



- 10/10 Destination Imagination Kick Off 6:00 PM
- 10/11 Lockdown Drill 9:30 AM
- 10/12 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 10/12 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10/13 High School Information Night 6:00 PM
- 10/14 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/14 Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:30 PM
- 10/17 1st Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 10/20 8th Grade Play Performance 7:00 PM
- 10/21 No School— Teacher Work Day
- 10/24 Report Cards Sent Home
- 11/3 Elementary Spelling Bee
- 11/3 PTA Meeting 6:15 PM
- 11/7 Class Picture and Retake Day
- 11/7 2nd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM



## From the Director

### Why Is Everybody Else a Bad Driver?

I have a friend who is a bad driver. She'll drive too fast, too slow, change lanes without signaling, and do this all within a few minutes. In general, she should not be on the road. After I realized how bad she was, I always offered to drive thinking it better that I was in control of my own fate instead of leaving it to chance. The last time I rode with her, I thought she was going to get pulled over for speeding. When the police car turned on its siren other cars pulled over, but she drove past all the stopped cars only for police to stop and ticket someone else. She just kept driving oblivious to what was going on around her.

The most head scratching thing about my friend was not her driving, but her attitude towards other drivers. She constantly complained about everyone else saying that she couldn't believe how bad other drivers were. I was thinking that she must be kidding, but she wasn't. She really thought she was fine and everyone else was a bad driver.

Now every time I hear someone talk about other people's behavior, especially driving, I think of my friend. Despite plenty of feedback, she just couldn't understand she was part of the problem. She never took responsibility for her own actions and behavior. To this day, she doesn't understand she is one of the bad drivers she always complains about.

We all know someone like this and sometimes they are really close to us, possibly a friend or relative. It's challenging for us to communicate difficult things to them and rarely do they want to come to terms with their shortcomings. As humans, we usually don't want to face our inadequacies. The last thing most people want to do is admit they are not good at something.

This is even harder when we hear something disappointing about our kids. A bad grade, behavior referral, or learning difficulty can all be challenging. However, how we react to this news is what really counts. We all want to be successful. Ironically, it's when we admit our faults *and* work on them that we begin to reach our true potential. This is true for kids too. We are always showing them how to deal with adversity.

This, to me, is the lesson of saying everyone else is a bad driver. As much as we want to, we can't control them. In reality, we are only in control of ourselves. So next time we catch ourselves (or our kids) complaining about everyone else, take a minute and think about how it can be done better. Come up with a plan of action and work on it. In other words, offer to drive.

## High School Information Night is Coming Up!

Greetings from Mrs. K, Crown Pointe Academy's school counselor! High School Information Night is Thursday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the CPA library.

It is never too early to start thinking about your student's future! Where do you want your child to go to high school? Which school has the programs and activities that you are looking for? How do you apply? Where can you find the answers to your questions? Start the process now by attending the **CPA High School Information Night on Thursday, October 13th at 6:00 p.m.**

Come and learn about the high school application process, hear from Crown Pointe alumni about their experiences, and learn what different schools have to offer. We will also have general information available from various districts and private schools as well. There are so many quality high schools in Colorado with a lot to offer your student. Start the selection process now!

Contact Mrs. K with any questions at (303) 428-1882 ext. 115 or by email at [kari.knutson@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:kari.knutson@crownpointeacademy.org). Hope to see you there!

## Destination Imagination is Starting Soon!

Do you like to solve problems? Are you creative? Do you like to work with a team? If your answers to these questions are yes, then Destination Imagination may be the right activity for you!

Destination Imagination Colorado prepares Colorado's kids to be the innovators of the future by combining the arts, sciences, and technology with creativity, teamwork, and problem solving. Students learn collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and creativity to bring their ideas to life.

Want to sign up or get more information? Join us for the DI Kick Off and Parent Information meeting on Monday, October 10th at 6:30 in the CPA library.

We need help from parents to volunteer as a team manager. Please consider volunteering because students cannot participate without a team manager.

For more information, check out the flyer on the CPA website or visit [www.dicolorado.org](http://www.dicolorado.org).



## PTA Update

Join us for the next general PTA meeting on Thursday, November 3rd at 6:15 in the CPA library. We would love to have your participation in planning events and activities for the CPA community this year.

Not a PTA member? Joining is easy! Just complete the envelope available the front office and include your \$10.00 membership fee. Joining PTA allows you to vote on upcoming PTA decisions. With your membership, you'll also get discounts and coupons to goods and services in the area. Contact a PTA board member if you have any questions.



## School Safety Drill This Week

Crown Pointe Academy is committed to providing children with a safe learning environment. The safety of your child and all children in our school, as well as the safety of the school staff, is incredibly important to us. In order to maintain a safe environment, it is necessary that we practice our emergency response plans by having safety drills.

A lock down drill is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, October 11th. The goal of the drill is to secure the students and staff in safe locations of the building in the event of an internal threat. We will be conducting this lock down drill in cooperation with the Westminster Police Department.

The following will take place during the drill:

- The announcement will be made on the intercom, “We are in lockdown. Locks, lights, out of sight. This is a drill.” The same announcement will then be made on the two-way radios.
- All staff will immediately close and lock their classroom and office doors.
- Teachers will move their students to an area of the room that is away from the doors and windows.
- Staff will turn off the lights and lock down with their students.
- Staff and students will remain in the rooms until the door is opened by the Westminster Police.
- The main doors into the building will be locked, and parents and other visitors will not be allowed into the building until the drill is over.

Our intent is not to alarm students, but to prepare them to respond in case of an emergency. We recommend that you have conversations with your student both before and after the drill. We need your assistance in reassuring your student that though these situations are rare, it is important to know how to respond.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Keyes or Mr. Ouweneel.

*The Crown Pointe Academy staff would like to sincerely thank all families that contributed to the parent-teacher conference dinners last week. We appreciate your time, generosity, and thoughtfulness. Dishes and utensils can be picked up in the teachers' lounge by the office. Thank you!*

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

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