Crown Pointe Academy UPDATE

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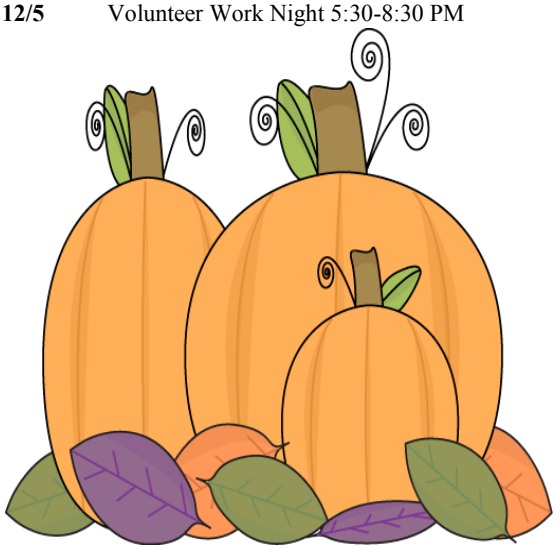
10/27	Report Cards Sent Home
10/27	School District 50 Showcase 5:00 PM
10/28	Class Picture and Re-take Day
10/28	Start of Middle School Jam League 6:00 PM
11/6	PTA Meeting 6:15 PM
11/7	Volunteer Work Night 5:30-8:30 PM
11/10	2nd Grade Music Performance 6:30 PM
11/12	Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
11/12	End of the Grading Period
11/17	Progress Reports Sent Home
11/20	BAAC Meeting 6:30 PM
11/24-11/28	No School— Thanksgiving Break
12/4	PTA Meeting 6:15 PM
12/5	Volunteer Work Night 5:30-8:30 PM



From the Director

Secrets of the Teacher's Lounge Revealed

When I was a kid I thought the teacher's lounge was a magical place. Maybe it was because no students were allowed in there, maybe it was the Coke machine, or maybe it was the occasional laughter that echoed out of the room. Whatever the reason, it was a surprise to find out my first year teaching that it was just like every other workplace break room. Every teacher's lounge I've ever seen has a microwave, a fridge, plenty of dirty dishes, and really not much else. The mystery I imagined wasn't that big of a deal, but you wouldn't have been able to tell me that when I was in school.

Kids find secrets and mysteries in each corner of a school: every new book they read, every new class they take, and every new school year. One of the reasons I chose to work with kids is because they remind me that life is full of real mysteries. They are seeing things for the first time and that is always exciting. It brings a fresh perspective to every day, and no two days are alike. This is the reason Kindergarten students are so happy and why they are always so eager to start school. To them, everything is new.

So I realize the teacher's lounge wasn't really that interesting. It was just that it was new (and mysterious) to a little kid. Like so many other things I was seeing for the first time at that age. So today take a moment and remember your child(ren) are always seeing new things for the first time. Ask them if they have any questions. These moments are the building blocks of learning and curiosity, the opportunity to grow, and a chance to learn a little more about the world. As for the teacher's lounge, it really wasn't what I thought it was, but that's okay. Sometimes you just need a place to buy a Coke and that's fine too.

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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? 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 18th. 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 total county 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.

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.

PTA Update from Denise Chavez, President

Next PTA General Meeting – November 6th, 2014 at 6:15 pm. Child care and light snacks will be provided. Please come and meet your fellow parents, staff and administration. *We are still in need of one to two volunteers to assist with PTA child care. For more information, contact Denise @ 303-803-2077 or email go.baby@hotmail.com. This volunteer opportunity counts toward your school commitments hours.*

Don't forget to get your King Soopers Neighborhood Reloadable Gift Cards - *Every grocery purchase you make at King Soopers* ***earns 5% back to support our kids through CPA-PTA****. We have gift cards to purchase ($5.00 & $10.00 increments), so if you would like one, please contact Jamie Brostuen at 303-429-1725.*

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.

Staff Extensions (303) 428-1882

510	Armstrong, Lawrence	Middle School Math Teacher
219	Austin, Tammie	Kindergarten Assistant
127	Bandel, Denise	In House Substitute
223	Bonadonna, Janet	2nd Grade Assistant
513	Carscallen, Robin	Middle School Literature Teacher
104	Castellano, Diana	Health Aide
417	Cowley, Christal	3rd Grade Assistant
511	Emmett, Hilary	6th and 7th Grade Writing Teacher
410	Felten, Adina	4th Grade Teacher
103	Fiorini, Leslie	School Receptionist
222	George, Andrea	Elementary RtI Coordinator
102	Gerber, Trisha	School Receptionist
406	Gonzalez, William	3-8 Spanish Teacher
228	Granado, Alicia	Kindergarten Assistant
504	Graybeal, Bob	Middle School Science Teacher
418	Guillen, Dominique	3rd Grade 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
520	James, Karey	Middle School Assistant
222	Johnson, Velvet	2nd Grade Assistant
115	Knutson, Kari	School Counselor
405	Knutson, Molly	K-2 Spanish, Elementary Technology Teacher
220	Lamb, Renee	1st Grade Teacher
105	MacGregor, Sandi	Executive Secretary
113	Munier, Morgan	Facility Manager
521	Murphy, Sandy	8th Grade Writing, Middle School Electives Teacher
422	O'Connor, Katie	5th Grade Assistant
307	O'Neal, Pam	Music Teacher
106	Ouweneel, Keith	Director
411	Reichert, Kristine	5th Grade Teacher
407	Ruskusky, Kevin	3rd Grade Teacher
408	Segal, Erica	3rd Grade Teacher
107	Selleck-Keyes, Erin	Assistant Director
313	Sherlock, Evan	Art, Middle School Technology Teacher
118	Smeltzer, Danielle	Special Education Teacher
221	Smiley, Melba	1st Grade Assistant
421	Smith, Leigh	5th Grade Assistant
420	Sonday, LuCinda	4th Grade Assistant
523	Southern, Julie	Middle School Assistant
210	Strass, Monica	1st Grade Teacher
306	Strick, Peggy	School Librarian
208	Sullivan, Jackie	Kindergarten Teacher
318	Varner, AJ	Physical Education Teacher
419	Williams, Jennifer	4th Grade Assistant
213	Winham, Wilhelmina	2nd Grade Teacher
512	Wood, Stephanie	Middle School Math Teacher
522	Worley, Paula	Middle School RtI, G/T Coordinator
409	Yang, Sue	4th Grade Teacher

Staff e-mail Formula:
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Homework Hotline
Call (303) 428-1882 after 4:30

Infinite Campus Parent Portal
Pick up your login info at the school office.

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