



CFK Academy Newsletter



Teacher Appreciation Week

By: Aydin Alexander

Parents and students, our teachers need your help and support. May 5-9 is the week we celebrate our wonderful teachers. Please help us by making cards, notes, bringing in goodies and food this week for our wonderful teachers. Please reach out to our PAC president, Amy, for ways you can help and let's show our teachers lots of love!

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Principal's Day

By: Jonathan Downing

Principal's Day was on May 1. Our principal is Dr. Ja-Ronika Veldheer and she has been our principal since January. CFKA students Melody Vera and Jadyn Ray each painted a giraffe that students and teachers signed because Dr. Veldheer loves giraffes. Thank you Dr. Veldheer for all you do!



Melody's painting



Jadyn's painting



Upcoming Dates:

May 2: AI PBL Day & Interact Beach Clean Up



May 8: Coral Restoration Field Trip

May 9: Jr/Sr Prom @6:30P.M.

May 12: PAC Meeting 2:35P.M.

May 13: ELA FAST PM3

May 14: Algebra I & Geometry EOC



May 15: Chromebook Turn-in Day for ALL Students

May 17: Community Swim Night @Southernmost Beach Resort 6:30 PM



May 22: US History EOC

May 23: End of Year Pool Party @ CFK Pool



May 23: Memorial Day - No School

Club News and Updates

By: Keirra Austin

NHS

NHS held elections for the 2025-26 officer positions on April 25. The NHS president is Dominik Galaz, the vice president is Caylee Moore, the secretary is Emily Nolasco, and the treasurer is Carson Crockett. Congrats to all the new officers!

Interact

Interact will hold their beach cleanup on May 2. See Mr. Hughes for more info.

April Poetry Month

By: Hadden Miller

During the month of April, CFK students participated in three poetry contests: Law Day, National Student Poetry, and the Robert Frost Poetry Contest. Congratulations to the participants. Winners will be notified via email.

End of the Year Pool Party & Senior Last Day!

Friday, May 23. Save the date!
Be sure to sign up to bring something to share.

Last Day for Late Work!

The last day for seniors to submit any late work will be Thursday, May 15. The last day for all other students to submit any late work will be Monday, May 19.



Senior Corner

By: Keirra Austin

May 8: CFK DE Student Graduation @4:30 P.M. in the Tennessee Williams Theatre

May 9: Senior Luncheon, Award Ceremony & Cap/Gown Distribution @11:15 A.M. & Seniors turn in Chromebooks

May 9: Prom @6:30 P.M. @Southernmost Beach Resort

May 16, 20, 21, 22: Senior Finals

May 23: Senior Last Day!

May 29: CFKA Senior Graduation @1P.M. in Tennessee Williams Theatre

class of 2025

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CFKA Speakeasy Fundraiser is a Hit!

By: Claire Massih

On April 18, CFKA faculty, students, parents and the members of the community attended the 2nd Annual Speakeasy fundraiser. The event was held at the Tennessee Williams Theatre from 6:00-8:30P.M. Attendees all dressed in 1920s attire. There was fabulous entertainment by CFKA students which included singing, dance instruction and musical performances. Everyone had fun eating delicious food and conversing. Over \$8000 was raised from the silent auction and chance raffle. Congratulations to all students that worked and attended the event and a special thank you to all the parents for your support.



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Dr. Munroe Visit

By: Claire Massih

Dr. Monekka Munroe, the Vice President of Academic Affairs at CFK paid a visit to periods 4 and 5 in ELA on April 8 and 16. She talked about her life story after students watched her TED talk. Students enjoyed the visit and learned about the power of perseverance, the brain's response to trauma, and being authentic. Afterwards, she answered student's questions.



Dr. Munroe speaks to juniors and seniors



Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher

May is a big month for assessments, with the FAST PM3/ELA Retake and End-of-Course (EOC) exams in Algebra I, Geometry, Biology, and US History on the horizon. It's natural to feel a bit nervous, but remember all the hard work you've put in this year. To help you shine, here are some effective test-taking strategies (See 19 Strategies Flyer at end of Newsletter):

Before the Test: Preparation is Key.

Review Smart, Not Just Hard: Focus on key concepts, vocabulary, and formulas. Don't try to cram everything in at the last minute. Instead, prioritize areas you find challenging.

Practice Makes Perfect: If possible, review practice questions or past exams. This helps you get familiar with the question style and pacing.

Prioritize Sleep: A well-rested brain performs much better! Aim for a good night's sleep before each test. **Fuel Your Body:** Eat a nutritious breakfast on test day. Avoid sugary snacks that can lead to an energy crash. **Stay Hydrated:** Bring a non-glass water bottle to stay focused and alert.

Remember, these tests are a snapshot of what you've learned. Do your best, stay calm, and believe in yourself. If you're feeling overwhelmed or need additional support, please don't hesitate to reach out to your teachers or me. We're here to help you succeed.

Good luck to everyone taking these important assessments.

Dual Enrollment Spotlight

By: Kyra Shephard

Student: Dahlia Genest



Reason: "I joined dual enrollment because I saw other people at my school doing the same, and I thought it would be good for my academics."

Signing Up: "Signing up was not hard at all. Ms. Brenda is rather helpful for that."

Advice: "I would say get in as soon as possible. It is the most freeing for yourself."

Currently Enrolled Classes: "I'm currently enrolled in English II, Music Appreciation, and Intro to Humanities."





- April 18** -**Speakeasy Fundraiser:** 6pm @Tennessee Williams Theatre, CFK
 -Student volunteers arrive by 5:30pm wearing 1920s attire.
 -**ALL DE seniors** turn in MCSD Chromebooks and CFK/A debts paid.
- April 23** -**Senior Parent Meeting:** 2:35pm @CFKA; also available on TEAMS
Attendance by parents strongly encouraged for important information!
- May 8** -**College of the Florida Keys DE Student Graduation:** 4:30pm
 @Tennessee Williams Theatre, CFK
 -Graduates arrive by 3:30pm wearing cap and gown
- May 9** -**Senior Luncheon, Awards Ceremony and Graduation Practice:** 11am
 @Tennessee Williams Theatre, CFK Campus
 -Senior parents help set up lunch @11; Lunch from 11:15-12:15pm.
 -Senior achievements ceremony 12:30-1:30pm.
 -Senior girls should wear graduation shoes for practice.
- May 9** - **Jr/Sr Prom:** 6:30pm photos, dance 7:00-9:00pm @Southernmost Beach
 Resort Sandbar Area. Theme is **Garden by the Sea**
 -\$25/pp includes drinks and appetizers.
 -Students may bring up to 4 guests. Money due 4/25 cash only.
 -Dress is formal.
 -High School Graduates turn in MCSD Chromebooks and CFKA debts paid.
- May 16** -**Period 7 Final Exam** (7:30-9:05am); regular school day.
- May 17** -**Community Swim Night:** 6:00pm @Southernmost Beach Resort Pool.
 -Free food for seniors, pool party, DJ, photos with mermaids.
- May 20** -**Period 1 & 2 Final Exams** (7:30-10:45am). Early Release.
- May 21** -**Period 3 & 4 Final Exams** (7:30-10:45am) Early Release.
- May 22** -**Period 5 & 6 Final Exams** (7:30-10:45am) Early Release.
- May 23** -**End of the Year Pool Party:** 10:00am @CFK Pool
- May 26** -**Memorial Day** - No School
- May 29** -**Senior Graduation:** 1pm @Tennessee Williams Theatre, CFK
 -Seniors must arrive by 12:15pm and wear cap and gown (no decorating caps per district guidelines).
 -All families welcome. No tickets needed.
 -Reception 2-2:30pm.
 -Dress is business professional: No flip flops, tennis shoes, etc.

19 Helpful Test Taking Strategies to help you succeed!



1 Always read the questions first!

2 Make sure you understand exactly what the question is asking.

3 Do not leave any answers blank!

4 Guess on the ones that you don't know.

5 Remember, this is a proficiency test. Eliminate answers that are obviously incorrect.

6 Never choose an answer that isn't supported by evidence. (Just because it came from the passage, it doesn't mean it's correct.)

7 Make sure your response answers what the question is asking.

8 Don't completely skim over the passages. Read carefully, and make sure you don't miss details.

9 Don't expect to know the answers after one reading through the passage.

10 If an answer says "According to the passage..." make sure you answer with information based from the passage.

11 Never choose an answer that contains wrong information.

12 Remember, an incorrect answer still has some correct parts to it, but often is not enough to answer the question.

13 Be aware that an answer to a question is often stated in words little different from the exact reading in passage.

14 Take advantage of all the time that you are given for each test.

15 Don't confuse a supporting detail with the main idea.

16 With vocabulary questions, use the context of the sentence where the word is in.

17 Answers in multiple choice have obvious hints that make the answer wrong. (Ex. Overly humorous, Overly obvious answer)

18 When answering question with NOT or EXCEPT, always read the choices carefully.

19 Sort the types of questions you have to answer, questions that are right there, questions that you have to think and search for, and on your own questions where you use background knowledge.

Good Luck you got this!

CFK ACADEMY

AI PROJECT BASED LEARNING DAY
FRIDAY MAY 2, 10 A.M. - 2 P.M.

STUDENT-LED POSTERS, PANELS
AND PRESENTATIONS

HANDS-ON
DEMONSTRATIONS

EXPLORING AI IN
JOBS/CAREERS, ETHICS,
CREATIVITY, AND GAMING

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February 3, 2025

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June 1, 2025

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June 1, 2025

Employment begins

*Dates subject to change

WHO CAN APPLY?

CHARLOTTE, HENDRY, GLADES, LEE, COLLIER, AND MONROE COUNTY RESIDENTS

High School Students | Ages 15-18

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Inaugural
Graduation



Please join us in celebrating the first
graduates of the CFK Academy, the
Class of 2025.



May 29, 2025 | 1:00pm
Tennessee Williams Theatre
CFK Key West Campus