



- 10/15 8th Grade Continuation Meeting 5:00 PM
- 10/17 Fall Break— No School for Students
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- 10/21
- 10/22 Report Cards Sent Home
- 10/22 Class Pictures and Picture Re-take Day
- 10/25 1st Quarter Awards Assemblies
- 10/25 Brown Bag Pick Up Event
- 10/25 PTA Harvest Festival 5:00-8:00 PM
- 10/28 1st Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 11/7 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 11/11 2nd Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 11/12 Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Fundraiser 5-8 PM
- 11/13 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 11/13 Academy Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 11/15 Brown Bag Pick Up Event



## From the Director

### You Never Stop Being a Parent, Even When They Go to School

Families become part of the Crown Pointe Academy community for one important reason: their children. It is the mission of every parent to do whatever they can to help prepare their sons and daughters for adulthood.

With apologies to those old U.S. Navy commercials, *parenting* is the hardest job you will ever love, so it is not a surprise that people rarely tell you how difficult it is prior to becoming one. Part of the challenge of being a parent (or grandparent for that matter) is making sure that we take advantage of every opportunity that helps our child become a success in life. The opportunity for a quality education is one of the most important of all.

Along with that responsibility is the decision of what school offers the best opportunity. That's where a school like Crown Pointe Academy comes in. Each and every one of our parents chose CPA. They could send their children to other schools, but they don't. In fact, next year's Kindergarten waitlist requires new families (not current siblings) to sign up a year before the start of school in order to receive a spot in class. The demand for a quality school has never been higher. Parents know what they want and their actions speak volumes

Being a charter school doesn't make this a great school. Parents, staff, and students do. The goal of having kids a safe, positive, and academic environment is something everyone can get behind. It is something we all work hard at every day. It's something that we can support all of the time. Parent choice is the ultimate expression of what you want in an education. Thanks for choosing CPA.

## Counselor's Corner with Mrs. K

### Caught Caring:

We will soon start our Caught Caring program for the year where we will celebrate the many awesome acts of character that we are seeing around the 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 in a couple weeks? 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** last week, 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](mailto: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 on Friday, October 25th during dismissal for our next 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 DATES!** Other Brown Bag Pick Ups will take place on November 15th, December 13th, February 27th, March 13th, and April 24th.

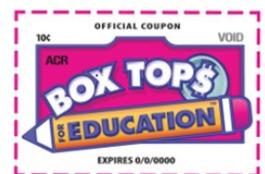
Some families have already completed their hours for the year, so students are earning their non-uniform certificates. Our next non-uniform day for volunteer hours is coming up in a couple weeks, so if you're close to finishing your hours, get them submitted so your student can participate!

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](mailto: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*

## 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!



# School Attendance: A Key to Success from [colorincolorado.org](http://colorincolorado.org)

Continued from the Update edition dated September 30th:

## What Can You Do?

As a parent or guardian, it is possible to plan ahead in order to limit your child's absences, make school attendance a priority, and help your child from falling behind if it is necessary to miss a day of school. You can do this in the following ways:

- **Help your child get to school on time every day.** Babysitting, problems with a car or late bus, and the weather are not permissible reasons to miss school. Frequently coming to school late may also be noted on your child's permanent record, and will make it difficult for your child to stay caught up with the first lessons of each morning. Teach your child how to set and use an alarm clock, and keep the television turned off in the morning.
- **Follow the school's guidelines and attendance policy, and report excused absences immediately.** At the beginning of the school year, review the school's rules and make sure you understand whom you need to call if your child is going to be absent.
- **Check homework.** Check each night to see that your child understands and completes the day's homework assignments.
- **Take an active role.** Stay involved with your child's daily experiences at school by asking how the school day went, and then listening carefully to what your child shares with you — both the successes and struggles. Make it a point to meet your child's teacher and friends.
- **Locate potential sources of anxiety.** If your child frequently appears upset or reluctant to go to school and cannot tell you why, schedule an appointment with his or her teacher or school counselor to talk about possible sources of the anxiety.
- **Keep updated on school events and announcements.** Read the school documents that your child brings home and take note of important announcements and dates, such as back-to-school night and parent-teacher conferences.
- **Try to limit the amount of time that your child misses school due to medical appointments or illness.** If possible, avoid scheduling doctor's appointments during the school day. Allow your child to stay home only in the case of contagious or severe illnesses.
- **Schedule family events with your child's school schedule in mind.** Plan holiday celebrations or family trips during weekends or school vacations. In the case of family emergencies or unexpected trips, talk to your child's teacher as far in advance as possible and set up a way that your child can work ahead or bring important homework on the trip.
- **Plan ahead.** Encourage your child to prepare for the next school day by laying out clothes the night before and helping to fix lunches.
- **Promote good health.** Make sure that your child eats a balanced diet with plenty of fruits and vegetables, and has opportunities to exercise every day through a sports team or playtime outside.
- **Create a restful environment.** Finally, make sure that your child can relax before bedtime by doing something quiet like reading rather than do something stimulating, like watching television. Ensure that your child gets enough quality sleep — ideal amounts range from 8 to 12 hours. Getting enough sleep will help her get up on time, be refreshed in the morning, and feel ready for a full day of learning ahead!

By making your child's school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child's school success, and setting a good example. Remember — every day counts!

This article is from [www.colorincolorado.org](http://www.colorincolorado.org) and was adapted from San Diego Unified School District's "Every Day Counts!" in 2008.

**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

**Staff e-mail Formula:**

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anytime from the

*Infinite Campus Parent Portal*

Pick up your login info at the school office.

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