



- 3/7 Parent Info Night– School Assessments 6:00
- 3/7 PTA Meeting following Info Night
- 3/9 Charter School History Day Competition
- 3/13 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 3/13 Academy Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 3/15 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/18 Spring Picture Day
- 3/22 No School—Teacher Work Day
- 3/25–3/29 Spring Break— No School
- 4/1 Report Card Sent Home
- 4/4 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 4/5 Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast 7:30
- 4/5 Elementary 3rd Quarter Awards 9:00



## From the Director

### In Praise of the Classroom Assistants

This morning it was -5 degrees, the coldest March day in Denver since 1960. It's so cold that car batteries and defrosters just don't want to work—so cold that ice melt freezes. However, one thing that was working just fine this morning was CPA's classroom assistants. Rain, snow, or freezing temperatures, they are out there (along with other staff members) every morning. Whether it's directing traffic, opening car doors, or greeting kids, these essential staff get the morning started off right (and safely), but that's just the beginning.

One of the things that makes Crown Pointe Academy special is the amount of individual attention our students receive. For example, when I taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, one year I had 31 students without any help. Those students never received the kind of attention they deserved. There was just no way to make it happen with that size of class. Here at CPA, our elementary classes have 26 or 27 students with a lead teacher *and* an assistant in each one of them. This is not typical for most schools. No other school I've seen has this number of extra hands to help students from the first minute to the last minute of the day. Whether it's in the classroom with reading instruction, character education lessons, or math tutoring, they are essential in helping each child get the help they need when they need it. Our school wouldn't be what it is without our classroom assistants, and our students wouldn't be doing nearly as well without them either. On top of all that, several of our classroom assistants have gone back to school to become lead teachers themselves, often times here at Crown Pointe. These teachers are more prepared and ready to take over a classroom full of students because of their previous experiences. This helps our school as well as all the others they teach in.

So don't wait for a cold snap, rain storm, or a snowy day to show a bit of appreciation for all of their efforts. A simple "thank you" or even a friendly smile works wonders. They work hard to make sure your child is safe, well taken care of, and learning every day. That is truly something special that deserves a little bit of praise.

# 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.

*The Crown Pointe Academy staff would like to sincerely thank all families that contributed to the parent-teacher conference dinners. We appreciate your time, generosity, and thoughtfulness. Dishes and utensils can be picked up in the teachers' lounge by the office. Thank you!*

**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!**

## Parent Information Night and PTA Meeting Thursday

Greetings Parents!

Please join us for our regular PTA meeting this month on Thursday, March 7th at 6:00 in the CPA library. Before the start of the regular meeting, we will have a special parent information night presentation on school and State assessments.



Have you ever wondered what assessments your student takes and how the results are used? Please join us in the library this Thursday at 6:00 and have all of your questions answered. Learn more about Galileo, DIBELS, WIDA, and CMAS. **Pizza and drinks and childcare will be provided!** Contact Erin Keyes with any questions about the information session.

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Stick around after the information session for the regular PTA meeting. With only three months left in the school year, there's a lot to talk about! Help us get ready for all of the end of year activities including Staff Appreciation Week, and bring any plans or ideas for next year as well. We hope to see you on Thursday, and feel free to reach out to any PTA board member with questions!

## Spring Picture Day is Monday, March 18th!



This is a non-uniform day, and all students will have their pictures taken. We will also take kindergarten graduation pictures and 8th grade continuation pictures. The photographs will be taken in front of a green screen, so we suggest that students wear solid colored clothing, but NO green! Parents will have a choice of background for the pictures. A proof sheet and ordering instructions will be sent home by April 1st, and pictures will be shipped directly to your home. If you have any questions, please contact Leslie in the front office. Thank you!

## 2018-2019 CPA Yearbooks on Sale Now!

It's time to purchase your 2018-2019 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 Tuesday, April 23rd in order to have your yearbook by the end of the school year, so order now!**

Yearbook Club still needs your photos! Email your photos to [yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org) or send them to the office on a CD.

Contact Jesika Hardman, Yearbook Club's parent advisor, with any questions at [yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org](mailto:yearbook@crownpointeacademy.org).

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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:**

firstname.lastname@crownpointeacademy.org

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*Infinite Campus Parent Portal*

Pick up your login info at the school office.

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