



- 10/29 1st Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 11/1 Fish-O-Ween Event 3:45-5:00 PM
- 11/1 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11/2 Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM
- 11/14 End of Grading Period for Progress Reports
- 11/14 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 11/14 Academy Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 11/19 No School– Thanksgiving Break
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- 11/23
- 11/26 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 12/5 Elementary Spelling Bee 4:00 PM
- 12/6 Middle School Spelling Bee 4:00 PM
- 12/6 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 12/7 Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM
- 12/12 Academy Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 12/13 Elementary Geography Bee 4:00 PM



From the Director

It's Cougar Time

Schools have long tried to answer three short questions that ensure children are receiving the education they need just at the time they need it. Simply put, those questions are:

- *What do we want kids to learn?* This is answered by the overall curriculum, teacher lesson planning, and quality instruction.
- *How do we know when they learned it?* This is the reason schools give tests and quizzes.
- *What do we do if they don't know it (or have already learned it)?* This question is answered by varying the instruction in the classroom and finding time to review or expand upon previously taught concepts. One way we are doing this at Crown Pointe is the addition of what we call Cougar Time.

With all apologies to 80's pop music one hit wonders, I would like to announce that *it's Cougar Time!* So what is that exactly? Cougar Time is a daily 30 minute opportunity for students to work on the skills that they need in order to take the next step academically. This can be a review of skills not already mastered. For example, if a student needs extra time to work on reading comprehension, 30 minutes is set aside every day to work on that with a small group of other kids that need that too. On the other hand, if a student has already proved that they know that skill they can use that same time to work on things that would ordinarily be considered above grade level. Having this 30 minutes set aside, and the staff support for small group work, allows our students to have their needs met whatever they may be.

In middle school, it looks a little different, and doesn't have as cute a name. Students at that level have study hall and SEL lab (social-emotional learning) time to work on those skills they need to master. These 30 minutes of instruction are focused on the same skill-based instruction in small groups as Cougar Time, but is driven by student performance in the classroom and on state tests.

So when your son or daughter comes home and says they learned something in Cougar Time, you will know that it isn't a new dance move or visit to the zoo. It's a chance for CPA to meet the needs of all students and ensure they are being individually challenged.

Counselor's Corner with Mrs. K

Caught Caring:

We had our first Caught Caring of the year recently and were able to celebrate many wonderful students and staff doing amazing things at our school. Thank you to our super staff for being on the lookout for caring behaviors!

Candy Donations:

Are you wondering what to do with the deluge of Halloween candy your children will be receiving from trick-or-treating next week? Hoping to pass it on ...but to whom? Look no further...the Cheese Heads will happily accept all donations of candy towards the Caught Caring Program. You can drop it off at the front desk, with Mrs. Smeltzer, or with Mrs. K.

I had another successful **High School Information Night** this month, and families were offered information on the many different high school opportunities in the area. If you are interested in learning more about different high school programs, please send me an email and I would happily send you my information packet. It's never too early to start looking at your options!

Please reach out to me with any questions via email at kari.knutson@crownpointeacademy.org or by phone at (303) 428-1882 ext. 115.

Thank you!

Volunteer Update

Are you looking for volunteer hours? Please stop by the cafeteria this Friday, November 2nd during dismissal for our Brown Bag Pick Up event. The process is so simple: sign out a project, complete it over the weekend, and return it to the school the following Monday. This is such a service to our teachers and an easy way to get some hours in. Contact the front office with any questions.



SAVE THE DATE! Our next Brown Bag Pick Up event will be on Friday, December 7th.

Some families have already completed their hours for the year, so students are earning their non-uniform certificates. Our next non-uniform day for volunteer hours is coming up in a couple weeks, so if you're close to finishing your hours, get them submitted so your student can participate!

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

Save on Your Home Heating Costs with LEAP!

Throughout Colorado, the fall/winter season has brought snow and chilly temperatures resulting in increased heating costs for many Colorado families. This winter, Colorado's Low-income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) wants all Colorado families to know that small changes in energy usage habits can result in significant savings to home heating costs.

LEAP is a federally funded program that provides cash assistance to help families and individuals pay a portion of winter home heating costs. The program pays the highest benefits to those with the highest heating bills and lowest incomes by family size. Applicant income may not exceed 165 percent of the federal poverty index, which is \$3,383 per month before taxes for a household of four people. According to Todd Jorgensen, director of LEAP, the average LEAP benefit is estimated to be \$325 per household.

"Making smart and effective choices to lower home heating costs doesn't mean families have to drastically change their lifestyle," said Jorgensen. "Instead, families can put into practice a variety of energy saving tips that are not only energy efficient, but cost effective."

There are many free ways to save money on energy bills this winter. These include:

- turning down the temperature on hot water heater to 125 degrees;
- closing fireplace damper when not in use;
- turning down thermostat at night or when not home;
- checking furnace filter once a month for cleanliness; and
- ensuring furnace ducts are clear of all objects.
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For additional tips visit <http://www.energyoutreach.org>

To qualify for LEAP, applicants must be responsible for paying heating costs directly to an energy provider, fuel dealer or as part of rent; be a permanent legal resident of the United States and Colorado or have household members that are U.S. citizens.

LEAP applicants must provide a copy of valid identification and a completed affidavit indicating that they are lawfully present in the United States. Valid forms of identification include, but are not limited to:

1. Colorado Driver's License or Colorado Identification card; or
2. United States Military Identification card or Military Dependent's Identification card; or
3. United States Coast Guard Merchant Mariner card; or
4. Native American Tribal document.

To find out if you qualify for LEAP, call toll free 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435) or visit <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdhs-leap/program-eligibility> to view the most current program application requirements.

For additional tips visit <http://www.energyoutreach.org> or <https://sites.google.com/a/state.co.us/cdhs-leap/home>

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!



Staff Extensions (303) 428-1882

219	Austin, Tammie	Kindergarten Assistant
127	Bandel, Denise	In House Substitute
223	Bonadonna, Janet	2nd Grade Assistant
512	Davis, Typhany	Middle School Math Teacher
410	Felten, Adina	4th Grade Teacher
103	Fiorini, Leslie	Front Office
408	George, Andrea	3rd Grade Teacher
102	Gerber, Trisha	Front Office
406	Gonzalez, William	4th-8th Grade Spanish Teacher
228	Granado, Alicia	Kindergarten Assistant
412	Hardy, Liz	5th Grade Teacher
123	Hernandez, Diane	Evening Custodian
210	Hersh, Kala	1st Grade Teacher
211	Holmes, Liann	1st Grade Teacher
212	Hubin, Ashley	2nd Grade Teacher
514	Hughes, Bonnie	Middle School Social Studies Teacher
104	Jaime, Felicia	Health Aide
521	Johnson, Kim	Middle School Assistant
418	Johnson, Velvet	3rd Grade Assistant
107	Keyes, Erin	Assistant Director
115	Knutson, Kari	School Counselor
409	Kokoszka, Jessie	4th Grade Teacher
222	Lacert, Abbi	2nd Grade Assistant
221	Lamb, Michaela	1st Grade Assistant
513	Laxton, Meghan	Middle School Language Arts Teacher
510	MacGregor, Matt	Middle School Math Teacher
105	MacGregor, Sandi	Executive Secretary
113	Munier, Morgan	Day Custodian
422	O'Connor, Katie	5th Grade Assistant
307	O'Neal, Pam	K-8 Music Teacher
106	Ouweneel, Keith	Director
118	Pilbeam, Jen	RtI/ELL Coordinator
407	Qualkinbush, Morgan	3rd Grade Teacher
419	Ring, Anna	4th Grade Assistant
504	Roe, Marcia	Middle School Science Teacher
421	Ross, Brenda	5th Grade Assistant
209	Rullo, Rosemarie	Kindergarten Teacher
220	Sandoval, Jessica	1st Grade Assistant
313	Satterfield, Ann Marie	K-3 Spanish Teacher, K-8 Art Teacher
511	Scott, Jay	Middle School Language Arts Teacher
599	Sherlock, Evan	Expo Teacher
425	Sinclair, Jennie	4th Grade Assistant
405	Smeltzer, Danielle	Special Education Teacher
417	Sonday, LuCinda	3rd Grade Teacher
523	Southern, Julie	Middle School Electives Teacher, 6th Grade ELA Teacher
117	Strass, Monica	Innovation Programs Director
208	Sullivan, Jackie	Kindergarten Teacher
318	Vарner, AJ	Physical Education Teacher
411	Wetmore, Melanie	5th Grade Teacher
213	Winham, Wilhelmina	2nd Grade Teacher
502	Worley, Paula	MS RtI, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

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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