



Jan/Feb 2010 News Letter

From the CFCI Board President, Anne Patterson

The Board elected and welcomed two new members (Joan Marshall – grandparent and John Johnson – parent) who will serve until May 2010. In other business, we have completed the annual review of the updated Strategic Plan that was initially developed during the 2006-7 school year. The 2009-10 priorities for the Board include:

- Complete the review of the Board Policies and Procedures, Bylaws, and Charter (Board job descriptions, committees structure, review of the Grievance policy, Conflict of Interest)
- Create a Board self-evaluation tool and conduct the first evaluation
- Formalize Board orientation and ongoing education
- Develop a process for the Director's contract renewal and compensation plan
- Continue to develop the building project (design, financing, construction); develop a fundraising plan
- Continue collaboration with the Partnership (communication, fundraising)

Please visit the CFCI website under the Board of Directors' tab to find useful resources such as the Bylaws, Board minutes, meeting schedules, agenda, Board members, etc. Please note that we'll be recruiting several new Board members this spring. Elections will be in May for three-year terms beginning June 2010. Your help to recruit community Board members who will active and committed is particularly important. Thank you

From the CFCI Director, Brian Corrigan

Happy New Year! Even though the children were not in the building during the holiday break, teachers were very busy planning the second part of the year. The first semester ends January 15th, which marks the half way point in the school year. Our lottery for open seats for the school year 2010/2011 is February 18th. All applications (**THIS INCLUDES SIBLINGS WANTING TO ATTEND NEXT YEAR**) need to be in the office by February 1st. Please feel free to talk to your neighbors and friends about CFCI. If anyone you talk to wants a brochure, they are available at the front office or direct them to our website: www.cfc.net. Winter means colder temperatures! Please see that your children are dressed appropriately for the weather. CFCI follows New Hanover County in terms of delays and closures due to weather. If New Hanover Schools are delayed or closed, CFCI is too. Thank you for all of your support in 2009 and we look forward to working with you in 2010.

From the CFCI Partnership

The Partnership has lots of activities planned for the Winter and Spring! Our meeting on February 9 will focus on the One Book, One Community project. The school is reading "Alice In Wonderland" and we'll be having some activities related to the book at the meeting. At the March meeting on the 9th, we'll be sharing information about the new school and where CFCI is headed on the building. Meetings are held in the multipurpose room and start at 6:30 pm. Mark your calendars for School Spirit Week February 8- 12. The Partnership is also currently offering some funding grants to teachers to enhance the classrooms and we're continuing projects like playground beautification and teacher appreciation. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered this year! If you haven't yet participated at a meeting or by volunteering, make it part of your New Year's resolutions! See you at the meeting in February!