



- 9/16 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 9/17 Fall Picture Day (Uniforms Required)
- 9/19 Urban Air PTA Fundraiser 4:00-9:00 PM
- 9/20 No School- Professional Development Day
- 9/27 Brown Bag Pick Up 3:15 PM
- 10/3 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00-9:00 PM
- 10/3 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 10/4 No School for Students
- 10/4 Parent-Teacher Conferences 11:00-7:00
- 10/9 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 10/9 Academy Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 10/10 High School Information Night 6:30 PM
- 10/11 End of 1st Quarter
- 10/17 Fall Break— No School for Students
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- 10/21



From the Director

Engaging Teachers

The Gallup organization ran a poll that found only 30% of teachers were “engaged” in their jobs. Ouch. Gallup defines “engaged teachers as involved with, enthusiastic about, and committed to their work. They know the scope of their jobs and constantly look for new and better ways to achieve outcomes.” On top of that, those teachers that did not feel engaged were more likely to miss work. Even worse, they found that 13% of teachers were “actively disengaged” meaning these were teachers who are not only unhappy, but also act out their unhappiness in ways that *undermine what their coworkers accomplish.* (My italics) How does this help children? We all know it doesn’t

What’s sad too is that this is also the same percentage as other career fields. This implies to me that in many places, teachers see their work as just a job. While there is nothing inherently wrong with this, it is a limiting viewpoint. To me, education is both a calling *and* a career. While teachers can’t be expected to work tirelessly for free, they must also find the non-monetary rewards this work has to offer. It is my strong held belief that when we are working with children we must be fully engaged, be responsible for the outcomes, and take control of the work to achieve great things. We all know the efforts of the CPA staff make a difference.

This last year the Academy Board set a goal of retaining 80% of our teachers, this year 100% returned. Actions speak louder than words. We are a constant work in progress towards making CPA an amazing school. I’ve worked in education over 20 years and never seen a school more dedicated. The teachers and assistants here are incredibly devoted to the success of their students. If Gallup interviewed teachers at CPA, I bet you would find a very different result than what they found nationwide. I know, because I see it every day.

PTA Fundraiser at Urban Air

The CPA-PTA will be hosting a fundraiser at Urban Air Adventure Park on Thursday, September 19th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Urban Air is located at 7025 West 88th Avenue, Westminster, 80021 (near Home Depot at 88th and Wadsworth).

Admission for this event is \$19.99 per person with unlimited access. The school will get 20% back from all proceeds earned. Just tell them you're with Crown Pointe Academy at the counter!

Enjoy go karts, climbing walls, laser tag, bowling, a ropes course, a warrior course, the tubes playground, mini golf, and more! There is no school on Friday, so come out and enjoy this fun night with other CPA families. We hope to see you there!



Fall Picture Day is Tomorrow!

The Van Gogh Photography company will be taking Fall pictures for all students tomorrow, Tuesday, September 17th. All students must have their pictures taken, and students will receive their school IDs.



Uniforms are required for all students. Parents may pre-order picture packages with the payment information sent home in last week's Monday Folders, or you can visit www.vangogh.com to order online.

If you have any questions, contact Leslie in the front office at (303) 428-1882.

Volunteer Brown Bag Pick Up Event Coming Up!



Save the date! The first Volunteer Brown Bag Pick Up Event is coming up on Friday, September 27th during dismissal. Stop by the cafeteria between 3:15 and 3:45 to sign out a project, complete it over the weekend, and return it the following Monday. This is an easy way to get some volunteer hours, and this is a huge service to the teachers and staff at CPA.

Other dates for Brown Bag Pick Up this year include: October 25th, November 15th, December 13th, February 27th, March 13th, and April 24th. Contact Trisha in the front office with any questions.

Thank you for supporting Crown Pointe Academy through your volunteer efforts! We are grateful for all you do!

Box Tops for Education

Crown Pointe Academy is a participating school in the Box Tops for Education Program. Please bring the Box Top coupons to your student's classroom donation box. Tell your friends, tell your family, tell your neighbors to save those Tops for CPA!



Ways You Can Help Your Children Succeed at School from www.colorincolorado.org

To continue from the last edition of the Update, here are more ways you can help your student succeed at school this year:

- 11. Ask questions.** If something concerns you about your child's learning or behavior, ask the teacher or principal about it and seek their advice. Your questions may be like these — What specific problem is my child having with reading? What can I do to help my child with this problem? How can I stop that bully from picking on my son? How can I get my child to do homework? Which reading group is my child in?
- 12. Learn about your rights.** It's important to know what your rights are as the parent regarding special services, English instruction, immigration status, and more.
- 13. Let the school know your concerns.** Is your child doing well in school? Is he or she having trouble learning, behaving, or studying? Bring your concerns to the appropriate parties at school.
- 14. Demonstrate a positive attitude about education to your children.** What we say and do in our daily lives can help them to develop positive attitudes toward school and learning and to build confidence in themselves as learners. Showing our children that we both value education and use it in our daily lives provides them with powerful models and contributes greatly to their success in school. In addition, by showing interest in their children's education, parents and families can spark enthusiasm in them and lead them to a very important understanding—that learning can be enjoyable as well as rewarding and is well worth the effort required.
- 15. Monitor your child's television, video game, and Internet use.** American children on average spend far more time watching TV, playing video games and using the Internet than they do completing homework or other school-related activities.
- 16. Encourage your child to read.** Helping your child become a reader is the single most important thing that you can do to help the child to succeed in school—and in life. The importance of reading simply can't be overstated. Reading helps children in all school subjects. More important, it is the key to lifelong learning.
- 17. Talk with your child.** Talking and listening play major roles in children's school success. It's through hearing parents and family members talk and through responding to that talk that young children begin to pick up the language skills they will need if they are to do well. For example, children who don't hear a lot of talk and who aren't encouraged to talk themselves often have problems learning to read, which can lead to other school problems. In addition, children who haven't learned to listen carefully often have trouble following directions and paying attention in class. It's also important for you to show your child that you're interested in what he has to say.
- 18. Encourage your child to use the library.** Libraries are places of learning and discovery for everyone. Helping your child find out about libraries will set him on the road to being an independent learner. Remember that libraries also offer a quiet place for students to complete homework, and are often open in the evening.
- 19. Encourage your child to be responsible and work independently.** Taking responsibility and working independently are important qualities for school success. You can help your child to develop these qualities by establish reasonable rules that you enforce consistently, making it clear to your child that he has to take responsibility for what he does, both at home and at school, showing your child how to break a job down into small steps, and monitor what your child does after school, in the evenings and on weekends.
- 20. Encourage active learning.** Children need active learning as well as quiet learning such as reading and doing homework. Active learning involves asking and answering questions, solving problems and exploring interests. Active learning also can take place when your child plays sports, spends time with friends, acts in a school play, plays a musical instrument or visits museums and bookstores. To promote active learning, listen to your child's ideas and respond to them. Let him jump in with questions and opinions when you read books together. When you encourage this type of give-and-take at home, your child's participation and interest in school is likely to increase.

Staff Extensions (303) 428-1882

324	Arner, Celeste	Kitchen
219	Austin, Tammie	Kindergarten Assistant
128	Bandel, Denise	In House Substitute Teacher
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	Spanish Teacher Grades 4-8
228	Granado, Alicia	Kindergarten Assistant
412	Hardy, Liz	5th Grade Teacher
123	Hernandez, Diane	Evening Custodian
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
221	Johnson, Velvet	1st Grade Assistant
107	Keyes, Erin	Assistant Director
115	Knutson, Kari	School Counselor
210	Koehn, Kala	1st Grade Teacher
409	Kokoszka, Jessie	4th Grade Teacher
222	Lacert, Abbi	2nd Grade Assistant
513	Laxton, Meghan	Middle School Language Arts Teacher
510	MacGregor, Matt	Middle School Math Teacher
105	MacGregor, Sandi	Financial Secretary
419	Martinez, Norma	4th Grade Assistant
113	Munier, Morgan	Daytime Custodian
420	Neuhalfen, Kendall	4th Grade Assistant
422	O'Connor, Katie	5th Grade Assistant
307	O'Neal, Pam	Music Teacher
106	Ouweneel, Keith	Director
118	Pilbeam, Jen	ELL/RtI Coordinator
407	Qualkinbush, Morgan	3rd Grade Teacher
504	Roe, Marcia	Middle School Science Teacher
421	Ross, Brenda	5th Grade Assistant
209	Rullo, Rosie	Kindergarten Teacher
313	Ring, Anna	Spanish Teacher K-3, Art Teacher
415	Sandoval, Jessica	Special Education Assistant
511	Scott, Jay	Middle School Language Arts
600	Sherlock, Evan	Expo Teacher
325	Shields, Wendi	Kitchen
418	Sinclair, Jennie	3rd Grade Assistant
405	Smeltzer, Danielle	Special Education Teacher
220	Smiley, Melba	1st Grade Assistant
417	Sunday, LuCinda	3rd Grade Assistant
523	Southern, Julie	Middle School Electives/Language Arts
117	Strass, Monica	Innovative Programs Director
306	Strick, Peggy	Librarian

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anytime from the

Infinite Campus Parent Portal

Pick up your login info at the school office.

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