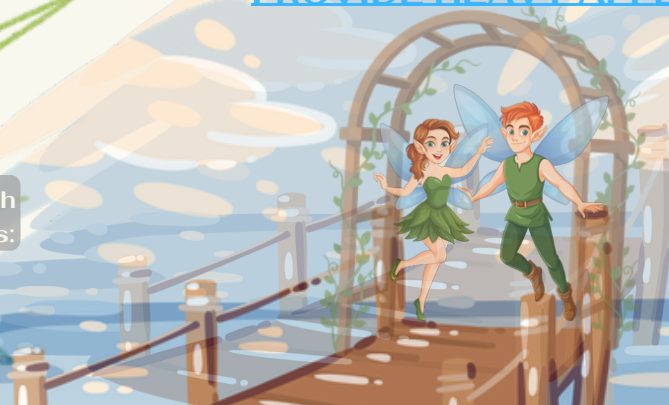
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