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December 4, 2017



- 12/4 3rd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 12/7 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12/8 Elementary Science Fair Awards 2:30 PM
- 12/8 Middle School Geography Bee 4:00 PM
- 12/11 4th Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 12/12 CiCi's Night (Spanish Fundraiser)
- 12/13 Calendar Review Parent Night 6:00 PM
- 12/13 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12/15 Middle School Dance 6:30-9:00 PM
- 12/19 Pajama Day
- 12/20 Holiday Shirt Day
- 12/20 Elementary Holiday Parties
- 12/20 End of 2nd Quarter/1st Semester
- 12/21-1/8 Winter Break—No School



From the Director

2018-19 Calendar Survey

Every year, Crown Pointe puts together a school calendar for the following year. This year is no different, but there is a bit of a twist. We have not just one calendar proposal, but two. In the past, our calendar has had a very traditional look. This year, we have one traditional version, but we also have drafted another option that includes a modified 4 day school week.

Starting in mid-August and ending before Memorial Day, the traditional calendar drafted looks like most years with the addition of a fall break. The length of the school day stays the same; breaks like Thanksgiving, Christmas/Winter Break, and Spring Break are also very similar to those of past years. The students are in school a total of 172 days.

In response to demands from our school community to look at a calendar with a greater degree of flexibility, we have also drafted a calendar that we are calling a modified 4 day week. It starts earlier in August and ends later in May, most Fridays are days off of school for students, and the school day is 15 minutes longer for middle school students with their days starting at 7:45 AM. The elementary school days stays the same, 8:00 to 3:30. Students are in school a total of 160 days.

While researching the 4 day school week, we were surprised to learn that a majority of Colorado school districts use a version of this calendar. Additionally, student achievement is still high and there are potential budget savings for schools. The Colorado Department of Education (CDE) has also done extensive research on 4 day school weeks and found that in school districts that use one they are very popular with 80-90% in favor of continuing with them.

In order to receive your input on the calendar options, we have created a survey that is available on the school's website. It includes a short video explaining the differences, examples of the two calendars, the CDE study on the 4 day week, and a chance to add comments. Please fill the survey out by December 21st, and let us know what you think. Additionally, we will have a question and answer session on December 13 at 6:00 PM in the school library so members of our community can understand the two proposals. Please fill out the survey and let us know your thoughts on this important decision.

Upcoming Events at Crown Pointe Academy!

Tuesday, December 19th: Pajama Day

Students may come to school wearing pajamas, robes, and slippers. All attire must be school appropriate and follow non-uniform guidelines.

Wednesday, December 20th at 10:00 a.m.: Elementary Holiday Sing-a-long

Join us in the gym where everyone will sing-a-long to some favorite holiday songs.

Wednesday, December 20th at 11:00 a.m.: Elementary Class Holiday Parties

Each elementary classroom will have a holiday party from 11:00-1:00. Please see your classroom newsletters for more information. Please use the parking lot behind the shopping center for overflow parking.

Thursday, December 21st-Monday, January 8th: Winter Break– No School for Students

Tuesday, January 9th: Students Return and Report Cards Sent Home

Students will return to school to start the second semester.

The Yearbook Club is in need of your photos! We would appreciate pictures of all school events, specials activities, after school programs, field trips and every day school life. PLEASE start going through your camera and help share the memories of this school year! Please put your photos on a CD and label it ATTN: Yearbook Club and drop it off at the front office, or you can email your photos to yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org

Thank You very much for all your help!

Inclement Weather Reminder

It's that time of year when Colorado may experience severe inclement weather, so we wanted to remind everyone of our school closure procedures. If we determine that school closure is necessary due to inclement weather, please watch your local news media outlets for **Crown Pointe Academy** on their list of school closures. We will also send an email blast, text message, and phone call to each family to communicate our status. Please check your Infinite Campus Parent Portal to ensure that we have your most current phone numbers listed, and contact the front office if you have any questions. Thank you!



Give Your Student the Tools Needed for Learning

A carpenter would never come to a job site without a box of tools. He knows that he can't do his best work without the proper tools for the task. That's a good way to think about how your child can do her best in school. She needs to show up with the right tools to do the job. Here are a few:

- Enough sleep. A good night's sleep is essential to your child's health—and her success in school. Doctors say that children between the ages of seven and 12 need 10 to 12 hours of sleep per day. Without proper rest, he/she won't be able to concentrate in school.
- A healthy breakfast. Cars can't run without fuel, and kids' brains are no different. Many studies show that children who eat breakfast do better in class, earning higher grades and test scores. They are better able to focus and have fewer behavior problems. Don't worry if your child doesn't like "breakfast food." Peanut butter on a tortilla or a slice of veggie pizza will give her a great start. **Don't forget that Crown Pointe Academy serves breakfast daily starting at 7:30 in the cafeteria.**
- High expectations. When you believe your child can do her best, she'll believe it, too. So send her off with an "I know you can do it!" and she'll have the confidence she needs to tackle another day.

For more tips and information, visit www.parent-institute.com.

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, January 26th. 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 the following Monday.

Are you still looking for ways to earn volunteer hours? You can:

- Attend the PTA meeting this Thursday, December 7th at 6:00 in the CPA library
- Help with hot lunch. Volunteers are welcome between 11:00-12:45 daily.
- Stop by the school on evenings or weekends with your student to pick up trash around the grounds.
- Chaperone a field trip.
- Help coordinate your student's classroom holiday party.
- The possibilities are endless!

Remember, it's so important that every family member records 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
128	Bandel, Denise	In House Substitute
223	Bonadonna, Janet	2nd Grade Assistant
104	Jaime, Felicia	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, Lianne	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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