



**CFK
ACADEMY**

NEWSLETTER



Happy New Year! Save the Date: Sweetheart or Not Dance Feb. 13 (p.2)!

Welcome Back Tugas!



We're excited to kick off the second semester with a fresh start and new goals. Thank you for staying connected and showing up for yourselves, your classmates, and our school. As we move forward, we'll face challenges and celebrate wins together with resilience, positivity, and a mindset focused on growth. You've got this, and we're here to support you every step of the way.

Let's make this semester amazing!
Sincerely, Dr. Veldheer, Principal



**WELCOME
BACK!**

Academic Challenge District Competition

By: Macey Carey

CFKA's Academic Challenge team is competing in the 2025-2026 county competition. Our team is going against multiple other schools to challenge their minds. These schools include: Coral Shores, Marathon High School, and Key West High School. The practice match occurred in December, and the official meeting for them to place will be held on Wednesday January 23. Good luck and congratulations on reaching the county competition CFKA!



26-27 Enrollment Outreach

By: Macey Carey

CFKA has begun recruiting younger scholars for the CFKA 26-27 school year. This outreach runs from January 16-28. Student representatives and teachers will visit Sugarloaf, Horace O'Bryant, May Sands Montessori, Sigsbee, and Grace Lutheran schools, hoping to recruit others to CFK Academy. This outreach includes a presentation introducing how our school works, how being dual enrolled is beneficial, and how college and high school credits work together. Mrs. Hughes and the Digital Media class has also created a video that will be presented. Please keep CFKA in mind when talking to future scholars and how our school can benefit them.

Upcoming Dates

By: Carmela Liebel

- January 16 - Sugarloaf outreach
- January 19 - No school MLK Day
- January 20 - HOB outreach
- January 21 - Academic Challenge Tournament
- January 22 - May Sands outreach
- January 23 - Academy Awards
- January 26 - Sigsbee outreach
- January 28 - Grace Lutheran outreach
- January 29 - Prospective Student Night 5:30 p.m
- February 2 - Field Trip: Amazon Distribution Center
- February 3 - CLT-10 for concordance scores
- February 6 - School Counselor Appreciation Day
- February 9 - PAC Meeting @2:35
- February 10 - Progress Reports
- February 13 - No School Sweetheart or Not Dance
- February 16 - No School -



CFKA's Sweetheart or Not Dance



Pictures from 2025 Sweetheart or Not Dance

CFK Academy Awards

By: Macey Carey

On Friday, January 23 CFK Academy is preparing to celebrate the semester 1 Academy Awards. This is to congratulate students who worked hard to earn A-B honor roll, all A honor roll, recognize athletes and individual students. Parents are welcomed to attend the awards to see their child's accomplishments. Awards will occur in the Tennessee Williams Theatre at 1:00 pm.



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Sports Corner



Sports Shout-Outs

By: Asia Leatherwood

BOXING



Liam does boxing every weekday in Big Pine and Trinity does boxing Monday and Wednesday at pal gym in Key West

HOOPS



Aubrie and Damarla in their KWHS basketball uniforms

WRESTLING



Nalani and Emily wrestle for KWHS. This is Nalani at the Winter Springs wrestling tournament.



Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher



Welcome back! I hope you and your families had a restful winter break. As we transition back into the school routine, it's common for students to feel a "rhythm shock." The second semester often moves faster than the first, with more complex assignments and the pressure of final goals. To help your student stay on top of their responsibilities, here are three simple strategies for the "Reset":

1. The "Sweep." Help your student spend time every Sunday evening doing a "sweep" of their backpack and digital folders.
 - Clear the Clutter: Recycle papers.
 - Check the Portal: Look at the week ahead together.
2. Micro-Goals over Mountain-Goals. When students look at a whole semester's worth of work, they can feel paralyzed. Encourage them to set little goals. Instead of "Study for English," try "Review for 15 minutes." Completing tasks builds the "dopamine" momentum needed to tackle larger assignments.
3. Re-establish the "Zone." Distractions are the number one enemy of productivity. Remind your student of their designated Work Zone. A place free of phones and gaming consoles. 45 minutes of focused work in a quiet zone is more effective than three hours of "multitasking."

If you notice your student struggling, please know that January is a fresh start. It's the perfect time to reach out to teachers or my office to discuss a support plan. We are here to make every student feel capable. Let's make this semester the best one yet!

Community Service Sites Update

By: Malique Gordon

On Friday January 16th students will begin their second semester community service.

Garden Guardians

Reading Buddies

Critter litters

Soldiers Angels

Pool Pals

Scientific Scholars

Student Activities



Scientific Scholars



Baby Raccoon from Critter Litters



Garden Guardians



What's Happening in Our Classes

By: Jonathan Downing

MATH: In Math, Mrs. Hughes is teaching a new concept on circles and how to measure them.

ELA: Dr. Drewel is trying a new vocabulary sheet covering prefixes, roots and stems. Students are also working on projects that span the literary periods.



AEROSPACE: Aerospace is working with drones and practicing flying them.

DIGITAL MEDIA: In Digital Media, Mrs. Hughes' class is working on masking faces, mask tracking, and making transitions.

ENTREPRENEURSHIP: In Entrepreneurship, students took a test on marketing and watched a TED Talk on memory.

MARINE BIOLOGY: In Marine Biology, the students dissected a squid.



Community Clean Up Report

By: Lillie Marlowe, Diyari Cooper

On Friday, January 9, CFKA organized a community clean-up. Volunteers gathered at several locations along College Road, working together to pick up litter and clean up the surrounding areas. The event brought together the students and staff, all united by a shared commitment to keep our community clean and welcoming. The clean-up not only improved the appearance of College Road, but also fostered a strong sense of teamwork and pride among classmates. CFKA gives thanks to their students who contributed their time to make the day a success.



Students gathering to clean up trash for Community Clean Day



Students collecting trash around trees

CFKA Talent Showcase

By: Macey Carey and Sophie Herrera

On April 3, CFKA will be hosting a talent showcase. This fundraising event will highlight all of the school's talent with art, music, writing and more.

The talent show will recognize and foster student talent, which will benefit students' personal and academic development. Students are planning and preparing for this event in their Friday Leadership classes. Save the date!



Club News and Meeting Dates

By: Macey Carey

Starting the second semester, new clubs are beginning to arise and setting their dates for meetings. The Coding Club, a new club has posted their interest form for anyone who wants to join in the coding fun! Here are the meeting dates for each club:

Academic Challenge - January 26



Music Club - January 20



Bible Study - January 20



Fashion Club - January 27



Interact Club - January 22



Art Club - January 29



Student Council - January 23

National Honor Society - January 16, 30

Keep in mind the dates and mark your calendars. See flyer on page 6.





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Presents...

THE ACADEMY AWARDS

Semester 1

Principal's List, Honor Roll, Sports, Clubs, Achievements

1.23.26



Tennessee Williams
Theatre



1:00 P.M.

Address:



5901 College Rd.
Key West, FL 33040



CFK ACADEMY

SWEETHEART OR NOT

Dance

At the DoubleTree on S. Roosevelt

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY

13

7:00-9:30 PM

Dress to Impress!

Guest Permitted With Prior Approval

\$40 Per Ticket or \$75 Per Couple

Buy Tickets @ KeysTix

CLUBS

January 2026

Mondays

Academic Challenge 1/12, 1/26

Tuesdays

Music 1/6, 1/20

Bible Study 1/6, 1/20

Fashion 1/13, 1/27

Thursdays

Interact 1/8, 1/22

Art 1/15, 1/29

Fridays

Student Council 1/9, 1/23

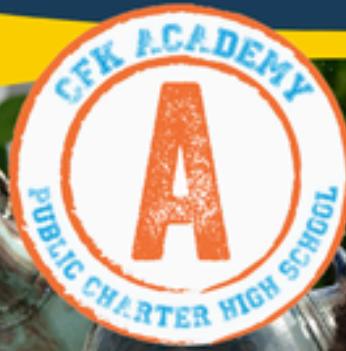
NHS 1/16, 1/30





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- Dual Enrollment
- High Achievers

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Now accepting applications for grades 9-12 for the 2026-2027 school year!

Applications due Feb. 24. Lottery will be held Feb. 26.

CFK Academy open house for Prospective Students

Thursday, Jan. 29, 5:30PM, CFK Key West Campus

Students and families are invited to meet the principal, teachers, and students. Tour the school, preview curriculum, and learn about academic acceleration opportunities.



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