



# CFK Academy Newsletter



## Order A Yearbook!

By: Macey Carey

Journalism Class is selling 2025 yearbooks. Each yearbook costs \$40 dollars until February 28. After that, the price will be \$50, so buy now! Parents have a variety of sizes available for dedications and advertising. Please check your email for ad pricing. Senior parents, make sure to send your senior's baby pictures to: <https://www.hjshare.com/eShare/?codecfkacademy> or email them to: [christine.drewel@cfk.edu](mailto:christine.drewel@cfk.edu).

Check out the flyer below for details to order and your email about how to purchase an ad.



### Upcoming Dates:

**March 1: TedX Proposal due (please attached flyer)**



**March 7: Yearbook Picture Day & NHS Induction Ceremony at 3:00 P.M.**

**March 9: Family Kickball Day @Truman Waterfront Park**

**March 10: PAC Meeting**

**March 13: End of Q3**

**March 14: NO SCHOOL - PD Day**

**March 17-21: Spring Break**

**March 27: Report Cards**

**March 28: Q3 Academy Awards**

## Field Trip to the Key West Library

By: Keirra Austin

On February 24, students went on a field trip to the Key West Library to participate in an author meet and greet with Michael Ruhlman. Students received signed copies of his new book entitled *If You Can't Take The Heat*.



Micheal Ruhlman signing books for students



# Queen of Hearts



By: Macey Carey

On February 13, students participated in the yearly game, “Queen of Hearts.” All the boys in the school had to wear lanyards with *Queen of Hearts* cards, while not speaking for the whole day. The girls however, had to try to gather as many lanyards as they could, trying to trick the boys into talking. The girl who collected the most lanyards won and was crowned “Queen of Hearts.” This year, senior Jadyn Ray won, collecting the most lanyards. The boys who stayed quiet received a sweet reward also. Congratulations Jadyn!



Boys who stayed quiet



Jadyn Ray (center) and runner-ups

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# Sweetheart or Not Dance Party!

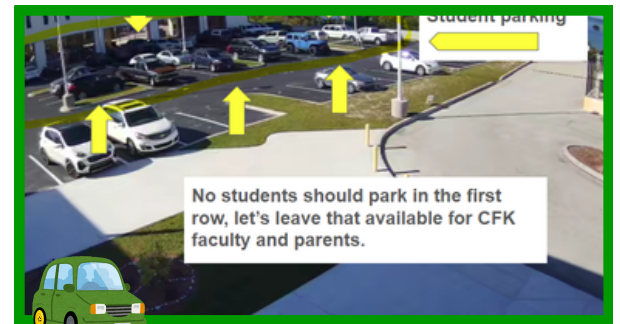
By: Kiley Rosado and Lillie Marlowe



The Sweetheart or Not Dance Party was a success! It started at 6 p.m. and lasted until 9 p.m. There were two Valentine-themed drinks, a mac ‘n cheese spread, and a DJ. The dance was held at the Marker Resort and 47 students attended the dance. Many students took pictures at the photo booth, which was donated by *Key-Haw LLC*. According to the students they had lots of fun and everyone looked amazing. Our next upcoming dance will be the Jr/Sr prom on May 9. Damarla Thompson and Dominik Galaz won the best dressed couple and two tickets to the Escape Room, congrats to everyone!



Best Dressed Winners:  
Damarla and Dominik



# Student Parking

By : Lillie Marlowe

Students, when parking at CFKA please leave the first five parking stalls for staff, visitors and parents. You may park anywhere else in front of our building.

# Teambuilding

By: Hadden Miller

On February 21, students participated in a Newspaper Fashion Show. Students were arranged in groups and had to make costumes from newspapers and tape. Students showed off their costumes on a cat walk to decide the winner. Congrats to our winners Sammy Ochoa and Mr. Hughes!



Finalists in the newspaper competition.



Aydin Alexander represents the sophomore class with his newspaper tin man costume.

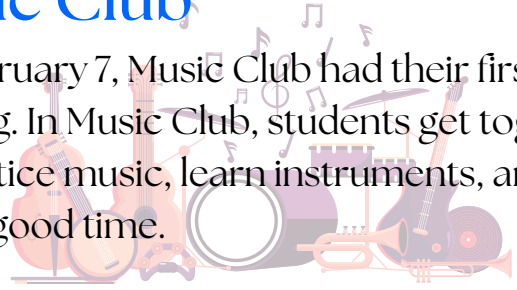


# Club News and Updates

By: Keirra Austin

## Music Club

On February 7, Music Club had their first meeting. In Music Club, students get together to practice music, learn instruments, and have a good time.



## Art Club

Students who are in Art Club will be able to submit their art for display in upcoming newsletters. Stay tuned for details.

## Interact Club

The Interact Club is busy planning their annual fun run to be held on the CFK campus. The tentative date for that will be Saturday, April 12.

## NHS/NJHS

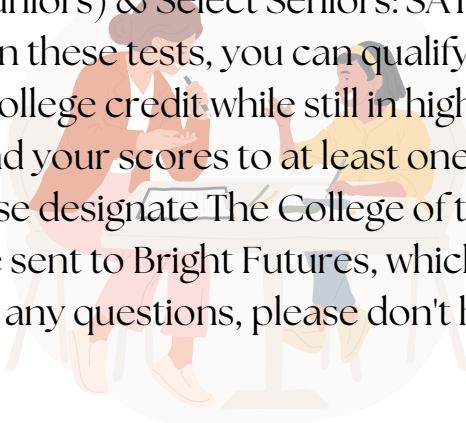
Members of NHS/NJHS is busy planning their upcoming induction ceremony that will be held in the library seminar room on March 7 at 3:00 P.M.



# Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher

Mark your calendars! March 12th is our school testing day at CFK Academy: 9th Grade: PSAT, 10th Grade: PSAT, 11th Grade (Juniors) & Select Seniors: SAT. Sophomores and Juniors: If you achieve college-ready scores on these tests, you can qualify for Dual Enrollment classes! This is a great opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. Upperclassmen taking the SAT: It's crucial that you send your scores to at least one college. Even if you're unsure of where you want to attend, please designate The College of the Florida Keys as a recipient. This will ensure your scores are sent to Bright Futures, which is essential for scholarship eligibility. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to come see me.



# Dual Enrollment Spotlight

By: Jarrett Miller

**Student:** Amber McRoy

**Reason:** I started DE because I wanted to get a headstart on my degree, even though I won't graduate high school with it.

**Signing Up:** It was fairly simple. See Ms. Brenda for more information.

**Effect on High School:** It made my high school life hard at times. I had to balance everything. But it allowed me to drop high school classes that I did not want to do anymore.

**Advice:** My advice for new students at CFKA is to take college classes, it will help you in the future.

**Currently Enrolled in Classes:** Anatomy & Physiology II and Lab, Spanish II, American History 1876-1945, and Art Appreciation.



# Senior Spotlight

By: Nina Ward



**Name:** Noah Schneider

**Future Plans:** Attend college for finance

**Extra Curricular Activities:** Basketball and working

**Hobbies:** Work 50 hours a week

**How Long Have You Been in the Keys?:**  
Two years



Early Bird Sale

# ORDER A YEARBOOK

Prices for yearbooks will go  
up \$10 after **FEBRUARY 28**

**\$40 → \$50**



**BUY NOW**



**TEDx** CFK

# CALL FOR SPEAKERS

Apply at [cfk.edu/TEDxCFK](https://cfk.edu/TEDxCFK)  
Deadline - March 1, 2025



Share your expertise, leadership, innovation, or unique perspective

## Paradise Within

unlocking human potential

The theme explores the power of internal paradise, emphasizing that individuals have the ability to transform the trajectory of their lives by cultivating confidence and happiness from within.

**TEDxCFK live event**  
**August 23, 2025**  
**The College of the Florida Keys**  
**Limited tickets on sale soon.**

SHARE THE GIFT OF READING

# Donate Your Old Books



**DONATE YOUR BOOKS PUBLISHED AFTER  
2005 TO THE KEY WEST LIBRARY AT 700  
FLEMING STREET**

Make sure to drop off your books  
before March 1 for the Friends of  
the Library book sale  
700 Fleming Street

***Friends of the  
Key West  
Library***

**VOLUNTEER  
OPPORTUNITIES**

**3/1**

**8:30–9:30 A.M. + 1–2 P.M.**

**(SETUP + CLEANUP)**

***Sale is from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.***

***Books are \$1–\$2***

***See Dr. Drewel for questions***





# OPEN GYM

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Grades 6-12

## SUGARLOAF

**Mondays and Wednesdays**

1 court of volleyball  
1 court of basketball

**5:00-6:30PM**

**3/3-5/19 2025\***

\*No open gym during spring break!

**Signed Parent Permission  
Forms Required!**

For more information or to get a permission form, please email:

[jennette.alexander@keysschools.com](mailto:jennette.alexander@keysschools.com) or pick one up from Mr. Reininger at Sugarloaf School

**Sugarloaf School**

305-745-3282

255 Crane Blvd.

Sugarloaf Key, FL 33042



# ORDER YOUR PICTURES TODAY!

Order your picture package before Picture Day on:

3/7



To place an order and view available packages scan QR Code or visit us at [HJProud.com](http://HJProud.com)

Background options available online:



## Student Open Gym Permission Form for Sugarloaf School

**Student's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student's Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian's Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Details:

- **Date of Open Gym:** Mondays and Wednesdays
- **Time of Open Gym:** 5-6:30pm
- **Location of Open Gym:** Sugarloaf School: 255 Crane Blvd. Sugarloaf Key, FL 33042
- **Activity:** volleyball, basketball and weight training

### Permission:

I/We, the undersigned parent(s)/guardian(s) of the above-named student, hereby grant permission for my/our child to participate in the Open Gym at Sugarloaf School on the date(s) and time(s) listed above.

I/We understand that participation in the Open Gym involves physical activity and that there is a risk of injury. I/We acknowledge that the school and its staff are not responsible for any injuries that may occur during the Open Gym, provided that reasonable care is taken.

I/We confirm that my/our child is in good health and able to participate in the activities offered during the Open Gym. Please inform the supervisor of any medical conditions or allergies your child may have that may require special attention.

### Release of Liability:

To the fullest extent permitted by law, I/we hereby release and hold harmless Sugarloaf School, its officers, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability for any injury or illness that may be sustained by my/our child while participating in the Open Gym.

**Parent/Guardian Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**KICK IT OUT OF THE PARK!**

# **KICK BALL DAY!**



**(and picnic)**

**WELCOME TO ALL CFKA  
STUDENTS AND FAMILIES**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 9 1-4 P.M.**  
**SOUTHARD ST, KEY WEST, TRUMAN WATERFRONT PARK**  
**EMAIL RSVP: [AANDRADE@LIVE.COM](mailto:AANDRADE@LIVE.COM)**  
**A PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL SPONSORED EVENT**