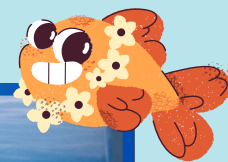




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NEWSLETTER



Check out the article about our new school mural on page 3.

Welcome Back CFKA!

By: Isabelle Coller

Welcome to your 2026-2027 school year. We're finishing our second full week of school. Some things we have already done are: Wellness Day (see below) a welcome back to school pool party (see page 4), and a Hawaiian shirt day.



Isabella Gotuzzo, Dahlia Genest, Dr. Veldheer, and Bryson Spivey during Hawaiian shirt day



Dr. Veldheer and Ms. Alexander welcome back junior Noelia Perez

Back to
School

Upcoming Dates

By: Asia Leatherwood

Aug 28: CFKA Club Rush
Community service starts



Sept. 1: FAST ELA PM 1

Sept. 4: College Colors Day



Sept. 7: Labor Day- No School

Sept. 10: Algebra/Geometry Testing

Sept. 14: PAC Meeting @2:35 P.M.

Sept. 15: TSIC Application Due



Wellness Day

By: Sophie Herrera

Last Friday we celebrated Wellness Day. Students had the freedom to choose from various fun activities such as fishing, yoga, painting rocks and sports. All events were designed to promote student wellness. Special thanks to Mrs. Garcia for creating such a fun event. We hope to do it again in January.



Senior Class of 2027

Senior Spotlight: Catherine Miller



What degree(s) and/or certification(s) are you pursuing?

Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Aerospace Engineering

Please list the colleges, universities, jobs/careers, or future paths you will be pursuing after graduation.

Top Colleges: CU Boulder, FSU, Embry-Riddle, UM, Penn State, UCF. I want to be an Aircraft / Spacecraft Design Engineer and eventually go on to work at NASA or Space X. I'm also currently working on getting my private pilot's license.



Please describe one event or experience you have had this year that has had an impact on your education. Please be specific/include details.

I recently came back from studying abroad in Japan. I stayed there for a month to study animation and manga illustration, since drawing is one of my favorite hobbies. The favorite part of my trip was spending time with my homestay family. They showed me all around Kyoto and were so welcoming. My favorite city was Uji, the "matcha town." Matcha is my favorite drink, and I even named my dog Matcha when I was 10! My trip was truly life-changing, and I highly recommend visiting Japan!



Please describe another event or experience you have had this year that has had an impact on you.

During my freshman year, I got injured and had to quit volleyball, my favorite sport. I struggled with basic day-to-day things like jumping or bending over. I truly thought I would never touch a volleyball again, so I moved on with my life and pursued other things. But over my sophomore and junior years, I healed. I started lifting weights and got my body back into its rhythm. This year I tried out for the Key West High School Volleyball Team and made varsity! So far, it has been nothing but amazing, and it feels so great to be back on a team again, especially after I thought I had to give my favorite thing up.



Do you have an inspirational quote or advice to offer the undergraduate students at CFKA?

"There is a better world out there, waiting for you to find it."

- Sarah J. Maas, *A Court of Thorns and Roses*

Seniors 2027



Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the new school year! I am excited to partner with you to support your student's academic success, personal growth, and college or career plans. As your student's school counselor, I am here to help guide them through every step of their journey. If your upperclassman is planning to take the SAT or ACT this fall, please take note of these upcoming test dates and registration deadlines:

SAT test date registration deadlines 	October 3, 2026 September 18, 2026 September 22, 2026 November 7, 2026 October 23, 2026 October 27, 2026 December 5, 2026 November 20, 2026 November 24, 2026
ACT test date registration deadlines 	August 14, 2026 September 1, 2026 October 17, 2026 September 11, 2026 September 29, 2026 December 12, 2026 November 6, 2026 November 29, 2026

If your student is interested in taking the Postsecondary Education Readiness Test (PERT), please review the following requirements:

Students must maintain an unweighted GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Have your student submit a counselor request form using the link in the All Students classroom. I will issue them a practice test to complete.

Students must score an 80% or higher on the practice test to qualify to sit for the official PERT exam.

Remember if you need to see Ms. Heubscher you can use her QR code (above) or email her.



New School Mural

By: Asia Leatherwood

The Art Club collaborated with local artist Brandon Vessels to make a beautiful mural in the back of the CFKA school. The students started with a 'doodle wall' to get a sense of shapes and proportions, then worked with the artist to finish the rest. Thank you Art Club.



The process Art Club is using to make the mural

What's Happening in Our Classes?

Mrs. Garcia's Classes:

Human Body Systems: Students are learning medical verbiage related to anatomy.

Chemistry: Had their first chem lab to learn equipment and basic techniques.

Biology: Students have been learning about atoms.

Marine Science: Students have been learning about underwater plate tectonics and learning about the history of the Earth.

Principles of Biomedical: In a crime scene simulation, Anna Garcia's body was found in the Garcia Lab. Students collected evidence and are analyzing that evidence to determine cause of death.

10th grade Leadership: Students discussed the importance of names and how to address different individuals. Student self-reflected on their own names and found adjectives that describe who they are.



Dr. Drewel's Classes:

ELA Classes: Created Individual Study Plans (ISPs) and started their Q1 reading, writing, and vocabulary. We started fluency reading and are tracking genres, word count, and prosody (flow and rhythm of reading out loud). Dr. Drewel is working on scheduling field trips to the Elizabeth Bishop House, and students will be studying her poetry and biography.



Journalism: Created this AWESOME issue and started work on the 2026-27 yearbook.



9th Grade Leadership: Completed Compass Point Leadership Styles and logged into Xello, the state platform for career development and research. At the time of this writing, 9th grade was leading the school-wide "points" competition, winning the Hawaiian Shirt Day and Turn In All Your School Start-Up Paperwork contests. They received a popsicle treat for this on Friday, 8/21.

Mr. Hughes' Classes:

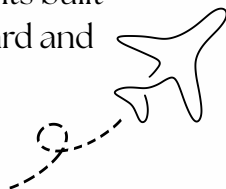
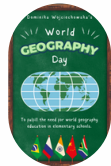
Senior Leadership: The Seniors have begun their required individual community service projects. These 22 unique projects are designed to showcase each students' leadership qualities and build empathy with the community.

Business Ownership: Students have been learning about financing businesses.

World History: Students have been reviewing oracles, ancient Egyptian history and human evolution.

US Government: Students are working on a slideshow about Napoleon and King Louis IX and the different forms of government.

Principles of Aerospace: Students built model airplanes out of cardboard and paper.



Mrs. Hughes' Classes:

Digital Media: Learning basics of photo design (color, font, repetition, balance, rule of thirds). Students have been working in Adobe Express and will be transitioning to Photoshop soon.

Algebra I: Students have been reviewing the order of operations.

Algebra II: Students have been reviewing functions, domain and range as well as the average rate of change.

Geometry: Students have been learning about angles and rays.

Math Data & Financial Literacy: Students have been making posters.

Junior Leadership: Students have been learning about the Red Cross and creating posters about helping to make money for different charities.

Pool Party

By: Michael Bryant and Jazzmyn Carr

On Sunday, August 23, the Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) sponsored a "Welcome Back to School Party" at the Southernmost Beach Resort's Pineapple Pool. Students participated in a cannonball contest and a Lego building contest. They also received a discount on food and beverages. Thank you PAC, especially President Amy Andrade, for sponsoring this fun event.



Junior Haven Andrade participating in the cannonball contest



Freshman Willimena Collins enjoying a beverage



Seniors Dahlia Genest and Isabella Gotuzzo smiling for the photo



Sports Corner

By: Asia Leatherwood



Congratulations to all CFKA students in fall sports:

9th graders

Svetlana Snipes - KWHS Cross Country

Polina Lysenko - KWHS Swimming

10th graders

Francheska Yanes - KWHS Cheer

Asia Leatherwood - KWHS Conchettes

11th graders

Haven Andrade - KWHS Swimming

Summer Bailey - KWHS Volleyball

12th graders

Catherine Miller - KWHS Volleyball

Isabella Gotuzzo - KWHS Cross Country

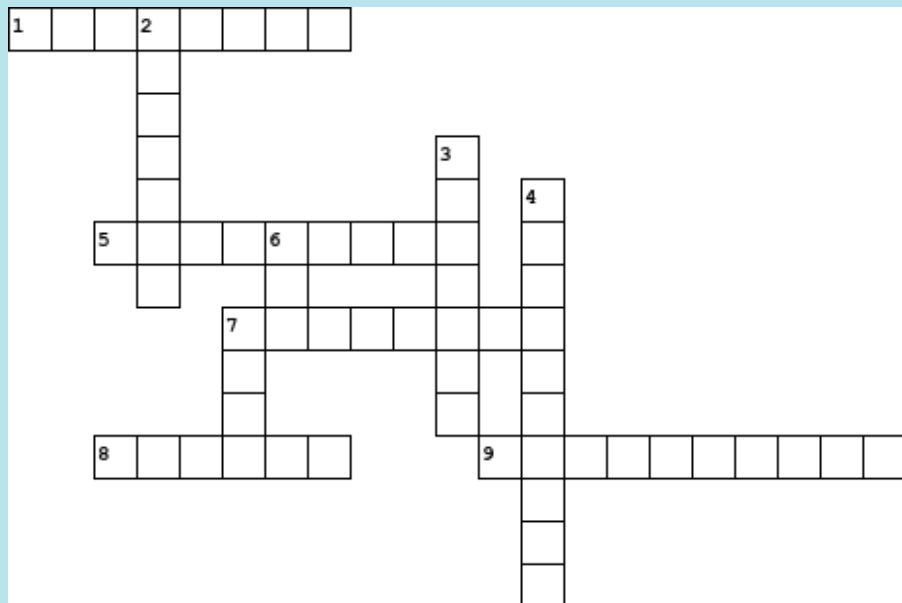


Have an Idea for the Newsletter?

By: Isabelle Coller

Parents, are your students doing something amazing? Contact Dr. Drewel at christine.drewel@cfk.edu. We are always trying to get information about volunteering, community service, and the amazing ways your students are contributing to our community.

Welcome Back to School Crossword



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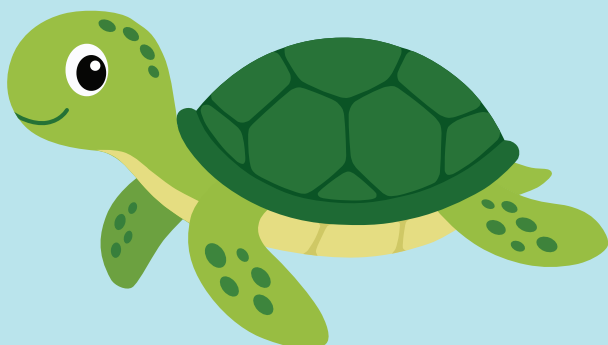
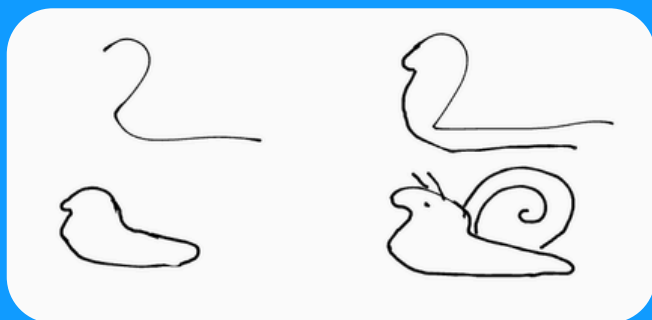
1. students who have just entered high school
5. The highest authority at any given high school
7. people in charge of their student's growth
8. The last activity of the school week at CFKA
9. The class that creates CFKA's Newsletter

Down

2. students in their final year of high school
3. Post-secondary institution
4. Spaces for learning
6. Program for learning a trade job
7. CFKA mascot

How to Make a Snail

By: Jazzmyn Carr



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August Birthdays

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Riddle of the week

Riddle: Two fathers and two sons went fishing together, but they only caught three fish total. Each person caught one fish. How is this possible? The answer will be in the next issue...





**WEAR CFKA
CLASS COLORS
EVERY FRIDAY!**

FRESHMEN : WHITE

**SOPHOMORES : NAVY
BLUE**

JUNIORS : ORANGE

SENIORS : LIGHT BLUE



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| ✦ Register for the SAT/ACT/CLT | ✚ Look for Qualifying Scholarships |
| ✦ Conflict Resolution | ✚ Discuss your CFKA, CFK or FLVS class schedules |



Use the QR Code, the link in the student Google Classroom or email Ms. Huebscher:
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