



- 4/2 Report Cards Sent Home
- 4/4 Board Candidate Workshop 6:00 PM
- 4/6 MS Honor Roll Breakfast 7:30AM
- 4/6 Elementary Awards Assembly 8:30 AM
- 4/6 Talent Show Auditions
- 4/6 Board Declaration of Candidacy Due
- 4/9 Start of CMAS Testing Window 3-8 grades
- 4/11 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 4/11 Academy Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 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
- 5/4 Talent Show 9:30 AM



## From the Director

### The Gift that Is Crown Pointe

When I meet people for the first time, I'm nearly always asked what I do for a living. After a brief explanation, the follow up question is often what I think of a certain school and/or school district. For a long time I've always answered this the exact same way, "*The most important part of any school is the connection between your child and their teacher*". It isn't the answer people were expecting, but it's an honest one.

From a parent's perspective when you're looking at any school, success is determined by the people who work there. Students learn the most from adults who care about them, work tirelessly for them, and want nothing less than the very best for them. School success is predicated on school personnel who work hard and put children first.

While no school is perfect or can be everything to everybody (I do always think we can get better), Crown Pointe Academy has the one element which I feel is more important than any other in determining if a school is a success. We have a staff that is dedicated to caring for students' needs both academically and emotionally. We have teachers, assistants, and office staff who work tirelessly for the benefit of the students. We have students who know that the adults here at school them want them to be successful more than anything else and will help show them how this can be done. That to me is the first and most important building block. With this in place you can begin to guarantee the other elements that make this school great: curriculum and instruction, safety, and high expectations.

# 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 term of office will run from July 1, 2018 until June 30, 2020.

The Academy Board's roles are:

- To ensure that the Operating Contract Between Crown Pointe Academy and the 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 April 6, 2018**.

If you would like to learn more information before submitting your Declaration of Candidacy, please attend the Board Candidates Workshop on Wednesday, April 4th in the CPA library.

Please contact Dawn Baird with any questions at [dawn.baird@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:dawn.baird@crownpointeacademy.org)

## Student Success Starts at Home

You probably know that a student's academic success is affected by many factors. When it comes to achievement, activities outside the classroom, especially at home, can be just as influential as what happens inside the classroom.

The following are five important areas to emphasize at home to ensure the success of your children:

- Establish a daily routine by providing a quiet time and place for your children to study. Be firm about bedtimes so the child is well-rested and alert in the classroom. Having dinner together as a family is also important, because it gives you an opportunity to talk about your children's daily school activities, projects, and expectations. Encourage communications through conversation and questioning.
- Monitor your children's extracurricular activities closely. Whenever possible, arrange specific after-school activities or supervised care, always monitor television watching, and install computer software to block inappropriate websites. Also be mindful of video game content. If you can't be home right after school, call or email frequently to check in with your children, or have a trusted neighbor, relative, or friend stop by. Search out after-school programs and association activities that could serve as alternatives for children going home alone after school.
- Reading books, magazines, and newspapers and talking about what is learned from them is another important aspect to pursue at home. Discussing current events and/or the day's activities is a good habit to develop. Tell stories, share problems, and write letters, notes, and messages to one another. These types of communication bring families closer together, especially today, when everyone is busy with his or her own individual activities and commitments.
- Stay in touch with teachers and school staff, and express sincere interest in your children's progress at school. Work together with your children's teachers to set age-appropriate goals and standards, and to recognize and promote special talents. Compliment your children and share school success stories with family and friends.
- Be a positive role model. Demonstrate ways that achievement relates to hard work and dedication. Discuss the value of a good education to possible career options, and explore ways your children can turn their true interests into satisfying career possibilities.

## State Mandated Tests Start Next Week!

Students in grades 3-8 will be completing the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) testing between April 9th-27th. Most grade levels have six tests in English Language Arts and Math that take between 65 and 110 minutes each to complete. Additionally, students in grades 5 and 8 will complete testing in science, which includes three tests that take approximately 80 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 CMAS assessments.

## Last Chance to Order the 17-18 Yearbook!

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!**

**BUY YOUR**  
*Yearbook*

**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

**Staff e-mail Formula:**

firstname.lastname@crownpointeacademy.org

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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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.