

# Crownpoint Elementary News



*Eagle Pride - We Soar*



November 2017 edition

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505-721-1500

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## Reminder!

You must call BY 2:30 pm to request a bus change for your child.

## Fantastic Fall Festival!

Thank you to all the donors, volunteers, and patrons who came to our school on the night of October 30<sup>th</sup>! Due to your support, our annual Fall Festival was a success. We hope you, your family, and friends all had a fantastic time! Between the concessions, cake walk, haunted house and numerous carnival games...we raised just over \$1700.00 for our school. These funds will be divided up between the grade levels to pay for upcoming field trips which are vital to enhance our students learning.

Thank you to ALL our hardworking custodians, amazing community members, dedicated parents, and committed guardians.



## RED Ribbon Week 2017

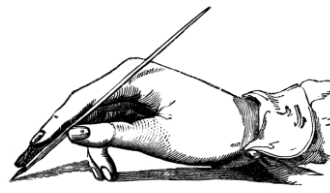


From October 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup>, Crownpoint Elementary students participated in RED Ribbon Week activities, including a parade sponsored by Crownpoint Behavioral Health Services DBHS. Each day of the week had a theme and each of those days offered students a chance to “dress up” to show their spirit. Awesome work, Crownpoint Eagles!



Crownpoint Elementary 3-5 Princess, Americus Johnson waves to the gathered crowds aboard GMCS Activity Bus A16 driven by Raynell Harrison.

## From the desk of the Principal....



Dear Parents and Guardians,

The first quarter of the 2017-2018 school year is now behind us. Our teachers and staff have been working hard with each and every student to ensure that we are on track to meet our established academic goals. We believe in all of our students and their capacity to learn and achieve academic success.

Educational research clearly documents that when families support student learning at home, there is a definite increase in grades, attendance, attitude, behavior, homework completion, social skills, state test results, and college attendance. Crownpoint Elementary is pleased with our decision to implement Academic Parent-Teacher Teams (APTT) as an additional approach to supporting all students in reaching their full academic potential. The goal of the APTT model is to promote family teacher collaboration to drive student achievement.

I want to personally invite you to join us by attending our second round of APTT meetings, **November 29, 2017 from 6:00pm to 7:15pm**. Every teacher is currently working diligently with their colleagues in preparation for this important meeting with you. They are reviewing and compiling student data and strategically selecting key grade level skill building activities that you can use at home with your student.

All APTT team meetings will be 75 minutes in length. The meetings will cover the following:

- A review of student progress data
- The establishment of academic goals
- A demonstration of activities to use at home with your child
- An opportunity to work with other parents from your child's class to build community

Crownpoint Elementary will continue to work diligently to ensure every child receives an excellent education.

We look forward to seeing you at our second APTT meeting! All families who attend will be entered to win a gift card! If you have any questions, please call our office at 505.721.1500 or e-mail me at: [carsenau@gmcs.k12.nm.us](mailto:carsenau@gmcs.k12.nm.us).

Your partner in your child's success,

*Cindy Arsenault*

The temperatures are beginning to drop. Please send your child to school with a jacket, gloves, and a hat.



## 1st Grade

First Grade will be progress monitoring on the Istation program for the month of November. We ask that students continue to practice reading at home for at least 20 minutes per night. This will ensure that they put the skills learned in class to use.

Sight word cards for the first 100 Fry words were sent home in September and students should continue to work on them every evening. As soon as they learn the first 100 sight words, please let your first grade teacher know, so the second 100 words can be sent home. Our goal is for all students to learn the first 200 Fry's Sight Words by the end of the school year. Students are encouraged to go beyond 200 and those words will also be sent home.

**Remember**, Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> is our scheduled Academic Parent Teacher Team meeting (APTT). Our goal is to read the first 100 sight words by then. Parents are encouraged to attend this meeting so that we can give you the results of how many sight words your child can read. We will also give you some strategies through games to help students read sight words.

In math, first graders are learning place value in recognizing tens and ones. Next week, we will go back to addition and subtraction strategies. Thank you for the homework students have been returning to their teachers. It is important that students continue to practice their new skills outside the classroom.

Thank you for the snacks for the Halloween parties this past week. The students had fun!

## 2nd Grade

Our second graders have been working hard on 2<sup>nd</sup> grade math and reading skills this year! We have completed WIDA, iStations and our Interim Assessments for first quarter. We also have weekly CBM assessments that our students take every Friday. For this reason attendance and tardies are important to our students. It is difficult for our students to catch up with lessons they missed when they aren't able to make it to school or be on time. Please try to minimize any absences and tardies in the future.

In Reading we have been working on various Common Core Standards such as Main Idea, Key Details, Authors Purpose, Historical Events, Ask and Answer Who, What, Where, When, and How Questions and Read with Accuracy and Fluency to support Comprehension.

For Math we use mental math to work with 1-digit addition and subtraction but have moved on to working with 2-digit numbers in addition and subtraction with regrouping using various methods and strategies. Some of our students continue to struggle with these skills.

We would like your help in making sure your child completes their homework and continues to work on the activities they took home from our last APTT meeting. Other skills in math that we will be working on are measurements, telling time, and word problems.

Congratulations to our Student of the Month students for the month of September and those awarded for scoring Proficient on Interim Assessment, and Perfect Attendance. We hope to have more students receive awards at our next Awards Assembly.

The Kindergarten, First, and Second Grade classes will be fundraising at our next **Rug Auction – November 10<sup>th</sup>**. We would like your help with donations for our Navajo Taco Sale. We will send a notice home as the date nears.

As always we would like to thank you for your continuous support for our students. Thank you very much for the snacks and drinks for our classroom Halloween Parties as well as your participation in Red Ribbon Week activities.

## 3rd Grade

Hello again 3rd grade parents/guardians!

We would like to thank you for the donations and volunteers during our rug auction in October! Your support is very important to our students.

In reading, our classes have been working on identifying the author's point of view and purpose for a text. We are also learning to answer questions using details from the text to support our answers.

In math, we have been working to master our multiplication and division facts to help us in solving equations using different properties (Commutative, Distributive, & Associative Properties).

Please take a few minutes every day to review your child's homework (each teacher assigns it daily), it will be found in their homework folders they are to be returning daily. We also encourage you to **read with your child for 30 minutes a day** to build stronger reading habits and have a love for reading. Ask them questions about the story to improve their comprehension skills.

We also want you to have your child **study their multiplication facts** as it will be an important skill for them to have next year. In addition to this, our next APTT meeting will be November 29th. We will be showing you two new multiplication games that could help your child learn their facts. We hope to see you there!

Thank you! ☺ Mrs. Wilcox, Ms. Woolf, & Ms. Yazzie



## 4th Grade

The second quarter has started and we are continuing our studies in Reading and Mathematics. For reading, we will be focusing on informational text and comparing viewpoints of topics. In Mathematics we will be continuing with fractions, multiplication, division, and geometry. We will be focusing on mastery of multiplication facts since this skill is essential to other concepts taught this year and in the upcoming years.

The Fall Field trip has been canceled. We have scheduled a spring field trip to the energy conservation presentation at the Red Rock State Park in March. We will continue to plan at least one additional field trip in the spring.

Thank you.

## 5th Grade

First, we would like to thank everyone for all the donations and volunteers that helped make the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Navajo Taco Sale a success. We were able to make \$869.50. Each grade level will receive \$289.83 into their accounts.

We are going to have a **parent meeting** on **Tuesday, November 14, 2017, at 6:00 pm** in the Library. Field trip, promotions, and fund raising will be discussed. We need to form committees for promotion and for fund raising. We are looking forward to seeing you at the meeting!

Please save the date: Our next APTT meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 29. More information will be sent out in the future.

Even though Friday's are half a day, attendance is very important since students are taking unit tests. Please encourage your child to come for the whole time.

## Art Class

Students in Art Class are currently learning about space. Not moons and stars, but background, foreground and the horizon line. For these lessons, they were introduced to the iconic Georgia O'Keeffe and her striking paintings of landscapes and flowers.



Did you know that her painting series called, *The Black Place* was painted in the Bisti Badlands on her numerous trips, in her Model A, between 1936 to 1949.

Look for our outstanding Eagle Artists' work inspired by Georgia O' Keeffe to be displayed in our halls when you visit our school.

Peace, Love, and Creativity – Miss G



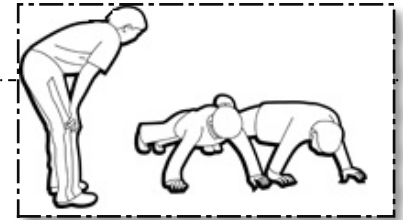
## Warm Welcome!

Crownpoint Elementary welcomes our new Physical Education teacher, David Straate.

Coach Straate grew up in the Midwest. He played basketball in high school and college. After graduation, he moved to Twin Lakes, New Mexico. He has been a classroom teacher for New Mexico Public Schools for the last 13 years.


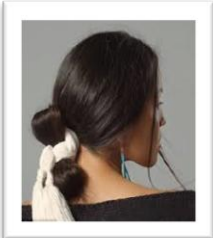

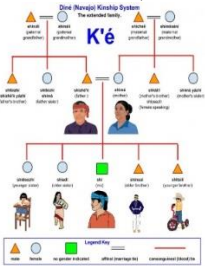

In addition to teaching P.E. he will also be coaching the elementary basketball teams.

Welcome, coach!



# Native American Week

## “Dine’ life is Colorful and Beautiful”

Monday November 6	Tuesday November 7	Wednesday November 8	Thursday November 9	Friday November 10
Mocassin Day   CES Princess and Brave Pageant at 6:00 pm CES Cafeteria	Hair Bun Day or Head Band Day 	Ribbon Shirt Day or Velveteen Shirt Day 	Native American Design or Clan T-Shirt Day (something that resembles your culture) 	Traditional Dress Up Day   Native American Day Parade from 9:00 to 10:00 am

# 2017 NOVEMBER

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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5 Daylight Saving Time Ends FALL BACK	6 Native American Week Pageant at 6:00 pm CES Cafeteria	7 Basketball Rocky View @ CP	8	9 Thanksgiving Dinner @ CPE \$5.00 per plate	10 K-2 Rug Auction - Taco Sale Parade at 9:00 am CES Block	11
12	13 No School Veterans Day	14 5th grade parent meeting 6pm Basketball: Indian Hills @ CP	15	16	17	18
19	20 No School	21 No School	22 No School	23 No School	24 No School	25
26	27	28 Basketball: CP @ Thoreau	29 APTT Night! 6:00 - 7:00	30		