



CFK Academy Newsletter



Creepy Campus Ghost Tours

By: Aydin Alexander & Macey Carey

On Sunday, October 13th and Monday, October 28th, CFKA students will host “Creepy Campus” Halloween tours as a fundraiser for the Academy. Student volunteers will help prepare and participate in the frightening event. Tours will take place at 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. both nights.

Amy Andrade, who is a professional 5-star tour guide, will host the tours. There will be many stories, including the terrifying history of how the Island of Key West was discovered by Ponce de Leon and the battles of the three original tribes that formerly lived on the island.

On the scheduled tours, students will act as haunting figures such as: sickly individuals dying from yellow fever, students pretending to be dead bodies, and even students playing “hookers” and fishing for the bodies from shipwrecks.

The price is \$20 per person. There will be stories for everyone to enjoy. The Student Council of CFK Academy will help to prepare and run the event. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for additional information.

Upcoming Dates:

October 11: End of 1st marking period

October 13 and 28: Creepy Campus Ghost Tour

October 14: No School

October 17: Report Cards Go Home

November 1: No School

November 2: Community Day

November 11: Veteran's Day - No School

November 13: Financial Aid Night @CFKA 5pm



Food Drive for SOS

By: Kyra Shephard

CFK Academy juniors and seniors are hosting a food drive to raise money for the SOS Foundation. As the foundation for the senior project, the goal is to collect 1000 pounds of food over the span of eight weeks. There are weekly inter-class challenges for prizes, and a grand prize for the class that collects the most food. Students need to put their name on the food they bring in for a chance to win. The food will be collected on Friday mornings during Leadership homerooms.

Week One:

Show me you CAN

- Fruits
- Vegetables
- Meats
- Beans
- Spam
- Soups
- Milks

Starts: Sept. 30th
Ends: Oct. 4th

Week Two:

Rice & Shine

- Rice
- Pastas
- Oats
- Cornmeal
- Cereals

Starts: Oct. 7th
Ends: Oct. 11th

Week Three:

Snacks that Smile Back

- Baby Food
- Diapers
- Formula
- Kids' Snacks
- Baby Bibs
- Baby items

Starts: Oct. 14th
Ends: Oct. 18th

Week Four:

Mummy Week

- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Soaps
- Cleaning Supplies
- Pet Foods/toys
- Light Bulbs

Starts: Oct. 21st
Ends: Oct. 25th

Week Five:

Let's Ketchup

- Coconut Oil
- Vegetable Oil
- Corn Oil
- Ketchup
- Mustard
- Oils and Condiments

Starts: Oct. 28th
Ends: Nov. 1st

Week Six:

Sugar, Spice, & Everything Nice

- Salt
- Sugar
- Black Pepper
- Cinnamon
- Broths
- Flours

Starts: Nov. 4th
Ends: Nov. 8th

Week Seven:

Sipping on Sunny D

- Juices
- Milks
- Soft drinks
- Jugs of Water
- Tea Bags
- Coffee/ Hot Chocolate

Starts: Nov. 11th
Ends: Nov. 15th

Week Eight:

Final Stretch

- Anything from the last 7 weeks (Pet Food, Candy, School Supplies, etc.)

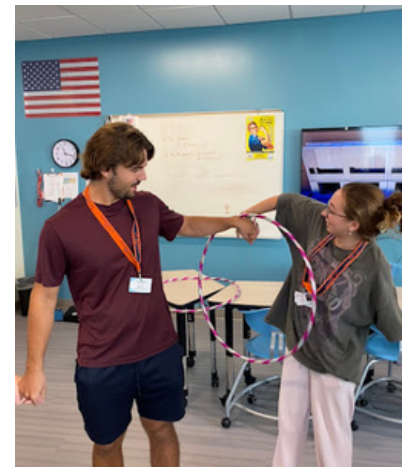
Starts: Nov. 18th
Ends: Nov. 22nd

Team Building on Leadership Fridays



9th grade students in blind trust walk activity.

On Fridays, students often get opportunities to practice their problem solving and collaboration skills. These activities also create laughter and fun as students learn to think creatively and critically.



Seniors Noah Schneider and Sophia Knowles pass a hula hoop.

Club News and Updates

By Keirra Austin

- **Student Council**

Student Council has started planning for the Creepy Campus Ghost Tour.

- **NHS/NJHS**

NHS has started planning for a car wash fundraiser on Saturday, November 16th at the Chevron Station. It is located on the corner of White Street and Truman in Key West.

- **Art Club**

Art club has started nominating club members for the positions of vice president and treasurer. Students in any grade can nominate either themselves or friends, regardless of grade.

Hurricanes Helene and Milton



By: Claire Massih

Hurricane Helene and Hurricane Milton both swept through areas of Florida, Georgia, Carolina, and Tennessee, leaving a path of destruction by tearing down homes and neighborhoods. Luckily, our community was not impacted as much. Schools were closed on September 19th, and October 9th and 10th due to high wind speeds and flood risks.

Senior Spotlight

By: Nina Ward



Name: **Ronan Shea**

Future Plans: **Studying film**

Hobbies: **Working with digital technology**

Favorite Quote: **"That's that and this is this." - Unknown**

How long Have You Been in the Keys: **8-9 years**

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CREEPY CAMPUS GHOST TOUR

Presented by



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ISLAND
~TALES~

Join us for an evening of ghost tales and spooky fun, led by 5-star rated tour guide Amy Andrade. Light refreshments provided. All proceeds to benefit the CFK Academy.

☠ ***HAUNTED LIGHTHOUSES***

☠ ***MURDER/BETRAYAL***

☠ ***DISEASES***

☠ ***NATURAL DISASTERS***

☠ ***GHOSTS***

☠ ***VENGEANCE***

Oct. 13 and Oct. 28
6:30pm or 8:30pm

The College of the Florida Keys
5901 College Road

\$20 per ticket
Purchase tickets
[at Keystix.com](https://www.Keystix.com)



Step Into Your Future!

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program has helped more than 950,000 Florida students attend a postsecondary institution. Bright Futures awards include: Florida Academic Scholars award (FAS), Florida Medallion Scholars award (FMS), Florida Gold Seal CAPE Scholars award (GSC) and the Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars award (GSV).



Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org/SAPBFMAIN/SAPBFMAIN to find out how to qualify for a Bright Futures Scholarship.



Go to www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org and submit a completed, error-free Initial Student Florida Financial Aid Application (FFAA) no later than August 31 after high school graduation. The ACT®/CLT®/SAT® must be taken no later than August 31 of your high school graduation year.



Make the grade, earn the score...and graduate! The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program was created to establish a lottery-funded scholarship program to reward any Florida high school graduate who merits recognition of high academic achievement. The graduate must enroll in a degree program, certificate program or applied technology program at an eligible Florida public or private postsecondary education institution.



Know your responsibilities...apply, meet the requirements before graduation and throughout your college career. (Requirements are subject to change with each Florida Legislative session.)

Office of Student Financial Assistance website: www.FloridaStudentFinancialAidsg.org

Customer Service: 888-827-2004

Email: OSFA@fldoe.org

Verification of Receipt (This is not the application for the scholarship.)

I verify that I have received this notice and will read the initial eligibility requirements of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program for the 2025-26 academic year.

NAME (please print) _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE _____

Please return this verification portion to your high school counselor.

Your child may be eligible for a TAKE STOCK IN CHILDREN College Scholarship Opportunity!



SCAN ME FOR AN
APPLICATION

Application Requirements— Student must:

- Have a U.S. Social Security number
- Be enrolled in an approved Monroe County School in grades 6—9
- Have earned As, Bs, and Cs in all classes with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Have passing scores on State standardized tests
- Meet financial eligibility requirements established by the TSIC Program (see chart below)
- Sign a contract agreeing to remain crime and drug free, attend school regularly, maintain a 2.5 GPA, and meet with a mentor once a week

**The applicant's 2023—2024 academic records will be reviewed prior to application approval.
Please review the financial qualifications below:**

2023 Federal Income Tax Return filed by parent(s) or guardian(s) claiming student as a dependent is required to verify income eligibility.

Household Size	Annual Income
2	\$ 62,034
3	\$ 69,834
4	\$ 77,553
5	\$ 83,769
6	\$ 89,984
7	\$ 96,200
8	\$ 102,375

NOTE

Family income **cannot** exceed the levels shown in the chart.

Applicant must provide a copy of his or her parent(s)/guardian(s) 2023 tax return or equivalent proof of income.
W2 earning statements, payroll stubs, or bank statements are not accepted.

Income guidelines provided by Florida Prepaid College Foundation.

Contact the Take Stock in Children College Success Coach nearest you for more information and an application:

Lower Keys

Ms. Lynne Casamayor Mr. David Henriquez
305-293-1400 305-293-1400
Ext: 53303 Ext: 65441

Marathon

Ms. Traci Wittenwiler-Driscoll
305-289-2480
Ext: 55418

Upper Keys

Ms. Marlene Sun-Sternberg
305-853-3222
Ext: 56313

MCEF

Monroe County Education Foundation



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Take Stock in Children Monroe
PO Box 2561, Key West, FL 33045
305-293-1546 or

TakeStock@MonroeCountyEdFound.com



MONROE COUNTY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



Request and submission of a completed application does not ensure a scholarship award.

Last year's (2023) IRS Form 1040 tax return required with TSIC scholarship application

Student applicant's name must appear on the tax return.

Total family income cannot exceed income eligibility.

****REQUIRED****

2023 U.S. Income Tax Form 1040

- ☐ Student must be listed as a dependent
- ☐ Total income (line 9) cannot exceed the income eligibility guidelines listed by household size in the chart to the right
- ☐ Current Free or Reduced Lunch eligibility letter from Monroe County Schools
- ☐ SNAP, TANF, or HUD documentation as needed

*Families may qualify with current SNAP documentation.
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W-2 STATEMENTS OR PAYROLL STUBS ARE NOT ACCEPTED

Senior Financial Aid Night



Wednesday, November 13th
5:00-6:00pm
CFK Academy Room 117

- Determine Cost of Attendance
- Tuition and fees
- Room and Board (meal plans)
- Books and Supplies
- Personal Expenses
- Transportation



Everyone attending needs to go to [FAFSA](https://fafsa.gov) and create an account. Parents, please bring laptops; there will be a limited supply if needed. Junior parents are welcome to attend, but will not be able to fill out a FAFSA application.

FAFSA can be filled out at: www.studentaid.gov