



# Middle School Newsletter

May 9, 2016

Crown Pointe Academy

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May 9-13

**Monday, May 9:**

NJHS Meeting 3:45-4:45

RF Flurries Cereal

(V) Breakfast for Lunch: Pancakes with Omelet, (V) Southwest Veggie Wrap, Celery Sticks

**Tuesday, May 10:**

Middle School Summer Reading Program Info

Cinnamon Toast Bagel

Kickin' Chicken Melt Sandwich, (V) Egg Salad Sandwich, Glazed Sliced Carrots

**Wednesday, May 11:**

BAAC Meeting 4:30-6:00

CPA Board Meeting 7:00-9:00

RF Honey Buttons Cereal

(DF) Crispy Chicken Sandwich, (V) Hummus & Flatbread, Garbanzo Beans & Chopped Romaine Lettuce with Ranch

**Thursday, May 12:**

BOGO Book Fair

Field Day Grades 3-5, 8:20-11:20

Field Day Grades k-2, 12:10-3:10

PTA Ice Cream Social 2:45

Omelet with Cheese & Orange Juice, (DF) All Natural Hot Dog, Blanched Broccoli Florets

**Friday 13**

BOGO Book Fair

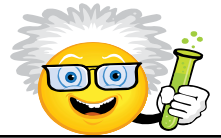
5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Softball Games

Middle School Dance 6:00-9:00

Yogurt & Granola

Pasta with Zesty Beef, (DF) Chicken Salad Sandwich, Seasoned Corn

**Science with Mrs. Roe**  
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**What we are learning and big assignments:**

6th Grade: We are in our final unit, which is the use of natural resources. This is a short unit and will end at the beginning of next week. The test will be Thursday, May 12th. Notebooks will be collected then also.

7th Grade: We will be working on our final unit of the year on Geology. We have started our Plate Tectonics unit and will wrap up with it this Thursday, May 12th, when students have their test.

8th Grade: This week, we are exploring the brain with a little neuroscience as we wrap up the year. There will be a quiz over this information on Tuesday, May 10th.

**Final CPA Roller Coaster Challenge will be on May 13th.**

**Roller Coaster Challenge at Elitches on May 19th**

**Make sure you turn in your Elitches permission slips ASAP!**

**Upcoming events and deadlines:**

8th Grade: Roller Coaster Building Days after school from 3:45-5:00 on:

May 10th

May 12th

**Social Studies with Mrs. Hughes**  
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**All Classes**

- If students have not turned in community service hours I will still be accepting them this week. Get them in as soon as possible.
- Pearson Login – this is for Realize and SuccessNet Plus User names: cpafirstname.lastinitial Passwords: CPAlaunchcode
- They must have internet access on a nightly basis as we will be relying on our digital texts as well as an online classroom forum called Google Classroom. Please make a plan so that students can finish homework on time.
- Please make sure you have access to Infinite Campus for grade information. Please have your student show you our Google Classroom if you would like to know what is going on.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**

*Central America and the Caribbean*

Essential Question: *Is it better to be independent or interdependent?*

This week we will continue our study of Central America and the Caribbean.

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**

*Ancient Southwest Asia and Africa*

Essential Question: *How are religion and culture connected?*

This week we will continue looking at the history of Islam.

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies**

*WWII*

Essential Question: *When is war justified?*

This week we are going to jump about 180 years and look at World War II. Students will be doing more hands on learning for the next 5-7 days.

**Continuation Info**

**CONTINUATION IS ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016!**

- Students need to report to the cafeteria at 6:20.
- 7<sup>th</sup> grade helpers and parents need to be here by 6:00 pm.

**Weighted Grades**

I do weight my grades for academic classes as follows:

Tests/Projects = 40%

Quizzes/Homework/Classwork = 35%

Notes/Participation/ = 25%

This does make it so that you can't add up their total number of points and divide it by the total points possible and calculate a correct grade. Please email me if you have any questions.

## Literature with Mrs. Carscallen

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### 6th Grade

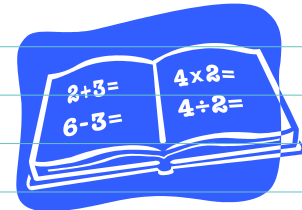
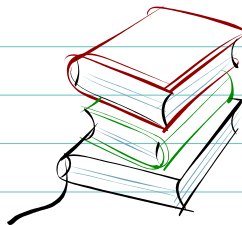
This week we will continue our unit on the story Bearstone. In addition, students will spend time learning new vocabulary words using a variety of sources. **5/9/16:** Spelling Test#25  
**5/12/16:** Vocabulary Packet #9 Due

### 7th Grade

This week students will continue to analyze short stories and apply literary terms to their understanding of the story. In addition, students will complete assignments in their Word Wisdom workbooks. **5/9/16:** Spelling Test #25, **5/10/16:** Vocabulary Quiz Unit 7 Part 3, **5/12/16:** Vocabulary pgs. 156-160 Due

### 8th Grade

This week we will complete our unit on essays and speeches and students will begin a literary board game project. In addition, students will complete assignments in their Word Wisdom workbooks. **5/9/16:** Spelling Test #25, **5/10/16:** Vocabulary Quiz Unit 7 Part 3, **5/12/16:** Vocabulary pgs. 156-160 Due



## 7th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, and Geometry with Ms. Wood

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7th Grade will be working on building their carnival games.

8th Grade will be working on their mini golf course holes.

6th and 7th grade will be taking their final Galileo test on Wednesday, May 11th. 8th Grade will not be taking this final Galileo test - hooray!

## 6th Grade Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra with Mr. Armstrong

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**6th Grade Math-** We will finish Module 14 with a look at polygons in the coordinate plane. Wednesday and Thursday we will take Galileo tests! Remember that if you put in your best effort here, you will earn an exemption from finals!!!

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math-** We start our Mini Miniature Golf Project this week! We will be working on our projects throughout the week. This will serve as a culminating project which covers many of the standards that we have gone through this year, while giving us the chance to be creative and have fun with math.

**Algebra-** See 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Math.

## Writing & Grammar with Ms. Emmett & Ms. Murphy

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**7th Grade Writing-**This week students will take the final Galileo Assessment on Monday, May 9th. Debate teams and individual speakers will present their speeches to the class. For our last grammar lesson, students will review concepts that we have covered this year by creating a game or a poster and presenting it/having the class play the review game.

**6th Grade Writing-**This week students will take the final Galileo Assessment on Monday May, 9th. Students will present their speeches they have prepared over the last two weeks to the class using the persuasive strategies and public speaking skills they have learned. For our last grammar lesson, students will review concepts they have learned by creating a poster in groups and presenting it.

**8th Grade—**This week, we will finish our study of Animal Farm and will spend a few days especially discussing the allegory of the story and it's connection to history. Students can expect occasional homework of finishing reading guides/in-class assignments.

We will also have a review grammar day and a grammar quiz. Check with students to know the exact date. Finish strong, 8th grade!

## Community Service/Mrs. Hughes

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### Community Service

If you are running out of ideas or just looking for ideas here are a couple of things to remember when helping students complete their community service hours:

- The two basic rules are it can't be for the house they live in – that is just part of being in a family and they can't get paid to do it.
- Working for the elderly always counts whether it is a neighbor or a grandparent. These hours are critical in helping our senior citizens feel like they have the help they need to remain as independent as possible.
- Shoveling snow and raking leaves for neighbors, cleaning up neighborhood parks or streets are all ways hours can be earned. I do not mind if parents sign for these hours as it can be hard to find a non-parent sponsor.
- Church groups and community organizations are great places to get hours.

Contact Mrs. Hughes for a list of ideas if needed.

### Community Service

Students can turn their hours in to the bin marked "Return Completed Forms Here" on the black tower in my room. 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter hours are no longer being accepted. Fourth quarter hours are due May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Total Middle School Hours Completed: 1688.25**



### • Community Service Grading

- 2.5 new hours each quarter in addition to the hours required the quarter before
- To receive a 100%, students should have a total of 2.5 hours at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, 5 hours at the end of 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 7.5 hours at the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, and 10 hours at the May 11<sup>th</sup> cutoff date for 4<sup>th</sup> quarter.
- Until the previous quarter's requirements are met no new credit will be given.
- Students will receive 20 points for each **completed** half hour of service in the quarterly requirement. Additional half hours are credited to the following quarter up to the 10 hour requirement. Once the 10 hour requirement is met the student will receive a 100% for that quarter and all following quarters.
- A log (available in Mrs. Hughes' room) must be completed for each month's service and turned in to Mrs. Hughes' room.
- Partial half hours will receive no credit. Hours turned in after the quarterly deadline will be counted toward the total in the next quarter.