



- 1/27 5th Grade Music Program 6:00 PM
- 1/28 Middle School History Day Showcase
- 1/30 Kindergarten Music Program 6:00 PM
- 2/6 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
- 2/12 Junior Achievement JA in a Day Gr. K-4
- 2/12 End of Grading Period for Progress Reports
- 2/12 BAAC Meeting 4:30 PM
- 2/12 Academy Board Meeting 6:15 PM
- 2/13 Middle School Social Event 6:30 PM
- 2/14 No School for Students
- 2/17 No School—Presidents' Day Holiday
- 2/18 Progress Reports Sent Home
- 2/22 History Day Regional Competition
- 2/25 Spring/Kindergarten Grad/8th Grade Pictures
- 2/27 Brown Bag Pick Up Event 3:15 PM



## From the Director

### Preteen Privacy?

We live in an era where smart phones are common place. It's to the point that kids often have a phone nicer than their parents do. I know my kids do. I've seen kids even as young as second grade bring a phone to school. Despite changing times, kids are still kids, only now we've given them to tools to communicate with each other 24/7. While the majority of their interaction is appropriate, sometimes it's not. They can and do say things over the phone that they wouldn't dream of doing face to face. Even the best kids make mistakes. On top of that, a surprising number of these situations become issues at school. The last thing any kid expects is to have a teacher, principal, or parent read some of the things they share, yet it happens all the time, and as a parent it's tough to know when to intervene and when to stay back.

What's interesting to me is that students often believe they have a complete expectation of privacy when using their phones. However, once you send a message to another person, they can share it with anyone. Regardless of the medium (email, text, SnapChat, Instagram, etc.), these messages can make the rounds in a matter of minutes. On top of all of that, friendships and technology are changing constantly for the better or worse. So what's a parent to do?

I remind kids when these issues arise that they don't actually own that cell phone they have in their backpack. Even if they pay for it, which is a rarity, that phone is really their mom's or dad's. As the parent, we sign the contract and agree to pay ATT, Verizon, or whoever. Kids are not legally responsible for the phone until they are 18. We are ultimately accountable for what our kids say and do with the phone. So, do you really know what is going on?

If you really want to make sure that you know (and your kids know *you know* what's going on), I would suggest a program like TeenSafe. This app allows parents to view texts, calls, pictures, installed apps and phone location. Since we are paying for our kid's phones, we have every right to know what they are really doing with them. It's not snooping, it's safety and it's all part of being a modern parent.

## Volunteering Update

Thank you to everyone who has recorded volunteer hours from 1st semester. As a school, we have recorded 7,264 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 21st and April 24th 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 a PTA event such as Staff Appreciation Week; chaperone a field trip; attend upcoming PTA meetings on February 6th, March 5th, April 2nd, and May 7th; donate food to the parent-teacher conference dinners coming up on February 27th and 28th; 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).

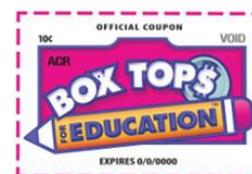


**The Yearbook Club is in need of your photos! We would appreciate pictures of all school events, specials activities, after school programs, field trips and every day school life. PLEASE start going through your camera and help share the memories of this school year! Please put your photos on a CD and 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!**

## 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!



## 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.



**The CPA PTA will be selling Valentine's Day Candy Grams before school this week, January 27th-31st in the gymnasium.**

**Candy Grams are 1 for \$3.00 or 2 for \$5.00.**

**They will be delivered on Thursday, February 13th by a DANCING Gorilla!**

**Surprise your friends with a special treat!**

**Happy Valentine's Day!**



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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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