

# PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: CREW

Crew is a school wide program that focuses on building the type of authentic community Christ envisioned for his followers. It's a distinguishing characteristic of DPCA that fosters relationships between all grade levels, to form friendships that last for years to come. It also fosters empathy and teamwork among staff.



## **FAMILY CREW** Connecting students across all grades and developing servant leaders

Every week, our middle school students step into leadership and are called higher as they invest in their Crew Family of around eight elementary students. They plan intentional time together, as well as explain and facilitate thoughtful activities and conversations. Leading is hard, but middle schoolers are more than capable. They lead so well that our elementary students can't wait to become Crew Leaders themselves some day. Our crew families serve alongside one another as they take care of our building and grounds during Clean-up Crew.

## **CLASSROOM CREW** Fostering a healthy classroom culture where relationships can thrive

Crew time happens daily in students' homerooms with their teachers and peers. It is about 30 minutes worth of intentional activities that illustrate and demonstrate the attributes of the Portrait of a Graduate. The Portrait of a Graduate is a word picture of who we hope our graduates will be when they walk out our doors and into what God has next for them.



## **STAFF CREW** Investing in the wholeness of our community

The comradery enjoyed by our staff is uniquely beautiful. We set aside one morning each month to connect with intentional activities and conversations. These gatherings give us the space to share our celebrations and our struggles.

### **PORTRAIT OF A GRADUATE ATTRIBUTES**

**Personal Responsibility and Integrity | Restorative Conflict Resolution**  
**Maturing in Faith | Effective Communication | Servant Leadership**  
**Creative and Critical Thinking | Fire and Grit**

*Crew is an essential culture builder for our school. Transformation and growth thrive during Crew time both among the students and our staff.*

**Jenny Depew, Crew Director**