



- 4/27 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 4/29 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast
- 5/7 PTA Meeting 6:15 PM
- 5/8 CPA Talent Show 9:30 AM
- 5/8 Middle School Dance 6:30-9:00 PM
- 5/13 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 5/14 Elementary Field Day
- 5/15 NJHS Induction Ceremony 7:00 PM
- 5/19 CPA Awards Assembly 1:00 PM
- 5/19 8th Grade Continuation Set Up 4:00 PM
- 5/20 8th Grade Continuation Ceremony 7:00 PM
- 5/21 Kindergarten Graduation 10:00 AM
- 5/22 Last Day of School for Students
- 5/25 Memorial Day
- 5/27 Last Day of School for Teachers/Assistants
- 6/1 Start of Elementary and MS Summer School
- 6/27 End of Elementary Summer School



From the Director

Running a 100% School on 75% Funding

Have you ever looked at your property tax bill and wondered where that school district money goes, how it's divided, and who gets what? Some of that money is mandated by the State and every school receives an equal share, but mill levy override and bond monies only go to certain schools. The decision of which schools get what amount is made by the Adams County School District 50 School Board and administration. For example, when Westminster High was rebuilt, bond money was spent only after taxpayers agreed to foot the bill. Just like a mortgage, bonds were taken out to pay for the school and voters in turn would pay that money back over several years. In 2002, voters chose to give District 50 more money the state minimum (called a mill levy override), but the district got to decide which schools would get what amount. Well, take a guess which D50 school is the only one not to receive a dime of that money? If you said Crown Pointe Academy, you would be right.

By our estimates the district collected \$7,829,748 in mill levy override money in 2013-14 (above and beyond state minimums). CPA's share should have been just over 4.5% or \$358,892 which is roughly 10% of our budget; but, the actual amount was ZERO. Additionally, Crown Pointe is responsible for 100% of the finances for our building which comes to \$490,000 per year (we receive no annual district support for this cost). In other words, CPA runs on 75% of the money many other schools in Adams County get. This money could make a world of difference in expanding services and support for students, paying teachers a competitive salary (they make about 25% less than district teachers), and increasing opportunities for some of the 700 plus kids on our waitlist.

On June 10th, the Colorado State Board of Education will be hearing a challenge by Crown Pointe Academy of D50's exclusive chartering authority. This challenge focuses on many issues, but the main one is that D50 has not followed the law when it comes to its treatment of CPA. According to state statute, a "quality" charter authorizer shares mill levy override money, helps charter schools with their facilities, and offers a whole host of additional assistance. This challenge seeks to fix these wrongs and ensure that CPA is a 100% school with 100% support, now and in the future.

Volunteering Update

The 2nd Annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast is this Wednesday, April 29th from 7:30-9:00 a.m. Please join us in the cafeteria for a cup of coffee or juice and some delicious food as a **thank you** for the commitment and time that so many CPA parents and family members have given to our school this year. Come in and stay for a while, or just drop in for a few minutes on your way to work. Even if you haven't completed all of your hours for the year, we still want to show you our appreciation. We hope to see you there!



The final non-uniform day for completed commitment hours will be on Wednesday, May 13th. If you're close to meeting your hours for the year, be sure to get your final hours in so that your student has the opportunity to use their non-uniform certificate.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."
—Sherry Anderson

End of Year PARCC Testing Starts Next Week!

Students in grades 3-8 will be completing the End of Year (EOY) Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) testing between May 4th and May 22nd. Grades 3-5 have three tests which include one test in English Language Arts and two in math, and they will complete all tests the week of May 4th. Grades 6-8 have two tests in English Language Arts and two tests in math for a total of four tests, which they will complete the week of May 11th. All tests take between 60-80 minutes each.

Your child's attendance on these testing dates is essential. We encourage you not to schedule any activities that require your child to be absent during the testing days. We know that you are aware that your child's performance on this test is very important, so please take time to review the following testing tips with him/her:

- Make sure your child is well rested for school, especially on the day of the test;
- Provide a hearty breakfast on the morning of the test;
- **Be sure your child arrives on time to school each day and attends regularly;**
- Encourage your child to do his/her best;
- Remember it's important not to judge your child on the basis of a single test score. It's more important to focus on progress over a marking period than on the results of one test.
- Contact your child's teacher whenever you have questions about his/her progress, including test results.

Please take time to remind your child of the following test taking strategies as the test approaches:

- Stay calm. Some students find it helpful to relax themselves with a couple of slow, deep breaths before they begin the test;
- Read and/or listen carefully to directions from the teacher before beginning the test;
- Begin as soon as you can and complete the test exactly as you are told to do;
- Read each question and all possible answers before selecting the correct one;
- Check over the test at the end of the test session to be sure that you have answered all the questions; and
- Keep working until time is up. If you finish early, go back and check your answers.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to your child's success, and as always, please call your child's teacher, Mr. Ouweneel, or Mrs. Keyes if you have questions about the PARCC assessment.

PTA Update from Denise Chavez, President

PTA General Meeting May 7, 2015@ 6:15 p.m.

This will be our last general meeting for the school year. Child care and light snacks will be provided. We are in need of one to two volunteers to assist with PTA child care. For more information, contact Denise @ 303-803-2077 or email pta@crownpointeacademy.org. This volunteer opportunity counts toward your school commitment hours.



Innisbrook School Supply Kits

Don't forget to order your Innisbrook school supplies. For a reasonable price, you can order a complete, grade specific school supply kit for next year. Avoid the back to school shopping rush— your kit will be delivered directly to the school in August! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Angela Vinson directly.

Don't forget to by your King Soopers reloadable card!

Please contact Jamie Brostuen to purchase your reloadable King Soopers Gift Card. Every purchase with Neighborhood Reloadable Gift Card earns - 5% back to support our kids through CPA-PTA. We have gift cards to purchase (\$5.00 & \$10.00 increments). Jamie Brostuen can be reached at 303-429-1725.

If you were unable to order your 2014-2015 yearbook, the school did purchase 20 extra yearbooks that will be for sale at the front office on Friday, May 1st starting at 7:30 a.m. This will be on a first come, first served basis. You must pre-pay at \$16.50 per book. Limit 2 per family.

If you are unable to purchase a yearbook from the school, it's not too late to get your 2014-2015 yearbook! You can still visit www.TreeRing.com/validate and enter our code: 101392221425678. Your yearbook will be shipped directly to your house (shipping rates apply). Please note that the date has passed for delivery by the end of the school year for yearbook signing. You will receive your yearbook in the month of June. Please contact the office with questions. Thank you!

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:

firstname.lastname@crownpointeacademy.org

Homework Hotline

Call (303) 428-1882 after 4:30

Infinite Campus Parent Portal
Pick up your login info at the school office.**Crown Pointe Academy Board of Directors****President**

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