



10/24	Report Cards Sent Home
10/28	Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:30 PM
10/31	Start of Spirit Week: Orange & Black Day
11/1	Spirit Week: Decade Day
11/2	Spirit Week: Mismatch Day
11/3	Spirit Week: Cowboy/Western Day
11/3	Elementary Spelling Bee 4:00 PM
11/3	PTA Meeting 6:15 PM
11/4	Spirit Week: CPA Pride Day
11/7	Class Picture and Retake Day
11/7	2nd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
11/9	End of Grading Period for Progress Reports
11/9	BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
11/9	Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
11/10	Middle School Spelling Bee 4:00 PM



From the Director

Cougar Time to EXPO Time

When we brought Cougar Time into the school a couple of years ago, there was a bit of head scratching. Why would we have a reading and math intervention for all students; isn't that only for low performing kids? Why do we need 5, 6, or even 7 people working with one grade level? What's with the funny name? All these questions and a few more came up. The reasons behind Cougar Time were really very simple: if small group reading, writing, and math instruction was good for struggling students, wouldn't it also be good for all students?

Additionally, in my experience as a third grade teacher, I found it difficult to carve out time in my day from other responsibilities to individualize lessons. I knew I was supposed to be doing this and believed it would be good for my entire class, but found it hard to meet the needs of all kids during my teaching. Inevitably, some kids were ahead or behind. Cougar Time was a way for us to individualize instruction for at least 30 minutes a day for every kid. I believe, and data supports this, that Cougar Time was a significant factor in our school's strong performance on the School Performance Framework or SPF (our report card from the state of Colorado) we received last week. This year, our academic achievement and student growth on the SPF were both well ahead of state averages.

Now that we are breaking ground on the EXPO, the head scratching begins again. Is the new space really needed? Is it a science, art, technology, or agriculture class? What lessons will take place there? (The most direct answers are yes, yes, and don't know yet). To me EXPO is the opposite of Cougar Time meaning that if Gifted and Talented activities like project-based learning, problem solving, hands-on learning and higher level thinking skills are good for identified GT kids, wouldn't they also be good for all students? Aren't these skills everyone needs to possess in today's world? Along with our current instructional responsibilities (reading, writing, math, Spanish, art, music, social studies, science, PE, SPED, and ELL) we also have the responsibility to take things just a little bit further and go a bit deeper. In other words, challenging kids to think in ways they haven't tried before, and if they get their hands a little dirty in the process, all the better. To me that is what the EXPO is all about and why I'm so excited to see construction finally begin.

The EXPO is also a place for parents to bring their backgrounds and experience into the classroom. This is a great opportunity to take education to exciting new place and build upon an already terrific school. Mr. Sherlock has built a webpage so everyone can see what the program needs and how parents can get involved. You can access it from the CPA webpage or on Facebook. Join us there to see just how far education at Crown Pointe can go at the EXPO.

Counselor's Corner with Mrs. K

Caught Caring:

We had our first Caught Caring of the year recently and were able celebrate many wonderful students and staff doing amazing things at our school. Thank you to our super staff for being on the lookout for caring behaviors!

Candy Donations:

Are you wondering what to do with the deluge of Halloween candy your children will be receiving from trick-or-treating next week? Hoping to pass it on ...but to whom? Look no further...the Cheese Heads will happily accept all donations of candy towards the Caught Caring Program. You can drop it off at the front desk, with Mrs. Smeltzer, or with Mrs. K.

Adams County Career Expo:

Our 8th Grade students will have an exciting opportunity to attend the **Adams County Career Expo** on Tuesday, November 15th. The Adams County Commissioners' Career Expo is a unique, one-of-a-kind career fair designed to **get 8th grade youth thinking about their future education and career goals**. This annual event is particularly remarkable since it is designed to **accommodate the entire county's 8th grade population** and introduce them to professionals in their selected industry choices.

High School Information Night was a HUGE success! Thank you to all who attended. If you have any questions about the high school enrollment process, please feel free to contact me by email at: kari.knutson@crownpointeacademy.org, or by phone at (303) 428-1882 ext. 115.

Spirit Week is Coming to CPA!

The CPA Staff have planned a fun spirit week with theme days for a whole week! Plan for the following days the week of October 31st through November 4th:

Monday, October 31, 2016	Halloween Shirt Day: Students may wear a school appropriate Halloween, orange, or black shirt on this day.
Tuesday, November 1, 2016	Decade Day: The 50's, 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, or 2000's! Dress in clothes from your favorite decade.
Wednesday, November 2, 2016	Mismatch Day: Plaid and polka dots? Stripes and flowers? Mix it up on mismatch day!
Thursday, November 3, 2016	Cowboy/Western Day: Giddyup partners! Wear your western gear this day.
Friday, November 4, 2016	Cougar Pride Day: Show your school spirit with a Crown Pointe t-shirt!

PTA Update

Looking for a great opportunity to get involved at CPA? Looking for a way to get some volunteer hours? Join us for the next general PTA meeting on **Thursday, November 3rd at 6:15 in the CPA library**. You can earn volunteer hours just by attending the PTA meeting.

We would love to have your ideas and participation in planning events and activities for the CPA community this year such as dances, social events, Staff Appreciation Week, and school fundraisers.

Not a PTA member? Joining is easy! Just complete the envelope available the front office and include your \$10.00 membership fee. Joining PTA allows you to vote on upcoming PTA decisions. With your membership, you'll also get discounts and coupons to goods and services in the area. Contact a PTA board member if you have any questions.

You do not have to be a PTA member to attend the PTA meetings. You can still volunteer and participate, and we would love to have you join us!



Teach Your Children to Be Safe at Any Age

Parents worry about their children; it's a fact of life. Teaching them to be safe as they grow and explore is one of your most important jobs. But with so many potential threats to worry about, the task can seem overwhelming. Here are a few basics to concentrate on:

Discuss safety calmly. You want your children to be careful, not terrified. When you talk about safety matters, emphasize that your main concern is their welfare. Listen to their concerns, and answer their questions as clearly and honestly as you can.

Highlight important information. Be sure your younger children know their home phone number and address, as well as contact information for another relative or trusted adult.

Don't talk only about strangers. Let children know they should tell you anytime they're made uncomfortable by someone's behavior, even if they know the person well.

Play "what if?" Rules and advice can be too abstract for young minds to understand. Make advice real by asking children what they would do in certain situations—if a stranger tried to get them into a car, for example, or if they got lost in a shopping mall.

Discuss body issues. Let your children know that no one should be allowed to touch them in personal areas. Teach them what areas you're talking about, with the proper names, so they can tell you accurately if something happens.

These are just a few tips for working with your children in matters of safety. For more safety tips, visit the National Children's Advocacy Center website at www.nationalcac.org/prevention/safety-tips-for-parents.html.

Staff Extensions (303) 428-1882

510	Armstrong, Lawrence	Middle School Math Teacher
219	Austin, Tammie	Kindergarten Assistant
512	Avozani, Stephanie	Middle School Math Teacher
127	Bandel, Denise	In House Substitute
223	Bonadonna, Janet	2nd Grade Assistant
513	Carscallen, Robin	Middle School Literature Teacher
104	Castellano, Diana	School Health Aide
511	Emmett, Hilary	Middle School Writing Teacher
410	Felten, Adina	4th Grade Teacher
103	Fiorini, Leslie	Front Office Receptionist
408	George, Andrea	3rd Grade Teacher
102	Gerber, Trisha	Front Office Receptionist
117	Glass, Alex	RtI, ELL Coordinator
406	Gonzalez, William	4-8 Spanish Teacher
228	Granado, Alicia	Kindergarten Assistant
412	Hardy, Liz	5th Grade Teacher
211	Holmes, Liann	1st Grade Teacher
212	Hubin, Ashley	2nd Grade Teacher
209	Huffman, Tina	Kindergarten Teacher
514	Hughes, Bonnie	Middle School Social Studies Teacher
417	James, Karey	3rd Grade Assistant
419	Johnson, Kim	4th Grade Assistant
418	Johnson, Velvet	3rd Grade Assistant
115	Knutson, Kari	School Counselor
313	Kofford, Chelsea	K-3 Spanish, Elementary Art Teacher
407	Kokoszka, Jessie	3rd Grade Teacher
220	Lamb, Renee	1st Grade Assistant
105	MacGregor, Sandi	Executive Secretary
409	MacGregor, Matt	4th Grade Teacher
520	Murphy, Sandy	Middle School Writing/Electives Teacher
422	O'Connor, Katie	5th Grade Assistant
307	O'Neal, Pam	Music Teacher
106	Ouweneel, Keith	Director
504	Roe, Marcia	Middle School Science Teacher
421	Ross, Brenda	5th Grade Assistant
107	Selleck-Keyes, Erin	Assistant Director
405	Sherlock, Evan	Expo Director
118	Smeltzer, Danielle	Special Education Teacher
221	Smiley, Melba	1st Grade Assistant
420	Sunday, Lucinda	4th Grade Assistant
523	Southern, Julie	Middle School Assistant
210	Strass, Monica	1st Grade Teacher
306	Strick, Peggy	Librarian
208	Sullivan, Jackie	Kindergarten Teacher
318	Varner, A.J.	Physical Education Teacher
222	Williams, Jennifer	2nd Grade Assistant
213	Winham, Wilhelmina	2nd Grade Teacher
515	Worley, Paula	Middle School RtI/GT Coordinator
411	Yang, Sue	5th Grade Teacher

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