



- 10/2 Destination Imagination Kick Off Meeting
6:30 PM
- 10/5 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-9:00 PM
- 10/6 Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:00-7:00 PM
- 10/6 No School—Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 10/11 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 10/11 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 10/13 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/14 Academy Board Strategic Planning Meeting
- 10/16 1st Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 10/17 Panda Express Fundraiser (Spanish Trip)
- 10/20 No School—Teacher Work Day
- 10/23 Report Cards Sent Home
- 10/24 Picture Re-takes and Class Picture Day
- 10/25 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Fundraiser
- 10/27 1st Quarter Awards Assemblies



From the Director

Great Teachers Are Worth Their Weight in Gold

What makes great teachers great? They are the kinds of people that have a strong motivation to work with children, the desire to make a difference, and the type of personality that inspires us to be better. These are just a few of the characteristics that are commonly given to describe the best efforts of the very best educators in the business. All of these things are true about them and much more. You know that great teachers make a tremendous difference in the lives of children, but did you know that they are *literally* worth their weight in gold? No joke.

A recent study by The National Bureau of Economic Research attempted to put a dollar figure on just how much teachers are worth. In research that covered 20 years and more than 2.5 million students, they found out that the differences in teacher quality can be astounding and financially significant. The study discovered that replacing a poorly performing teacher with one of average quality would increase the collective lifetime income of each class they taught by \$1.4 million. *This was true of each class they taught every year.* In other words, the students they educated were able to make over a million dollars more than if they were taught by an average teacher over a poorer performing one. The effects were stronger for girls than boys and surprisingly, English teachers have a longer-lasting influence on their pupils. Now take this idea one step further and think if they were in a class with a truly great educator. We can only image the impact that would make.

The challenge for any school is finding and developing those great teachers—a job that is truly easier said than done. In these times of low unemployment and fewer college students choosing teaching as careers, great teachers are getting harder and harder to find. Knowing that the impact on students is so powerful makes the effort essential. Why? Because whatever the cost is, a great teacher is literally worth it.

CPA 2017 Alliance Grant Winner!



***The Alliance Project:** Educational outreach partnering the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD) science and cultural organizations with teachers in creating curriculum applications and learning opportunities for students.*

Using funds from the Scientific and Cultural Facilities District tax gathered from the 7 metro counties, 33 cultural and scientific organizations have established joint funding to schools. The Alliance Project, now in its 20th year, selects one public school and one partner school in each county for a one-year residency.

Crown Pointe Academy was selected as the only school in Adams County to receive this funding this year! A team of interdisciplinary teachers request outreach, workshops, and field trips that aid in reaching standards and curriculum for a segment of the school. This is an outreach program partnering the SCFD science and cultural organizations with teachers in creating curriculum applications and learning opportunities for students. The grant provides funding toward buses, subs, in-services, library support, admission costs, workshop leaders and other supplies to schools at the specific requests of teachers. When defining the Alliance Project, one student aptly replied: "It's tax dollars at work in education."

SCC Organizations Include: Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Bird Conservancy of the Rockies, Butterfly Pavilion, Central City Opera, CherryArts, Children's Museum of Denver at Marsico Campus, City of Aurora Cultural Services Division, Clyfford Still Museum, Colorado Ballet, Colorado Chautauqua Association, Colorado Children's Chorale, Colorado Mountain Club, Colorado Railroad Museum, Colorado Symphony, Denver Art Museum, Denver Botanic Gardens, Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Denver Film Society, Denver Museum of Nature and Science, Denver Zoo, Lakewood Division of Heritage, Culture and the Arts, MACC –Mizel Arts and Culture Center, Mizel Museum, Museum of Contemporary Art – Denver, Opera Colorado, Swallow Hill Music, Town of Parker Arts, and Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum

Our school has won the \$10,000 Alliance Project grant sponsored by 33 arts and science organizations in metro Denver who will provide workshops, assemblies, field trips and support to our teachers with curriculum based activities for our students and our Partner School using funds from the SCFD tax. Watch the Update regularly for information about the amazing opportunities are having as the result of winning this amazing grant!

PTA Update from President, Lilian Pacheco

Dear CPA Families,

As some of you may know, last school year, the CPA PTA was considering dissolution of the group to start a new parent group at the school. Recently, the CPA PTA board members met with the Colorado PTA, Region 3 Director and voted to stay on as CPA PTA with extra support from the region director. The current board members are:

President: Lilian Pacheco
Secretary: Vanessa Diaz

Vice President 1: Jesika Hardman
Board Member 1: Austin Shelton

Vice President 2: Carla Howes
Board Member 2: Anthony Dietz

The CPA PTA thrives on building community and partnerships between families, educators, and students to enhance academic success. Last school year, we hosted many activities including school dances, staff dinners for conferences, field day ice cream social, and many other events.

During the summer, we worked very closely with school staff to plan for the 20th Anniversary week. We are already planning some upcoming events for this year; however, we need your participation, membership, and new ideas to make them a reality. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:00pm in the school library. We hope to see you there!

To join in or learn more, feel free to contact me at Pacheco_lilian@yahoo.com or by phone at (720) 936-4192.

We look forward to having you as a member!

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 Thursday, September 28th. The goal of the drill is to secure the students and staff in safe locations in 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.
- We expect the drill to take approximately 20 minutes.

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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are Coming Up!

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place Thursday, October 5th from 4:00-9:00 p.m. and Friday, October 6th from 11:00 a.m. -7:00 p.m.

Elementary Families: The sign up for parent-teacher conferences will be completed online using SignUp.com. Conference sign-ups will be on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to complete the online sign up as soon as possible. To reserve your space, follow these steps:

1. Click on the SignUp link under the Parent tab on the CPA website or go to <http://signup.com/go/MP1jwj>
2. Find your student's teacher and click on View under his/her page
3. Choose an available time slot
4. Enter and confirm your email address
5. Enter your name, your phone number, and your child's name
6. Click save
7. Follow the same steps for each child in elementary school

Middle School Families: All of the core academic middle school teachers will be in their classrooms, and they will be available to meet with parents on a drop in, first come, first served basis. You do not need to make an appointment to meet with your student's teachers. In order to accommodate as many families as possible, conferences will be limited to ten minutes with each teacher if families are waiting. If further conferencing is needed, an appointment can be set at that time.

All families: The specials teachers will also be available to meet for conferences. We ask that you contact the specialist you would like to meet with prior to conferences. This will allow him/her the opportunity to make arrangements in his/her schedule.

If you have any questions about parent teacher conferences and how to sign up, please contact the front office or your student's teacher. We look forward to meeting with you to discuss your child's progress!

Staff Extensions (303) 428-1882

510	Armstrong, Lawrence	Middle School Math Teacher
219	Austin, Tammie	Kindergarten Assistant
512	Avozani, Stephanie	Middle School Math Teacher
128	Bandel, Denise	In House Substitute
223	Bonadonna, Janet	2nd Grade Assistant
104	Castellano, Diana	School Health Aide
511	Durfee, Val	Middle School Language Arts 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
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
407	Kokoszka, Jessie	3rd Grade Teacher
220	Lamb, Renee	1st Grade Assistant
521	Lambert, Nancy	Middle School Assistant
105	MacGregor, Sandi	Executive Secretary
409	MacGregor, Matt	4th Grade Teacher
222	Marine, Erin	2nd Grade Assistant
513	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
313	Satterfield, Ann Marie	K-3 Spanish Teacher, K-8 Art Teacher
107	Selleck-Keyes, Erin	Assistant Director
599	Sherlock, Evan	Expo Director
405	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
118	Williams, Jennifer	RtI/ELL Coordinator
213	Winham, Wilhelmina	2nd Grade Teacher
117	Worley, Paula	Middle School RtI/GT Coordinator
411	Yang, Sue	5th Grade Teacher

Staff e-mail Formula:

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Check your student's grades and attendance
anytime from the
Infinite Campus Parent Portal
Pick up your login info at the school office.

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