



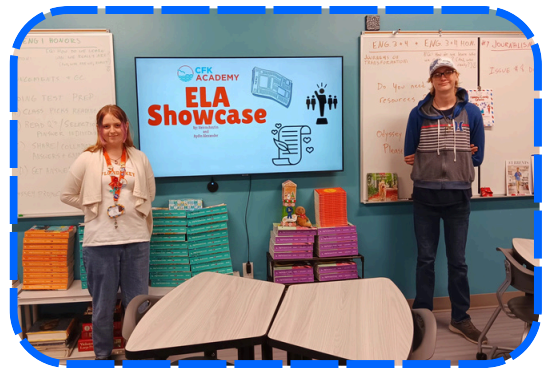
CFK Academy Newsletter



Meet the New Principal of CFKA!

By: Keirra Austin and Claire Massih

The Academy welcomes Dr. Ja-Ronika Veldheer as the new Principal of CFK Academy. She will start full-time January, 2025. She has already met teachers, students, and staff. She holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education, a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Missouri and a Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership from Baker University. Dr. Veldheer is married to her husband Thomas and has one daughter. She has lived in the Keys for seven years.



Aydin Alexander and Keirra Austin present for ELA.

Student Showcase

By: Aydin Alexander

The CFKA Student Showcase was held on December 9th from 5:15 P.M. to 6:15 P.M. Summer Bailey presented in math class, Aydin Alexander and Keirra Austin in ELA, Dominik Galaz and Isabella Rivera-Rodriguez in science, and Michael Garcia in Aviation class. Student presentations from each class highlighted their work and accomplishments. This event showcased the wonderful collaboration and opportunities that the teachers and students have accomplished thus far.

WELCOME



Dr. Ja-Ronika Veldheer



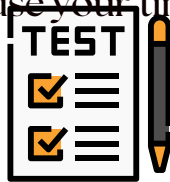
Tips and Tricks for Exams

By: Macey Carey

Starting on December 17th, the end of semester exams will begin. As testing takes place, it can be a struggle to get the right amount of sleep, pay attention in class, and gain energy. To help you do your best, here are some ideas and methods to use during exam week:



1. Go to sleep early before each testing night.
2. Eat a balanced meal before and after test taking.
3. Always read the questions first.
4. Make sure you understand what each question is asking.
5. Don't leave any answers blank.
6. Guess on questions that you don't think you know.
7. Go back to check your answers; be sure to check them twice.
8. Eliminate answers that seem incorrect.
9. Answer the questions that you know first.
10. Ask questions before your test, and review study guides.
11. Budget your time correctly, and use your time on questions wisely.
12. Keep a positive attitude.



TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

R • READ THE QUESTIONS FIRST!
THEN READ YOUR TEXT.

E • EXAMINE EVERY ANSWER CHOICE BEFORE
YOU CHOOSE AN ANSWER

L • LABEL YOUR ANSWER IN THE TEXT.
• LABEL YOUR PARAGRAPHS.

A • ALWAYS CHECK YOUR ANSWER!

X • X-OUT ANSWER CHOICES THAT
CANNOT BE RIGHT

E • ERASE NEATLY AND FIX YOUR ANSWERS
WHEN YOU CHECK YOUR WORK.

D • DON'T RUSH!
• DON'T DOUBT YOURSELF!



Upcoming Dates:

December 11th:
F.A.S.T. Reading PM 2

December 13th:
**Ginger Bread
Build Off**



December 16th:
P.A.C Meeting

December 17th:
**End of semester
Exam P.1 (full day)**

December 18-20th
**Early Release
@11:30 a.m.**

18th: Period 2 & 3

19th: Period 4 & 5

20th: Period 6 & 7

**December 23-
January 6th**
**Winter Break:
NO SCHOOL**



Sports Corner

By: Kiley Rosado and Lillie Marlowe



Did you know we have a student athlete **Damarla Thompson (DT)** on the Key West High School girls basketball team? We asked her some questions from her perspective about the team.

Why did you join the team? “I joined the team because ever since I was little I would always go outside to play basketball with the boys. Then in 8th grade I joined my first team and that kick started my journey.”

Was it easy joining the team? “No it wasn’t because it was hard getting cleared for the sport. The hardest part is especially if you don’t go to that school.”

What is it like playing for another school? “Playing at a different school is quite difficult especially the away games because of my schedule since I am at CFKA.”

How does playing basketball at Key West High School interfere with school? “It’s difficult maintaining my schedule because I have to keep my GPA up and my grades good.”

How long have you been playing basketball for? “I’ve been playing basketball for about 7 years now, but I’ve been playing on teams for about 2 years.”



DT and the KWHS basketball team.



DT playing at her basketball game.

Academic Challenge Tournament

By: Keirra Austin

Students who are a part of Academic Challenge went to Marathon High School on December 9th to participate in the Academic Challenge Tournament. Our two teams placed 2nd and 4th overall.



The Academy's Academic Challenge team.



Card made by Trinity Andrade

Operation Holiday Card

By: Emily Anderson and Kiley Rosado

Students are making cards that will be sent to all Military Branches. These cards will be due December 13th to ensure that they will be received before the Holidays.



Dual Enrollment Spotlight

By: Jarrett Miller and Hadden Miller

Student: Caylee Moore

Reason: To get her associates degree.

Signing Up: Super easy, counselor and advisor were very helpful.

Effect on High School: It allowed me to explore new things and possible future jobs.

Advice: Take the classes for your future self because they help in the long run.

Classes: English Composition 1, College Algebra, History of the United States from 1876-1945, and Introduction to Criminology.



Senior Spotlight

By: Nina Ward



Name: Jadyn Ray

Future Plans: Get an EMT and Firefighter Certification

Hobbies: Painting, writing poems and sleeping

Favorite Quote: "I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy his marvelous presence." -Christopher Columbus

How Long Have You Been in the Keys? 2 years but lived in Florida for 8.

Counselor's Corner

By: Brenda Huebscher

To join dual enrollment, there are eligibility requirements: to maintain a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0, you must have a qualifying score on one of the following tests: PERT, PSAT 10, SAT, ACT. Steps: PERT Test (if needed): If you haven't met the college readiness score requirement, you'll need to take the PERT test offered every Friday at CFK, starting in January. See Ms. Brenda to schedule practice tests and sign up. On the day of the test, bring your CFK Academy ID number. As for enrollment, if you already have a qualifying test score, that's when you see Ms. Brenda to fill out the necessary enrollment forms. The next step is to set up your account and textbooks. Once your account is activated, and you're enrolled in the course, see Ms. Brenda for your CFK ID number, get your ID and new orientation link, and to obtain a textbook voucher.



Friendsgiving

By: Malique Gordon and Jonathan Downing

CFKA students had a Friendsgiving feast on Friday, November 22nd. Everyone brought food and desserts to share and enjoy. Friendsgiving was for friends, family, gratitude and food.



Getting ready



A table of sweets

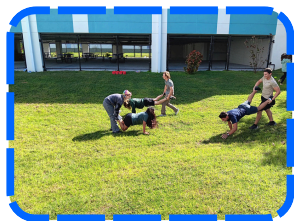


Thanksgiving food

Beach Olympics

By Jonathan Downing and Malique Gordon

On Friday November 22nd, students participated in 5 team building activities. There was a water balloon toss, flipper race, potato sack race, wheel barrel race, and water bucket fill race. The fun was had in the grassy area next to our building.



Wheel barrel race



Water bucket fill race



Flipper race



Attitude of Gratitude



By Jonathan Downing and Malique Gordon

November 18th to the 22nd, students did *attitude of gratitude* for English Language Arts class. Students made thank you cards expressing gratitude, a list of 101 things we are grateful for, and a mural of art. They also wrote a final reflection on gratitude.



Attitude of Gratitude wall



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\$1 EACH OR \$2 FOR 3

DECEMBER

6 - 12

TRY SCUBA DIVING

FREE

SUNDAY MORNINGS

6 SPOTS AVAILABLE

RSVP WITH INSTRUCTOR

JOSH: 808-482-0036

LOOE KEY REEF RESORT

MEETING AT DIVE SHOP

8:00 AM

1-2 HOURS AT THE POOL



IT'S NO JOKE!



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Snowy Days
Children's Winter Concert
Special Musical Guest Belle Jampol
Key West Tropical Forest & Botanical Garden
Sunday, December 15, 2024
12:00-2:00 PM
\$10 per family
Society Members FREE
Tickets on sale at the gate.
Get in the Holiday spirit at this Annual Family event.
Holiday Crafts for the kids, Snow Cones,
Food and Beverages. Fun for the entire Family



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Hello Jessica,,

Your help is needed this Sunday, December 15, 2024, from 10 AM - 3 PM to volunteer for the annual Snowy Days Children's Winter Concert.

Set up begins at 10 AM in the Garden Courtyard.

10 - 11:45 AM - 6 volunteers to assist with chairs, tables, tents, and set up for the event

12 - 2 PM - 2 volunteers for admission, 2 volunteers for beverage and snow cone sales, 6 volunteers for arts and crafts

2 - 3 PM - 6 volunteers are needed for bread down and clean up.

Your participation will ensure the success of this highly anticipated and attended family-friendly community event that supports the Key West Botanical Garden Society's Education Department's Living Lab Program.

Available and interested volunteers need to contact Misha McRAE at mmcrae@keywest.garden or call (305) 363-9828 to sign up.

Sincerely
Misha D. McRAE - Executive Director
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