



CFK ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



Want to see how CFKA is celebrating black history month? See page 4!

Prospective Student Night

By: Carmela Liebel

The CFKA Prospective Student Night that was held on Thursday, January 29 was a fun and welcoming event for incoming 8th graders. They got a real feel for what it's like to be a part of the CFKA community. Eighth graders were welcomed by friendly student ambassadors who led them on a tour of the school. They visited classrooms, met teachers, and got to see projects and activities that make CFKA unique. During the tour, the 8th graders asked questions about school life, extracurricular activities, and academic programs. Student guides shared their personal experiences, offering valuable insights into what makes CFKA a great place to learn and grow.



Mr. Hughes talking about aviation, business and history



Upcoming Dates

By: Carmela Liebel

February 12 -
Career Day at KWHS &
Queen of Hearts

February 13 -
No School &
Sweetheart or Not Dance

February 16 -
No School Presidents' Day

February 27 -
Seaside Soiree
(CFK fundraiser)



March 6 - NHS Induction
Ceremony @2:45pm; CFK
Library

March 12 -
End of Quarter 3

March 13 -
No school



March 16 to 20 -
Spring Break

Amazon Warehouse Trip

By: Macey Carey

On February 2, CFKA students in Mr. Hughes' business class traveled to an Amazon Warehouse in Miami. Students discovered how items are separated, how an order is distributed, and how the system dispenses goods to the buyers. The students toured around the warehouse, learned how the company worked and enjoyed the sights that were provided.

amazon



Mr. Hughes' Business class standing in front Amazon Warehouse

Art Club Collaboration

By: Asia Leatherwood & Heiglyn de Dios Herrada



Did you know the Art Club is going to make a mural in the eating area under the CFKA building with a local Key West artist? The Art Club spoke with artist Brandon Vessels who will be helping make the mural. *Art Spark* will be helping pay for the mural. Stay tuned for more. So exciting!



Counselor Appreciation Week

By: Macey Carey

From February 2 to February 6, schools began to celebrate Counselor Appreciation Week. Students and staff showed their love and appreciation for all that counselors do. During that week to celebrate CFKA's counselor, Brenda Huebscher, students gifted her an art piece made by Dominik Galaz and Damarla Thompson. Thank you Ms. Huebscher for all you do!



THANK YOU! 

Ms. Huebscher holding up her gift and CFKA students showing her support

What's Happening In Our Classes?

By: Jayla Hobbs

In Dr. Drewel's English class, students have been working on the Classical, Medieval, Renaissance, Restoration/18th Century, Colonial and Romantic periods for their quarter three projects. They are also working on their song/poetry analysis, in which students choose either a poem or song, and analyzed it. Additionally, students are doing independent reading.

In Mrs. Hughes' Algebra 2 class, students learned how to add, subtract, and multiply rational functions. In Geometry, students finished their circle segments worksheet and completed a basketball themed activity called "Trashketball." Students threw crumbled paper balls in the trash after they got an answer correct.

In Mr. Hughes' History class, students hung up their Black History Month posters (see page 4) and are doing a project on poverty through the nations.



In Chemistry class, Mrs. Garcia's students did a lab where they tested how NaOH (Sodium hydroxide) reacted with Epsom salts, learned about limiting reagents, and calculated moles.



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Sports Corner



CFKA Students Playing Lacrosse

By: Asia Leatherwood

Did you know that Hayden Matusicky, Roger Mendoza, Reif Wallen, and Aubrie McCormick are playing lacrosse for the Key West High School team? Go CFKA athletes!



Reif Wallen
(Junior)



Aubrie McCormick
(Freshman)



Roger Mendoza &
Hayden Matusicky
(Sophomores)





Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher



Happy February, Students and Families!

This is a busy season for all of our students, but especially for our Juniors and Seniors. As we cross the midpoint of the school year, our focus is shifting heavily toward "What's Next?" Whether that is college, the military, or entering the workforce, now is the time to finalize those plans.



Career Fair

On February 12, several of our upperclassmen attended the Career Fair at Key West High School. This was a prime opportunity for students to practice their "elevator pitch" and connect with local businesses. We encourage all students—even those who did not attend—to start thinking about summer internships or part-time jobs that align with their career interests.



Team Building

By: Sophie Herrera



On Friday, February 6, a very creative and fun team-building activity took place. Students sorted Skittles by color, with each color representing a different personal aspect. Depending on the color, participants wrote something about themselves. This activity encouraged students to share their interests and get to know their classmates better, strengthening camaraderie and creating a participatory environment that many enjoyed.



Sticky notes presenting students' interests, hobbies and tastes

Skills Conference

By: Isabelle Coller and Jazzmyn Carr



On February 6, students participated in a skills conference. Students chose between several workshops to practice skills for the showcase that's happening April 3rd. These workshops included making promo posters, getting over stage fright, learning how to have stage presence, and learning a simple dance routine. A handful of these student-led workshops were designed to fit within a 30 minute window, giving students a short lesson. Macey Carey, the student who presented the 'How to Have Stage Presence' workshop summed the event up in this quote: "The student skill showcase was a great addition to learn, have fun, and laugh. Even though this was CFKA's first try, most of our classmates did well in teaching us useful skills."

Purple Star School Banner Presentation

By: Sophie Herrera

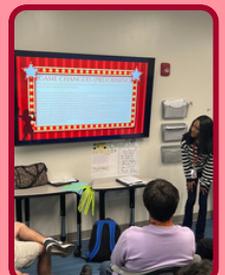
On Tuesday February 10, CFKA received an award at Key West City Hall for being a "Purple Star" School. This award is given to schools for their support of and outreach to military families.



Dr. Veldheer receiving Purple Star Award

SESSION 1		
Learn a simple dance routine	Conquer stage fright	Turn your photo into art
SESSION 2		
Learn how to serve drinks	Learn how to work a crowd	Learn how to draw a dragon
Learn how to write a story	Learn how to write a paragraph	Learn how to write a paragraph
SESSION 3		
Create a promo poster	Learn stage presence	Make bracelets

Skills Conference Schedule



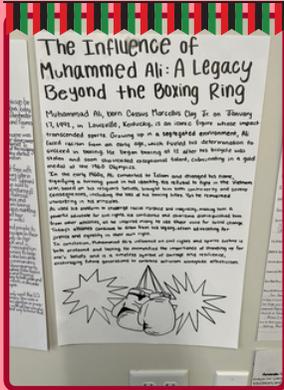
'How to Have Stage Presence' Workshop, presented by Macey Carey

Black History Month

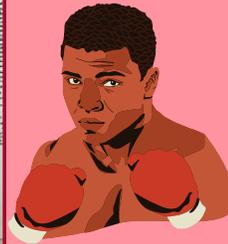
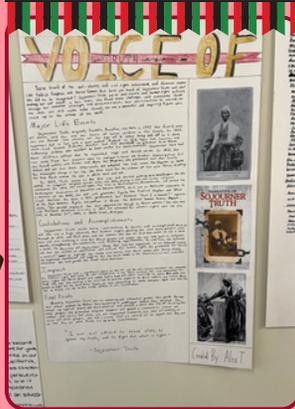
By: Jonathan Downing



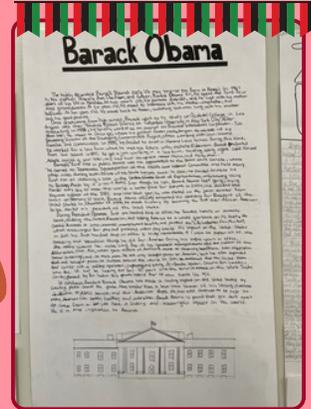
February is Black History Month. This month, we celebrate black historical figures that left an impact on America through their strength, intelligence, diligence, and much more. At CFK Academy, some students have made posters for Black History Month in Mr. Hughes' class. In ELA, students will be working on black history poetry.



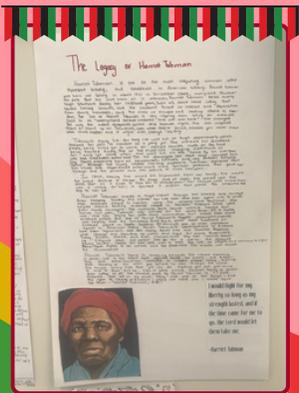
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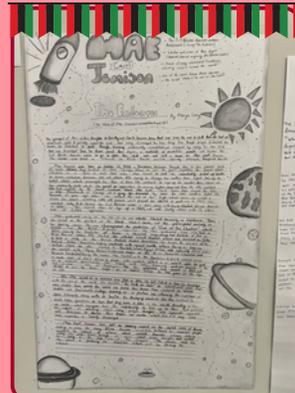
Poster of Sojourner Truth



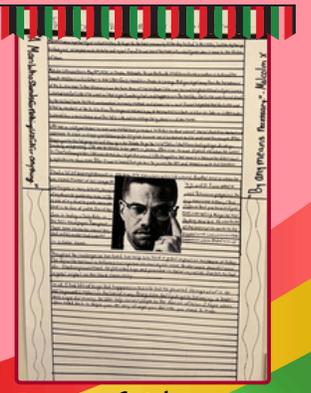
Poster of Barack Obama



Poster of Harriet Tubman



Poster of Mae Jemison



Poster of Malcolm X

Queen of Hearts February 12

By: Lillie Marlowe and Diyari Cooper

Queen of Hearts is a Spirit Day tradition where all the boys wear Queen of Hearts lanyards throughout the entire day. The catch? They must remain completely silent. If a boy is caught talking at any point during the day, the girls have the right to take his lanyard. The game creates a fun, competitive atmosphere as boys try to maintain their silence while girls attempt to get them to speak. The girl who collects the most lanyards from the boys is declared the winner, earning bragging rights and the title "Queen of Hearts". Don't worry boys, the process will be reversed for the King of Spring in March.



Wooden Roses Report

By: Macey Carey

On January 29, CFKA's Student Council started selling roses for students. Many students bought roses for their significant others, parents, or friends to celebrate their love for one another. Happy Valentine's Day to all CFKA students, staff, and parents!



Wooden roses sold by CFKA's Student Council

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Event Details:

Dates: Saturday , February
14th, 21st, and 28th

Time: 1:30 PM

Location: Silent World Dive
Center in Key Largo, Florida

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