

4/25	End of Grading Period for Progress Reports
4/27	End of CMAS Testing Window 3-8 grades
4/27	Big FISH Night 5:30-8:00 PM
4/30	Progress Reports Sent Home
5/2	Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 7:30 AM
5/4	Talent Show 9:30 AM
5/4	Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM
5/4	Middle School Dance 6:30-9:00 PM
5/8	Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Fundraiser 5-8 PM
5/8	5th Grade Transition Night 6:30-8:00 PM
5/9	BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
5/9	Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
5/11	NJHS Induction Ceremony 7:00 PM
5/17	Field Day– Elementary Only



From the Director

A View from Dismissal

All around us, there are lessons to be learned if we look hard enough. One place of great learning for me lately has been our dismissal process. Yes, that crazy flurry of activity at the end of the day that involves a ballet-like coordination to get the correct child to the correct car or to the correct parent in the gym at just the right moment. On our busiest days, CPA moves over 120 cars through the entire process and dismisses hundreds of students to the gym in less than 25 minutes. No other school in the area has a dismissal like ours, and here are a few of the things I've learned this year.

1. There is no stopping once it starts until every student is dismissed.
2. Texting and driving is a bad idea, even when the car is not moving. (See #1)
3. It not a good idea to back up a car at any time.
4. At the beginning it's really busy; by 3:30 or so it's not.
5. When lots of kids are in after school activities, it makes things a whole lot easier.
6. Most people are really polite and patient.
7. Colorado weather really can change at any moment.
8. If someone offers you an umbrella in a rainstorm, take it and say thank you.
9. Moms with children in car seats really do deserve preferential treatment.
10. Treating every child like they are important is the right thing to do.

Crown Pointe has many fine qualities as a school and it's my firm expectation that they are on display the moment your family walks into the school. Greeting everyone with a smile and hello is just the beginning. Making sure the staff and volunteers are giving the students their best effort is what happens in between. Ending the day with every child individually conducted back to you is the right way to finish the day. All of these parts must work together to get results. It's amazing what you can learn from the middle of the parking lot.

Yearbooks for Sale!

If you were unable to order your 2017-2018 yearbook, the school did purchase a limited number of standard yearbooks that will be for sale at the front office starting on Friday, May 4th at 7:30 a.m. These yearbooks will be available on a first come, first served basis, and they will be delivered to the school the last week of the school year. **You must pre-pay at \$16.50 per book.** Limit 2 per family.

It's still not too late to order and customize your 2017-2018 yearbook! You can still visit www.TreeRing.com/validate and enter our code: 101392221425678. Your yearbook will be shipped directly to your house (shipping rates apply). Please note that the date has passed for delivery by the end of the school year for yearbook signing. You will receive your yearbook in the month of June. Please contact the office with questions. Thank you!



Volunteering Update

Thank you to everyone who has been working hard to complete all of their commitment hours for the year! Our final Brown Back Pick Up event is Friday, May 4th during dismissal in the cafeteria. Stop by and pick up a project, complete it over the weekend, and return it the next Monday.

There are 55 families who have completed their hours, and many of those have far exceeded their required hours. As a school, we have logged over 10,000 hours. Please keep logging your hours through the monthly commitment hours forms, or send us an email at volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org.

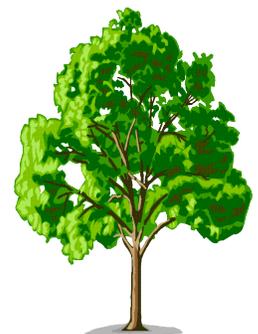
If you have submitted commitment hours for the year, **SAVE THE DATE** for our Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast on **Wednesday, May 2nd**. Please plan to join us from 7:30-8:30 for a cup of coffee, tea, or juice and some delicious breakfast goodies as a "Thank You" from the Crown Pointe Academy Staff. Come to stay for a while or just drop in to grab some breakfast on your way to work! We recognize that so much of what we are able to accomplish as a school is due to the support we have from our parent and family volunteers.

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."
—Sherry Anderson

Arbor Day and Earth Day Activities at the City of Westminster!

From the City of Westminster website: "Celebrate Earth Day in Westminster! Win prizes, see live animals, have lunch, and learn about earth-friendly opportunities in your neighborhood. Ask the experts to learn about tree programs and plant selection. Free compost and mulch is available. For additional information, contact Kristin May at kmay@cityofwestminster.us or 303-658-2191."

For more information, visit www.ci.westminster.co.us.





**Crown Pointe Academy
Fundraiser
Tuesday, May 8th
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, May 8th. 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! Funds raised will go towards funding the Mirror Image Arts Program for CPA's 5th graders. Mirror Image Arts is a character education and bullying prevention program that works with students through an applied theater method. Thanks for supporting this important program at Crown Pointe!

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“How Was Your Day?” Better Questions to Ask Kids by Jasmine Evans for educationion.com

After school, your child hops into the car or walks in the house and you ask, "How was school today?" Maybe you get a full sentence, or instead the answer is "fine," "good" ... or just a grunt. Getting information out of a quiet child or sullen preteen may seem like it requires CIA-approved interrogation techniques, but you most likely just need to change up your questions.

Class and Homework: Instead of: "How is science class?" Ask: "What did you learn in science class today?" This more specific question is simple and unassuming, and the answer could be packed with information. Even if your child gives a nonchalant shrug and mutters, "I don't know," you can then try to figure out if he really doesn't know what's going on in science class (valuable information) or if he just doesn't feel like talking. Instead of: "Did you do your homework?" Ask: "What did your teacher assign for English class today?" The standard question about homework that parents ask every day is rarely effective since it's a yes-or-no question. Instead, hear what the assignment was, then you can ask if your kid actually did it.

Classmates & Teachers: Instead of: "How was your day?" Ask: "What was your favorite part of the day?" You could also ask if someone did something funny or if your child had any difficult tasks that day. Without being specific, your child may just say "fine" or "nothing," and bring the conversation to a halt.

Tests: Instead of: "Are you ready for your math test tomorrow?" Ask: "What did you do to prepare for your math test?" Studying isn't intuitive and most kids simply don't know how to do it. Sleeping on the textbook and learning by osmosis usually doesn't work. If your child mentions ineffective tactics, you might want to step in and help make some flashcards or do some practice questions. Instead of: "Why did you do so poorly on this test?" Ask: "What can we do differently next time so that you get a better grade?" Most kids want to do well in school and whether they admit it or not, getting a poor grade can make them feel pretty crummy. While they absolutely share a great amount of the responsibility for doing well, making their success seem like a team effort can motivate them to try harder and to communicate with you. Instead of: "How did you do on that test you had today?" Ask: "I used to get really nervous before a big math test. Numbers still kind of make me nervous. How did you feel during your test today?"

Sometimes kids forget that the adults in their lives were once kids too. Remind your child that you were once in his shoes. If you have a funny story about a test gone wrong, share it! Come on, we've all been there. It may help your child open up about his own struggles.

As your child gets older, you may feel like you're trying to crack open a vault, and the combination keeps changing. Keep up with what's going on in your child's life by asking more specific and open-ended questions and listen to the answers. If you know who your child plays with and who is mortal enemy #1 this week, you'll go a long way in gaining "parent cred" in the long run. Even if he doesn't talk much, your child still wants to know that you're listening.

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	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
	Lambert, Nancy	Kindergarten 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
521	Laxton, Meghan	Middle School Assistant

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anytime from the

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Pick up your login info at the school office.

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