



- 1/18 PTA Dance Committee Meeting 6:00 PM
- 1/20 Elementary 2nd Quarter Awards 8:30 AM
- 1/20 Middle School 2nd Quarter Awards 9:05 AM
- 1/24 CiCi's Night Spanish Trip Fundraiser
- 1/26 Kindergarten Music Program 6:00 PM
- 1/27 Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM
- 2/2 PTA Meeting 6:15 PM
- 2/8 End of Grading Period for Progress Reports
- 2/8 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 2/8 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 2/10 PTA Pajama Jam Dance 6:00-9:00 PM
- 2/13 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 2/17 Middle School Dance
- 2/20 No School—Presidents' Day
- 2/21 Jump Rope/Hoops for Heart Begins



From the Director

Who Reads A School Newsletter?

Every couple of weeks, we send out a school newsletter to update everyone on what's going on at Crown Pointe. The idea is that people know what's going on in the classrooms and with the school as a whole. Included with that is a Director's Update. When writing the Update, I sometimes wonder who reads them and what message should be sent and how that message is received.

The other day, I came across a Facebook post from a charter school in Greeley. The message to parents was regarding pickup and drop off. The school was telling parents not to be on their cell phones while driving, not to leave children unattended in cars, and not walk through the parking lot (to use the crosswalk instead)—all reasonable requests. After reading the lists of "don't do these things", I wondered if their message was going to get through and actually change anything. Is this really the best way to get the message across? I have my doubts.

It's my belief that the people who read the school newsletter are also the same people who are already following the rules (or trying their best to follow the rules). By sending out negative messages (i.e. "don't do this") you just turn off people. Instead the best way to get your ideas through in a crowded, overwhelmed world of too much information is to stay positive.

So who reads a school newsletter? I don't know for sure, but I bet it is someone who cares about their child's education, their kid's school, and wants to do the right thing every time. So thanks for reading this. Also, thanks for not driving while on your cell phone, not leaving children unattended in the car, and for using the crosswalk.

Stay Healthy During Cold and Flu Season

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu peaks in January and February but can begin as early as October. It takes a while for the person receiving the flu vaccine to be fully immunized which is why it is important to get your shot as early as possible.

It's also important to remember that the flu shot is never 100 percent effective, so even if you or your family has received the shot everyone should practice good health habits as provided by the CDC:

1. **Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands when you are sick. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
3. **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. **Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
6. **Practice other good health habits.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

For more information on staying healthy during cold and flu season, visit www.cdc.gov/flu.

The Yearbook Club is in need of your photos! We would appreciate pictures of all school events, specials activities, after school programs, field trips and every day school life. PLEASE start going through your cameras and phones and help share the memories of this school year! Please put your photos on a CD and label it ATTN: Yearbook Club and drop it off at the front office, or you can email your photos to jesikahardman@yahoo.com.

Thank You very much for all your help!



It's that time of year when Colorado weather can be unpredictable! We follow Westminster Public Schools for school closure in the event of severe weather. Watch major communication networks for the closure of Westminster Public Schools to know if Crown Pointe is closed, or visit www.crownpointeacademy.org. We will also communicate via phone and email to notify families of any school closure.

Volunteer Update

Are you in need of volunteer hours? You can:

- Join a school committee like the Wellness Committee or PTA Dance Committee. Please check the Week-at-a-Glance for meeting dates and times.
- Help with hot lunch. Lunch volunteers are needed daily from 10:45-12:45.
- Help prepare Monday Folders in elementary classrooms each week.
- Come to the school on an evening or weekend and help clean up the school grounds or pick up trash.
- Attend the PTA or Academy Board meetings. Your time spent participating in meetings counts towards your commitment hours. The next PTA meeting is Thursday, February 2nd, and the next Academy Board meeting is Wednesday, February 8th.
- Come to the next Brown Bag Pick Up event on Friday, January 27th during dismissal.
- Sign up to chaperone a field trip with your student.
- Help in your student's classroom.

We are down on our recorded commitment hours for the year, so keep logging those hours and turning them in! Every hour counts, and our total hours can help us when applying for grants and other opportunities. You can turn your hours in on the paper sheet sent home monthly, or you can log your hours in from home by sending an email to volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org. Make sure you include your name, your student's name, and your total hours for the month in the email.

Don't forget! When your family has met your commitment hours for the year, your student(s) will receive a **non-uniform certificate**. For every ten hours you complete past your target, you will receive an additional non-uniform certificate. Non-uniforms days are typically the second Wednesday of the month, so get your hours in this week so that your child can have a non-uniform certificate next week!

With everyone's help, we can reach our goal of 14,000 hours for the year. Thank you for being a partner in your child's education!

Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart is Coming to CPA!

Crown Pointe is excited to support the American Heart Association again this year with Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart! Students have the opportunity to celebrate being Heart Heroes through fun physical activity and optional donations to support others, including kids with sick hearts, and earn thank you gifts. We will kick off Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart on January 26th and our FUN event days will take place in PE classes the week of February 21st through 24th.

You can register online to support the American Heart Association and share your heart healthy ROAR by searching "Crown Pointe" at www.heart.org/jump or www.heart.org/hoops.

Thank you for joining together to be Heart Heroes with the American Heart Association!



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

Staff e-mail Formula:

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anytime from the

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Pick up your login info at the school office.

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