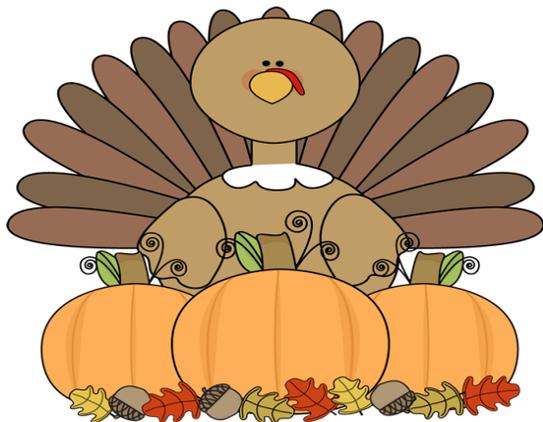


- 11/9 4th Grade Music Program
- 11/11 Elementary Science Fair Due
- 11/11 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 11/11 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11/13 Middle School Science Fair Awards 2:45
- 11/13 8th Grade Play Performance 6:30 PM
- 11/16 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 11/17 Beau Jo's Spanish Trip Fundraiser
- 11/23-11/27 No School— Thanksgiving Break
- 12/3 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12/9 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 12/9 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12/11 Middle School Dance 6:30 PM
- 12/14 3rd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 12/15 CiCi's Night Spanish Trip Fundraiser
- 12/18 End of 2nd Quarter



## From the Director

### Building Confidence in Kids

There are many words for it: self-esteem, self-worth, self-image, but what it really comes down to is confidence. We all want to raise children that are resilient, adaptable, and who can overcome the difficulties that are inherent in life. We all know that kids that have these skills will be able to meet life's challenges at all ages. Parents, teachers, coaches, and other important adults in a child's life all play key roles in helping build confidence.

So what's the trick? How do we build authentic confidence in kids? The key word here is authentic. Children respond to praise; however, they are very smart in recognizing when we are being sincere. The "everybody gets a trophy" result isn't nearly as powerful as when kids receive recognition for completing a difficult task or overcoming adversity. While it is hard to watch a child fail, when they eventually "get it", they are building authentic confidence. Succeeding after repeated failure and great effort teaches a kid that with enough effort, they can do it.

Children also develop confidence by becoming more responsible. I once heard someone say, "Never do for a child, what a child can do for themselves". Kids want to show you what they can do, so give them a chance to do so. Giving them a special job can do wonders. If you are busy around the house, show them one new task that they can assist with and in a few years you will be surprised that they can do on their own.

It is not enough to stop there. We also need to take time to acknowledge these kinds of success. Recognition is extremely important. It's the reason we have programs at Crown Pointe Academy like Caught Caring, the honor roll, and other special awards. At your home a "Wall of Fame" is a great way to show off a child's accomplishments. It can be that 100% on a spelling test or hard earned basketball trophy. Either way the results of your child's success builds their confidence, and isn't that something every parent wants?

# Volunteer Update

Thank you to all of the families who attended Volunteer Work Night last Friday!

**SAVE THE DATES!** Additional Volunteer Work Nights for the year will be on: February 5th, March 4th, and April 8th.

Our annual **Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Fundraiser** held on October 29th was a record setting night for Crown Pointe Academy! We raised over \$300 that will be used to support our volunteer efforts including providing refreshments and child care for Volunteer Work Nights, and hosting our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast in the spring. Thank you to all who came out and supported Crown Pointe that night!

We are low on our commitment hours for the year, so it's important that every family member record their volunteer time! Help us reach our goal of 14,000 hours for the year! To log your hours, you can fill out the paper log sent home at the beginning of each month and return it to the office. You can also send an email to [volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org). Make sure you include your name, your student's name, and the total time volunteered for the month. Demonstrating strong parental involvement can help CPA qualify for grants and other funding opportunities, so it's important that we record each hour. Thank you for your support!

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart."  
—Elizabeth Andrew*



# Driving Safety Reminder

Crown Pointe Academy's traffic plan was designed to insure student safety primarily, but to also allow for as much ease and efficiency as possible for parents and family members. With that in mind, we would like to remind parents of a few items:

- 1. Please do not park your cars along 86th Avenue on the west side of the parking lot exit. When cars are parked along that stretch, there is not adequate visibility for cars exiting the parking lot. There are also No Parking signs and No Student Drop Off signs posted there, and individuals that park along that stretch risk the possibility of being ticketed by the Westminster Police Department.**
2. Please do not drop your student(s) off in the middle of the parking lot or along the stretch of the driveway that is unsupervised by staff. We have many assistants on duty each morning to greet your child(ren) and make sure they exit their vehicle safely.
3. Please do not drop your children off at school until 7:30 a.m. There is not supervision until that time.
4. Do not get out of your vehicle at any time in the driveline! This slows down the entire drop off and pick up procedure.
5. Remember that the safety of all CPA students and staff members is our top priority. Please drive slowly and cautiously in the parking lot, and be sure to obey all posted traffic signs in the community.

We appreciate your continued support of our traffic plan!

## PTA Update from Denise Chavez, President

**PTA General Meeting, December 3, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. Guest Speaker: Ms. Pam O'Neal, CPA Music & Choir Instructor: Points Included in Music & The Mind**

Child care and light snacks will be provided. Please come and meet your fellow parents, staff and administration.

**PTA Fundraiser – Drawing and Top Sellers**

**Xbox Game System:** Gabriel Hull-Stone

**Mini iPad:** Destinee Devereux (Elementary) Zek Baird (Middle School)

**Nuggets Tickets:** Nevaeh Lewis

In addition, PTA would like to give the following TOP sellers recognition for selling 25 units or more: Tavion Fernstedt, Gabriel Hull-Stone, Chandler Thammasine,

Lelieth Wilson, Caleb Wherry, Ben Worley, Reagan Holmes, and JonChristian Chavez

**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.*

**Online School Store:** Don't forget to visit the online school store. There are many great items to purchase!

**PTA Board Positions:** Do you have an interest in being on the PTA Board??? If so, please contact any of our current PTA Board members for more information. Contact information can be located on the school website. *Open Positions - President and Vice President 3*

*Upcoming Open Positions – Vice President 1, Vice President 2 and Treasurer*



## Look on the Bright Side

Optimism is much more than seeing the world through rose-colored glasses. It is about approaching a problem or situation with faith in ourselves and bringing a positive attitude to work with us every day. Lucille Ball said, "One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself."

Being optimistic can also have many other side effects on your personal health and well-being. Optimists tend to struggle less with stress, anxiety, and depression. They also tend to cope better with illness and disease. But the best part about being optimistic is that optimists generally enjoy life more. They accept failures and disappointments as part of life and not the end of the world. This allows them to fully embrace their successes and become truly grateful when they overcome obstacles. They don't necessarily expect that good things will come their way, but when that happens, they are fully open to receive the gifts that are provided. Few of us are born with optimism. Generally, many of our world views are determined by our social standing and what we learn from our families and friends. But even if you didn't learn how to be optimistic when you were younger, there's still time to change your attitude. Here are a few suggestions for developing an optimistic outlook on life.

Let go of the idea that you were born to have bad luck, and that this will continue all your life. Even if you have had some setbacks, you still have time to turn things around. It is very important to remember that the past does not dictate the future. Examine why you feel pessimistic about the future. Deal with the things you can do to change that prediction, and let the rest go.

You will also have to accept that life will throw you a few curveballs. It happens to the brightest, richest, and most successful people in the world every day. We may all be only one serious illness, automobile accident, or economic downturn away from disaster.

These things may happen, and we may have to deal with them. But we can't live our lives in fear. An optimistic attitude will allow us to live our lives without worrying about these things and give us the capacity to believe that we will be able to deal with them if they do occur.

But the best way to maintain our optimism is to be thankful for the things that we already have. We are blessed to live in the best and safest country on earth. We have the freedom to practice any religion we want and, within modest limits, to say what we believe. We have jobs, families, and communities that care about us. Yes, things could be better, but we have much to be grateful for. That in itself should give us the hope that we will find a way to overcome whatever challenges are placed in our way.

**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
405	Cardenas, Susana	K-2 Spanish, K-5 Technology
513	Carscallen, Robin	Middle School Literature Teacher
104	Castellano, Diana	Health Aide
417	Cowley, Christal	5th 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
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	Johnson, Kim	Middle School Assistant
222	Johnson, Velvet	2nd Grade Assistant
115	Knutson, Kari	School Counselor
407	Knutson, Molly	3rd Grade Teacher
220	Lamb, Renee	1st Grade Assistant
418	Chapman, Karen	3rd Grade Assistant
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
409	Reichert, Kristine	4th Grade Teacher
504	Roe, Marcia	Middle School Science 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
417	Smith, Leigh	3rd Grade Assistant
420	Sunday, 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
411	Yang, Sue	5th 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.

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