



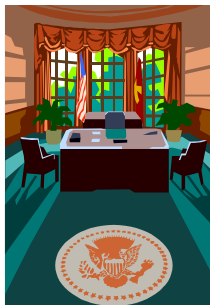
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Celebrations, Connections, & Challenges

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As part of CFI's mission of creating a democratic learning environment and teaching about citizenship, our school will take part in President Obama's national address to students across America on Tuesday, September 8th at noon. According to the US Department of Education, the President will challenge students to work hard, set educational goals and take responsibility for their learning. If you feel that you do not want your child to participate in this historic event, we ask that you send a note addressed to Dr. Mueller.

Thought For The WEEK: We Are One

****NOTES & REMINDERS****

1. Opening Picnic has been **RESCHEDULED** to Tuesday, September 22nd from 5:00 until 7:00. We hope this will be convenient for everyone.
2. Attached to this newsletter is information about programs that will be offered during after school hours. Please read carefully as each program has its own registration and payment procedures.
3. Also attached is information about collecting BoxTops and grocery store and other earning programs, including injet and toner cartridge recycling. Hang this page on your refrigerator for easy access.

CFI IS GOING TO THE ZOO!



On Friday, September 25th, CFI will take our annual school-wide field study to the zoo. As always, parents and younger siblings will be able to join us there. Admission is free for everyone associated with CFI. This is a wonderful trip for our whole school and we love going as a CFI family. The cost will be \$10.00 per child to cover transportation, lunch, and a souvenir. Like last year, we will eat lunch inside the zoo. However, this year, we will only purchase lunches for students, faculty and staff members. Accompanying parents and younger siblings will need to buy lunch on-site if they wish to eat inside the zoo. Permission forms and additional details will go home next Friday.

CHANGES TO CFI AFTERCARE

As CFI continues to grow we are making a few adjustments in our AfterCare program. In the past, we have been able to accommodate part-time and drop-in registrations. Beginning this year, all students must be enrolled in AfterCare on a full-time basis regardless of the number of times per week a child attends. Additionally, we are hiring extra staff and creating "classrooms" of AfterCare students so that we can increase the types of activities that we offer. Thank you for being patient with us as we make these improvements. We hope to have our new structures in place in the next few weeks.

******See September's menu online at www.richland2.org in the Parent's Section******