



2/26	Start of Scholastic Book Fair
3/1	Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-9:00 PM
3/2	Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:00-7:00 PM
3/2	No School for Students due to Conferences
3/7	Kindergarten Round Up
3/8	Kindergarten Round Up
3/9	Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM
3/13	Spring Picture Day
3/14	BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
3/14	Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
3/16	End of Third Quarter
3/23	No School— Teacher Work Day
3/26-3/30	Spring Break— No School



## From the Director

### Protecting Kids Involves All of Us

Columbine, Sandy Hook, Parkland, the dozens of other school shootings lost in the news-- it just seems like we don't have a clue sometimes. How many times do we need to learn the same lessons? If schools really are the bridge for the next generation (who unfortunately have been tasked with fixing the problems of today) then we really should be doing a better job of taking meaningful action. Children represent our best and only hope to end this problem we've created. So is it really so hard to find real ways to protect them? I guess it is.

Each year we do our lock down drills and quite frankly I feel that it is just movement, not action. I echo the sentiment of teacher Phillip Timothy when he wrote about his school's emergency drills, *"I will sit down and process feelings of fear and panic with at least a few students. How do we process the panic we put them through? Every time we run through these drills, we violate their trust — their trust in us and their trust in a safe, secure world."* I too struggle with goal of providing a safe place for children when the news of the week is anything but that. We'll do the drills, but I've never forgotten what they really represent.

When I started my education career in 1996, school shootings were the furthest thing from my mind. In 1999, that all changed. I vividly remember trying explaining to third graders why they were safe at school after Columbine. I also remember doing that here after Sandy Hook. Now we'll do that again, and unfortunately I'm afraid again and again. The most important thing I did that day was to be there and listen to the kids.

So what do we *do* to protect our children? The best course of action is to continue doing what we do best as parents and guardians; staying involved, listening, sharing, being positive role models, respecting each other, and doing the right thing every time. These are just some of the things we can control in our lives at a time when the world seems out of control.

## Volunteering Update

Thank you to all of the families who have completed their commitment hours this year! There are 33 families who have completed their hours, and many of those have **far** exceeded the required hours. Please keep logging your hours through the monthly commitment hours forms, or send an email to [volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org) with your hours for the month. There is still time to help us reach our school-wide goal of 14,000 hours for the year. Help our rock climber reach the top!

It's not too late to get some of your commitment hours in before the end of the year. Our next Brown Bag Pick Up Event will be on Friday, March 9th during dismissal in the cafeteria. Teachers will provide projects that parents can sign out, complete over the weekend, and return the following Monday. Other upcoming volunteer opportunities include committee meetings in April and May, driving on or chaperoning class field trips, and assisting with special events such as Field Day, 8th Grade Continuation, and Kindergarten Graduation, and attending PTA, Board, or BAAC meetings. Keep watching your Monday Folders for future volunteer opportunities!

Volunteer Appreciation Week is in April! Keep an eye out for information about our annual Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast at the end of that month.

Thank you for making CPA a great school community through your volunteer efforts.

**“Volunteers don’t get paid, not because they’re worthless, but because they’re priceless.” —Sherry Anderson**



## BUY YOUR 2017-2018 CPA Yearbooks on Sale *Yearbook* Now!

It's time to purchase your 2017-2018 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 Wednesday, April 4th in order to have your yearbook by the end of the school year, so order now!**

## 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!



## Parent-Teacher Conferences are This Week!

Parent-Teacher Conferences will take place on Thursday, March 1st from 4:00-9:00 p.m. and Friday, March 2nd from 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.

**Elementary Parents:** The sign up for parent-teacher conferences will be completed online. Conference sign ups are on a first come, first served basis, so be sure to complete the online sign up as soon as possible. To reserve your space, click on the Parent-Teacher Conference Sign up link under the Parents tab of the CPA website. Select your student's teacher, enter your email address, and choose an available time slot. Make sure you enter all required information and click Save. Complete the same steps for any additional elementary children. If you do not have internet access and are unable to sign up online, please contact your student's teacher directly to select a time.

**Middle School Parents:** 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 there are families waiting. If further conferencing is needed, an appointment can be set at that time.

The middle school teachers will **not** be available to conference from 5:30-6:00 on Thursday, March 1st and from 4:00-4:30 on Friday, March 2nd.

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.

The **Scholastic Book Fair** will take place the week of February 26th-March 2nd. Stop by and take a look when you have time or while you're at the school for Parent-Teacher Conferences!

## National History Day in Colorado at CPA!

This year, all CPA middle school students participated in the National History Day in Colorado competition. "National History Day in Colorado is a social studies and literacy program that equips students... with the skills necessary to succeed in college and the real world. Students participate in a project-based learning curriculum that emphasizes critical reading and thinking, research, analysis, and the drawing of meaningful conclusions. Students can complete this projects... in one of five categories: documentary, paper, exhibit, performance, or website"(<https://clas.ucdenver.edu/nhdc>). This year's theme was Conflict and Compromise.

Middle school students presented their projects on Thursday, February 15th at the Middle School History Day Showcase. Students were scored using a rubric, and the top projects from each category were invited to move on to the regional History Day competition, which took place at CPA on Saturday, February 24th where students from charter schools around the Denver metro area came together to showcase their projects. The top projects from that competition will now move on to the State competition on May 5th at the CU Denver Auraria campus.

Thank you to Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Worley for all of their hard work in helping students with their projects and bringing this important and meaningful experience to CPA's middle school students!



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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, 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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