

CFK Academy Newsletter

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Welcome to CFK Academy New Students

By: Aydin Alexander

We are thrilled to share with you the latest developments in the CFK Academy. We have new organizations, events and activities.

Last Friday, students participated in a marshmallow and toothpick building contest. They tried to build the best tower in an hour. The students were given three criteria, the tallest, most creative, and the largest.

Afterwards, students met in the library and learned about activities, clubs, volunteer opportunities and everything else that is going to happen in the coming weeks at the Academy.

Remember, August 30th is Wellness Day. We hope you enjoy our first edition of this newsletter. The next one comes out September 12th.



Journalism #1

Upcoming Dates:

September 2
Labor Day!
No School!

September 16
First Day of Start
with Hello Week!

September 17
Constitution Day
Progress Reports

Important Testing Dates

- **Sept 11: FAST PM 1**
- **Sept 18: Retake FAST and BEST Algebra 1/ Geometry**

PBL Introduction

By: Jarrett and Hadden Miller

Project-Based Learning (PBL) is a way for students to have more hands-on experiences. These experiences help guide our students towards a brighter future with projects like:

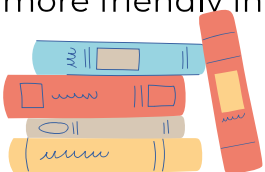
- Paper Airplanes in Mrs. Hughes' math class
- DIY Rocket in Mr. Hughes' Aviation class
- Community Day with Mrs. Drewel
- Jellyfish Project with Mrs. Garcia

These projects allowed students to work with their peers to make DIY rockets, paper planes, fun games with the community, and learn about jellyfish.

Teachers who employ Project Based Learning create authentic learning experiences and inspiring classrooms for students.

Project Based Learning can provide benefits such as:

- Improved academic performance
- Growth in employability skills for students
- Increased student engagement
- Increased teacher engagement
- Decreased discipline issues
- Improved student attendance
- Improved community perception and stronger community partnerships
- Students discover their value and purpose in the world
- Students become more friendly in their environments.



Leadership Fridays

By: Jonathan Downing

8/16

Ice breakers, bingo.

8/24

Marshmallow towers, several guest speakers discussing volunteer and service opportunities.

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Clubs and Service Opportunities

By Keirra Austin

On August 23rd, students visited the library to explore volunteer opportunities and clubs. They had the chance to select which activities they wanted to participate in throughout the school year. Students have the following choices:

Key West Botanical Garden

Directed by Misha D. McRae, the Botanical Garden has been around since 1914. Students will become a part of the “Leaders of Tomorrow” program, which goes through high school and college. Students will participate in educational programs, events, maintenance, and will become “Garden Guardians”.

“Think Globally, Act Locally” -Misha D. McRae



Key West Sailing Club

Directed by Ben Herman, Key West Sailing Club has been around since 1974, guiding people towards a love for the ocean. Key West Sailing Club has their very own youth program, where students can help volunteer, learn how to sail, and even join their sailboat racing team. Students who have previously participated have said that this program was “very fun” and “very little stress.”



Conch Oasis/Palm Vista

Conch Oasis/ Palm Vista retirement home has a volunteer program where students can go and participate in activities with seniors such as: arts & crafts, manicures, reading, they can play Scrabble, dominoes, crosswords, cards, and they even have pet therapy!



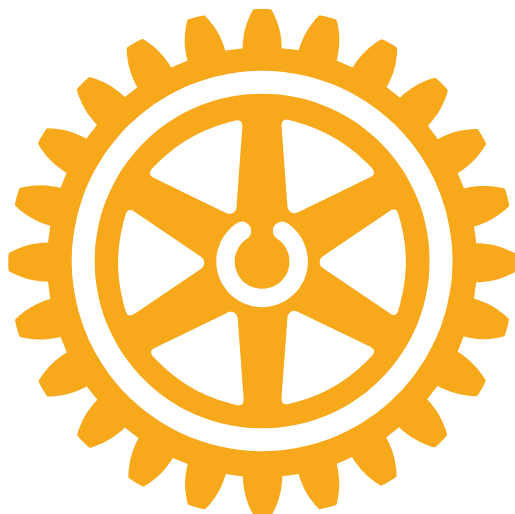
NHS/ NJHS

National Honors Society (NHS) and National Junior Honors Society (NJHS), are nation wide programs, that help set up events, and consist of four core regiments: Scholarship, Character, Leadership, and Service. They performed two notable fundraisers: the car-wash, and the St. Patrick's Day candy gram.



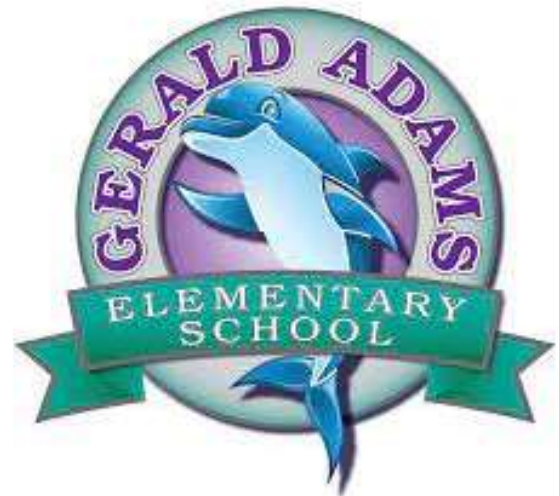
GAE Buddies

Buddies (formally “Reading Buddies”), is a volunteer option where students can go to Gerald Adams Elementary with Dr. Drewel to help students and teachers around the classroom. Last year we volunteered for 11 days, and had a total of 87 hours across 16 students.



Student Council

The Student Council is run by Mrs. Garcia, and the Student Council plans all of our special events. They bridge the ever-growing gap between students and faculty. Notably they have planned out Spirit Week, and the end of year Pool Party! Students can sign up to be officers enforcing school policy.



Interact

Interact is a worldwide program where students get together to develop leadership skills. They discover the joy of helping people other than themselves to help guide them into adulthood. They can also learn character, social stability, and management abilities.
