



- 4/3 Report Cards Sent Home
- 4/4 Talent Show Auditions
- 4/5 Board Candidate Workshop 6:00 PM
- 4/6 PTA Meeting 6:15 PM
- 4/7 Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast
- 4/7 Elementary 3rd Quarter Awards 8:30 AM
- 4/7 Board Declarations of Candidacy Due
- 4/12 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 4/12 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 4/21 Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM
- 4/24 Spring Choir Concert 6:00 PM
- 4/26 End of Grading Period for Progress Reports
- 5/1 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 5/3 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 7:30 AM



## From the Director

### Where have all the teachers gone?

When I started teaching third grade in 1997, I was lucky to work at a school with several experienced, career educators. They knew not only the basics (classroom management, curriculum, and instruction), but also how to mentor new teachers. This allowed the novice teachers to make fewer mistakes and advance in our careers at a much faster pace. We had a good mix of staff with people ranging in age from 23 to 60, rookies to veterans. This definitely made a big difference in how the school ran and why it operated so smoothly year to year. Amazingly, here at CPA we have a very similar mix. We have some staff members with 20 years of teaching under their belts (Yes, I'm talking about you Mrs. Felten, Mrs. Sullivan, and Mr. Gonzalez!) and a few brand new ones. We have a terrific blend of ages, backgrounds, and experiences. To top it all off, when you add them all together, we total over 500 years of experience working in education. Needless to say that's a very long time!

A couple of weeks ago several of us attended the Charter School Job Fair at Peak to Peak Charter School in Lafayette. What I saw amazed me, or I should say what I didn't see amazed me. No one was there. Well, not literally no one, but there were far fewer teachers there than any of us have ever seen before. Was it the economy, population growth in Denver, a lack of new teachers or other reasons why so few job seekers came? I don't know, but it was evident we have entered an era where new teachers are harder to find and veterans are more valuable than ever. I got the feeling that teaching is no longer seen as the profession I once thought it was. Is this an overreaction? Possibly, but I left the job fair worried about the future of the profession in a way I never have before.

At CPA we live in a bubble-- an educational bubble which relies on having the right mix to keep the walls intact. We really don't have to deal with some of the trying situations educators do in other schools. Yet, to support your children, we need to support each other first and this is where having the right mix of people is critical. I feel even more fortunate to already have this wonderful balance more than ever before. While the future looks grim for many schools in our area, CPA is an educational bright spot because of our students, staff, and supportive families. So, where have all teachers gone? Well, I'm not quite sure, but I do know some great educators that work right here at CPA.

# State Mandated Tests Begin Next Week!

Students in grades 3-8 will be completing the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) between **April 10th and April 28th**. Most grade levels have seven tests in English Language Arts and Math that take between 60 and 110 minutes each to complete. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 will complete the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) test in science, which includes three tests that take approximately 60 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 participation on these tests 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 or CMAS assessments.

## 2016-2017 CPA Yearbooks on Sale Now!

It's time to purchase your 2016-2017 CPA yearbooks put together by the Middle School Yearbook Club. Students have been working hard to make this year's book amazing!

To order your yearbook, go to [www.TreeRing.com/validate](http://www.TreeRing.com/validate). Crown Pointe's school code is: 101392221425678. Standard yearbooks are \$16.50, or you can customize your yearbook for an additional fee.

**The deadline to order your yearbook is Thursday, April 6th in order to have your yearbook by the end of the school year, so order now!**

Contact Jesika Hardman, Yearbook Club's parent advisor, with any questions at [jesikahardman@yahoo.com](mailto:jesikahardman@yahoo.com).



## PTA Update from President, Erin Roberts

### *Welcome Back CPA Families!*

We hope you enjoyed your break and were able to get “rested up” because this is when things start to get really busy. The next 2 months will include putting on staff appreciation week, and ice cream ‘social’ for field day, and planning for the Fall; this will include our 20th Anniversary celebration at CPA, a membership drive, the back to school picnic, and Spirit Week.



We have a group who has already started working on Staff Appreciation Week, which will be May 8th-12th this year. There will be several opportunities to help out and show the staff at CPA your gratitude for all their hard work this year... not to mention it will help you get those last volunteer hours that you need. :)

This year, the PTA has again partnered up with 1st Day School Supplies to make your school supply shopping MUCH easier. We are currently working to finalize school supply lists and you will be able to order your students’ supplies shortly. Keep an eye out for more information!



Our next meeting is **THIS** Thursday, April 6th at 6:15 p.m. in the library.

## Crown Pointe Academy Board Call for Candidates!

The Academy Board of Crown Pointe Academy is seeking candidates from the parent community for two Board positions. This critical volunteer position serves to ensure Crown Pointe Academy’s contractual obligations are fulfilled. The two year term of office will run from July 1, 2017 until June 30, 2019.

The Academy Board’s roles are:

- To ensure that the Operating Contract Between Crown Pointe Academy and the Colorado Charter School Institute, as well as state and federal laws, are adhered to in all activities and decisions of the Academy Board, staff, students, parents and the School’s advisory committees.
- To serve as final authority in matters affecting staffing, budget, curriculum, calendar decisions and other school concerns, and to ensure these are consistent with and promote the educational goals of the Operating Contract, and Crown Pointe Academy policy.
- To act as the official voice of Crown Pointe Academy concerning public information, media contacts and public relations.
- To adopt policies and procedures that govern Crown Pointe Academy.

If you are interested in this challenging and vital position, please submit your Declaration of Candidacy for the Academy Board to the front office by Friday, April 7, 2017 at 3:30 p.m.

Please contact Dawn Baird, Academy Board Community Member, with any questions at [Dawn.baird@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:Dawn.baird@crownpointeacademy.org).

**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
222	Marine, Erin	2nd Grade Assistant
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	Varnier, A.J.	Physical Education Teacher
117	Williams, Jennifer	RtI/ELL Coordinator
213	Winham, Wilhelmina	2nd Grade Teacher
515	Worley, Paula	Middle School RtI/GT Coordinator
411	Yang, Sue	5th Grade Teacher

**Staff e-mail Formula:**

firstname.lastname@crownpointeacademy.org

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Crown Pointe Academy shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules and regulations including without limitation, the constitutional provisions prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability, age, race, creed, color, gender, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, athletic and other school-administered programs.