



- 4/30 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 5/2 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast 7:30 AM
- 5/3 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 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
- 5/16-5/18 BOGO Book Fair— School Hours in the Library



## From the Director

### A Teacher Walkout Already Happened (and Nobody Even Noticed)

Last week, classes were cancelled on Thursday and Friday in many schools. My son didn't have class on Friday because of a teacher walkout at his high school. Lots of teachers went to the Capitol in what's being called a "walk out". So many were involved that not enough substitutes were available to cover all the empty classrooms. While these events make the headlines about pay and work load for teachers, the reality is that a teacher walkout has already occurred, and no one even noticed.

Let me explain. Years ago, when I was a principal in Greeley, we would get up to 100 applications for a single elementary teaching job. Later as a recruiter for the district, we would get between 30 and 40. When I got to CPA, the numbers were down to about 20 or so per opening. Last year, the applicants for a couple of job openings we had were about five each. This year, when we posted a middle school math position, we received zero (that's right, zero) applications. We attempted to fill the job by reaching out to several qualified individuals we knew personally and offering them the job. They said "no thanks". We tried to sell it with the promise of low class size, parent support, and a reasonable work load, but that wasn't enough. Four people flat out turned us down. We got lucky on the fifth attempt when we reached out to another principal who knew about a candidate that might be a good fit.

Over the years, I've heard how easy teachers have it. Working 9 ½ months, 7 hour days, the ease of working with children, etc.; each of these points aren't really true, and some are outright lies. I've also heard comments like "teachers know what they are getting into", "they don't do it for the money" and similar things. More true. Teachers do know what they are getting into and they don't do it for the money, but the reality is that fewer and fewer people think it's worth it. Many teachers I know, and several at CPA, have second and third jobs so they can continue to be in the classroom. So next time you see the headlines about teacher walkouts, we need to realize that lots of teachers have already walked out of education. They were individuals that might have been good at it, but decided it just wasn't worth it and never became teachers in the first place. Then please take a moment and think again about how lucky we are for the teachers who chose to "walk in" to the classroom and stay, especially all of them here at Crown Pointe.

## 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](http://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!



## Summer Reading Tips for Parents

from the National Center for Learning Disabilities

Efforts should be made during the summer to help children sustain reading skills, practice reading and read for enjoyment.

Reading builds visualization, thinking and language abilities. Taking the time to read with your child can help you evaluate your child's reading skills. If you discover that your child is having trouble with reading, he or she may have a learning disability. 80% of children with a learning disability have difficulty with basic reading and language. But early identification of such a disability gives a child the chance to develop ways to learn how to read effectively, and skills to lead a successful and productive life. A recent National Institutes of Health study showed that 67% of young students at risk for reading difficulties became average or above average readers after receiving help in the early grades.

Parents should remember that children need free time in the summer to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun. Following are a few tips to make reading enjoyable for your children this summer:

1. Read aloud together with your child every day. Make it fun by reading outdoors on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, point out the relationship between words and sounds.
2. Set a good example. Parents must be willing to model behavior for their children. Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have each person read his or her book, including mom and dad.
3. Read the same book your child is reading and discuss it. This is the way to develop habits of the mind and build capacity for thought and insight.
4. Let kids choose what they want to read, and don't turn your nose up at popular fiction. It will only discourage the reading habit.
5. Buy books on tape, especially for a child with a learning disability. Listen to them in the car, or turn off the TV and have the family listen to them together.
6. Take your child to the library regularly. Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for preschool and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.
7. Subscribe to magazines like *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, *Highlights for Children*, or *National Geographic World*. Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines, to keep up the reading habit over the summer and develop vocabulary. Ask them what they think about what they've read, and listen to what they say.
8. Ease disappointment over summer separation from school friends by encouraging them to become pen pals. Present both children with postcards or envelopes that are already addressed and stamped. If both children have access to the Internet, email is another option.
9. Make trips a way to encourage reading by reading aloud traffic signs, billboards, and notices. Show your children how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.
10. Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook. Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them and read them aloud as you look at the book together.



**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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## End of Year Information

As we close out the year, there are many fun activities for the students and families. Watch the calendar of events included in this Update and your classroom newsletters to help you know what is happening! If you have questions, please feel free to call the school office for clarification.

The school calendar for next year is on the school's website. We will send a copy of the calendar along with next year's school supply list in your child's report card envelope the last day of school for elementary students, or mailed home for middle school students. If your child will not be in school the last day of school, you can stop by the school during the month of June (Monday-Thursday only) to pick up the report card.

As we make plans for the start of the next school year, please watch for your summer mailing in July, which will include in-formation about registration, your student's class teacher, and your testing time for August 13th or 14th (elementary students only).

Some students will have fees and/or fines to pay before the end of the year. Lists of fees and/or fines owed will be sent home throughout the next three weeks. Included in the fees and fines will be fines that were not paid at the end of last year, beginning of year fees that were not paid, costs of lost or damaged textbooks, lunch money due, library charges for overdue books, or lost library books charges. We will also let you know if you have a balance in your child's lunch account and how you can pick up that money. If you owe fees or fines, you can pay them at the front office. Final report cards will not be issued until **all** fines and fees are paid. Thank you for your cooperation in taking care of this matter.

We look forward to seeing you at some of the many fun events occurring in the next few weeks such as the CPA's Got Talent Show this Friday, May 4th at 9:30, 5th Grade Transition Night on Tuesday, May 8th, Field Day for elementary students on Thursday, May 17th, the Spring Choir Concert on May 17th, the CPA Drama Club presentation of Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* on Saturday, May 19th, the Awards Assemblies on May 21st, the 8th Grade Continuation Ceremony on Tuesday, May 22nd, or the Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony and picnic on Wednesday, May 23rd! These last four weeks of school are going to fly by. Thank you for a wonderful school year!

**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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Pick up your login info at the school office.

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