



- 1/15 Dickey's BBQ Fundraiser Spanish Trip
- 1/17 3rd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 1/18 Big FISH Night 5:30-8:00 PM
- 1/21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day– No School
- 1/25 PTA Winter Dance 6:00-8:30 PM
- 1/29 Middle School History Day Showcase 5:30
- 1/31 Kindergarten Music Program 6:00 PM
- 2/1 Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM
- 2/6 End of Grading Period for Progress Reports
- 2/7 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 2/9 Charter School Academic Challenge
- 2/11 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 2/13 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 2/13 Academy Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 2/15 Middle School Dance 6:30 PM



## From the Director

### Academy Board Approves the Calendars for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021

To me the definition of compromise is that everybody gives up a little in order to get much more in return. That's how I view the school calendars for 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 approved by the Board last Wednesday. Some people wanted the 4 day week, some wanted the 5 day week. There were plenty of parents who thought each were the best *and* the worst things ever. In the end, the Board decided to adopt a 5 day school calendar with a fall break and additional 4 day weekends in January and February. This does a couple of things: it creates 4 day weeks at several key points during the year and attempts to strike a balance between the wishes of the 4 day and 5 day advocates.

So let's unpack those points. You'll see in both calendars that there is a 4 day weekend in mid October. This is similar to our current school year. It proved this year to be a nice break near the halfway point of the first semester. Next year in January and February, a Friday off has been added to the Martin Luther King Jr. and Presidents' Day weekends. This not only creates a 4 day weekend, but it also creates two additional 4 day school weeks. As for the balances between 4 day and 5 day supporters, these adopted calendars allow everyone to get some of what they need, but not everything they wanted. In other words, it's a compromise.

I applaud the Board for looking at ways to keep CPA relevant; the calendar was just one of those. I also appreciate the 189 families who took the time to fill out the calendar survey. Every opinion was heard and every survey comment was read. Thanks for participating in that discussion. The calendars are included in this week's documents on the CPA website.

## Stay Healthy During Cold and Flu Season

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the flu peaks in January and February but can begin as early as October. It takes a while for the person receiving the flu vaccine to be fully immunized which is why it is important to get your shot as early as possible.

It's also important to remember that the flu shot is never 100 percent effective, so even if you or your family has received the shot everyone should practice good health habits as provided by the CDC:

1. **Avoid close contact.** Avoid close contact with people who are sick. When you are sick, keep your distance from others to protect them from getting sick too.
2. **Stay home when you are sick.** If possible, stay home from work, school, and errands. You will help prevent others from catching your illness.
3. **Cover your mouth and nose.** Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. It may prevent those around you from getting sick.
4. **Clean your hands.** Washing your hands often will help protect you from germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
5. **Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.** Germs are often spread when a person touches something that is contaminated with germs and then touches his or her eyes, nose, or mouth.
6. **Practice other good health habits.** Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces at home, work or school, especially when someone is ill. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

For more information on staying healthy during cold and flu season, visit [www.cdc.gov/flu](http://www.cdc.gov/flu).

**The Yearbook Club is in need of your photos! We would appreciate pictures of all school events, specials activities, after school programs, field trips and every day school life. PLEASE start going through your camera and help share the memories of this school year! Please put your photos on a CD and label it ATTN: Yearbook Club and drop it off at the front office, or you can email your photos to [yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org)**

**Thank You very much for all your help!**

## 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!



## Perseverance: A Must Have for All Children

Many children have set out to accomplish something--sports, music, good grades--only to realize that the path is uphill and the prize is not free. Certainly, you've experienced seeing excited eyes and faces as your children share dreams of accomplishing some new endeavor; then, you later see the frustration and hear those distressed words, "I can't." This is the time when being a parent counts.

Children need to feel successful. The actual accomplishment of a task is not as important as the work they do to accomplish it. You may need to help your child adjust a goal, or you may need to give an explanation about why he or she can't fly to the moon tomorrow on a rocket, but it's important for you to find a way to help your child experience the satisfaction of persevering to the end.

As the close of the school year approaches, consider working on the following three "Be's" that will help your children develop perseverance.

- Be interested. There's a reason kids say, "Daddy, watch this!" Children never really outgrow the need to know that you care about what they do. Show that you want them to be successful.
- Be a teacher. Parents are teachers. Kids have classrooms at school, but the laboratory for learning is the home. You don't need chalkboards, fancy technology, or advanced degrees in math or reading to teach your children. Simply watch for, and take advantage of, teaching moments--a chance to encourage, lift, explain, or share one of your life's experiences.
- Believe. Your children can do anything. Do you believe it? Children can tell. Give them the gift of truly believing in them, and then brace yourself for them to do things that may astound you.

## Volunteering Update

Thank you to everyone who has recorded volunteer hours from 1st semester. As a school, we have recorded 7,182 hours, so we are more than halfway to our goal of 14,000 hours for the year! We also have 17 families that have already completed their hours for the year. We appreciate all who take their commitment to CPA to heart and help us make our great school even better!

Don't forget— when you complete your volunteer hours for the year, your student will receive a non-uniform certificate. For each additional 10 hours you log on top of your completed hours, your student will earn an additional non-uniform certificate. This is just a small way that we can thank you for completing your hours. Contact the front office with any questions.

Save the dates! Our Brown Bag Pick Up events for this semester will take place on February 1st and April 5th starting at 3:15 in the cafeteria.

There are still so many opportunities to earn some volunteer hours this semester. You can: volunteer to help with the PTA dance on January 25th; chaperone a field trip; attend upcoming PTA meetings on February 7th, March 7th, April 4th, and May 2nd; donate food to the parent-teacher conference dinners coming up on February 28th and March 1st; or just volunteer your time in your student's classroom—the possibilities are endless!

If you have any questions about your hours or volunteering, contact the front office or send an email to [volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:volunteer@crownpointeacademy.org).

**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	Melo, Thalia	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	Varner, 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:**

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anytime from the

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