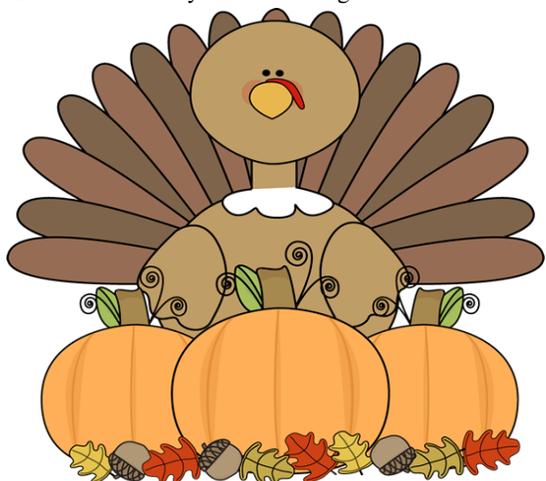


- 11/7 Class Picture and Retake Day
- 11/7 2nd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 11/9 End of Grading Period for Progress Reports
- 11/9 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 11/9 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 11/10 Middle School Spelling Bee 4:00 PM
- 11/14 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 11/15 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Fundraiser 5-8 PM
- 11/21-11/25 No School— Thanksgiving Break
- 12/1 PTA Meeting 6:15 PM
- 12/5 4th Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 12/8 Elementary Geography Bee 4:00 PM
- 12/12 3rd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 12/14 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 12/14 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM



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?



**Crown Pointe Academy
Fundraiser
Tuesday, November 15th
5:00-8:00 pm
Chick-fil-A® 104th & Federal**

Chick-fil-A® will donate up to 20% of sales before tax from our school family purchases back to

Crown Pointe Academy between 5:00-8:00 pm on Tuesday,

November 15, 2016. Please be sure to inform the cashier at the counter or drive-thru you are with Crown Pointe so our school receives credit. Students should sign in at the school welcome table. The class with the highest participation wins a Chick-fil-A® Nugget/Lemonade or Icedream® Sundae Party! Thanks for supporting our school!

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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.

PTA Update

Greetings CPA families,

I wanted to take this opportunity to introduce you to our PTA board as well as provide you with some information about the PTA, what we are doing, and how you can get involved. Our 2016-2017 Board is as follows:

President: Erin Roberts

Vice President: Lilian Pacheco

Secretary: Vanessa Diaz

Treasurer: Jamie Brostuen

Board Members: Carla Howes, Austin Shelton, Heather Ely, and Anthony Dietz



What are we doing? Simply put, we are refocusing our efforts to bring a sense of community to our children and families at Crown Pointe Academy. We have the opportunity to enrich our students' experience at CPA both in the classroom and outside of it and will be working to do just that. Currently, we have two committees: one will be running a membership drive and the other is planning a school dance that will take place in February.

What can you do? Become a PTA member! Becoming a member doesn't mean that you have to attend every meeting. Becoming a member doesn't mean that you will have to spend 20+ hours a week to plan and execute an event all by yourself. Becoming a member means that you, along with other parents, help with programs, events, etc. that will enrich our children's experience while they are at CPA. This can include simply providing ideas or running a committee and of course everything in between.

Our next meeting is Thursday, December 1st at 6:15 in the library. I would strongly encourage you to attend; take this opportunity to find out more about the PTA, what plans we have for the future, how you can be involved, and what membership really looks like. If you would like to be a part of either committee previously mentioned, please reach out to a board member so that we can get you in touch with the committee chair.

Yours sincerely,
Erin Roberts

Volunteer Update

Thank you to all of the families who participated in our Brown Back Pick Up event last Friday! The staff was grateful for all that was accomplished.

SAVE THE DATE! Our next Brown Bag Pick Up event will be on Friday, December 2nd. Please stop by the cafeteria during dismissal starting at 3:15 to pick up a project, complete it over the weekend, and return it to the school on Monday, December 5th.

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. 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*

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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

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