



# Husky Talk Newsletter

High Point Academy

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Our mission is to provide a strong foundation of academic excellence in partnership with family and community in which each individual is challenged to achieve his/her highest potential academically, socially, and personally.

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## Book Character Dress Day

On October 30, students can dress up as their favorite book character. Students must have their costume idea pre-approved through their teacher and have the book in hand on Character Dress Day.

## Volunteer Training

Are you interested in working in a classroom, going on field trips, or helping at the school? If so, you need to complete a one-time volunteer training as well as an annual background check. If you have completed the training in a previous year you will still need to complete the background check **annually**. Please contact Erica Konieczny at [ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net) or 303-217-5152 to find out when the next training is taking place or to get the background check form.

## Power Hour

Power Hour, High Point Academy's after school tutoring program, takes place every Tuesday from 4-5pm. This program is free of charge and available to HPA students. This program is facilitated by HPA teachers and is designed to help students complete and understand current course work and homework.

## School Garden Clean Up Day – October 17<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 12:00 pm

Your help is needed as we prepare our school garden for winter – cleaning, weeding, and tilling the beds. For more information and to sign up, please contact Jogita Auzina, Garden Coordinator, at [jogita@hotmail.com](mailto:jogita@hotmail.com).

## Free Community Event: Trunk or Treat

Click here for a flyer for Trunk or Treat, hosted by the Optimist Club, on October 24. Please contact Joan Cordo at [jjcordo@msn.com](mailto:jjcordo@msn.com) with questions.

## PTO Fall Fundraiser is Here

The PTO sponsored Fall Fundraiser starts this week. Coming home in Thursday folders today is the fundraising packet. On Oct 30th the packets and all money will be due back to the school. Everyone selling at least one item can participate in a Celebration Party in the Spring. Click here for some of the information coming home in Thursday folders today.

## Awards Ceremonies

The quarter one awards ceremonies take place next Thursday and Friday in the gymnasium.

### **Thursday, October 22, 2015**

6th grade—11:20-11:50

7th & 8th Grade—11:50-12:20

### **Friday, October 23, 2013**

Kindergarten & 1st—12:30-1:15

4th & 5th—1:30-2:15

2nd & 3rd—2:30-3:15

## 2015-2016 Colorguard

High Point Academy Colorguard is now accepting new members, K-8 boys and girls, through the end of October. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15-7:00 pm in the HPA gym. Interested in more information? Please email Kathy Frazier at [katfrazi77@msn.com](mailto:katfrazi77@msn.com) or come by before or after practice.

## King Soopers Gift Cards

If you shop at King Soopers, please consider helping HPA to raise money by purchasing a reloadable gift card and using it to make your purchases of groceries, gas, and more! 5% of all purchases will come back to HPA. Gift cards cost \$5 and are for sale in the office. If you have questions about the program, please contact parent Joan Cordo at [jjcordo@msn.com](mailto:jjcordo@msn.com).

## Important Dates:

**October 16:** Last Day of Quarter 1

**October 17:** Cross Country Meet 8:00am at Vanguard West Campus

**October 17:** Garden Work Day 9am-12pm

**October 19:** NO SCHOOL

**October 20:** NO SCHOOL-Teacher Professional Development

**October 21:** First Day of Quarter 2

**October 22:** Quarter 1 Report Cards Issued

**October 22:** Middle School Awards Ceremonies

**October 22:** PTO Meeting 5:30pm

**October 23:** Jean Day for \$1

**October 23:** Kindergarten through 5th Grade Awards Ceremonies

**October 24:** Cross Country Meet 8:00am at Vanguard West Campus

**October 27:** Power Hour 4-5pm

**October 27:** Equity Committee Fall Festival and International Potluck 5-7pm

**October 30:** Character Dress Down Day

**October 30:** Middle School Basketball Paperwork Deadline

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## Message from the Principal

Dear HPA Families,

It is hard to believe that tomorrow is the last day of first quarter! It feels like this school year is flying by! The end of each quarter is a great time to stop and reflect on how things are going. Asking ourselves - what worked well this quarter and how can we do more of that? What can we do better next quarter? And, what can we do differently? Are we getting to school on time? Are we providing a quiet workspace to complete homework? Are we ensuring a good night's sleep? As parents and staff we are the primary caretakers of your children, and asking ourselves those very questions can help us ensure that we are doing the very best to support our students to achieve and grow.

First quarter report cards will be sent home next week, and how we respond to our child's progress can impact their attitude about learning and school. To support families in having meaningful conversations about report cards, we encourage you to take the time to go over the report card with your child by asking them two simple questions: 'how do you feel about your report card?' and 'what's your plan for next quarter?'

When you ask your child how they feel about their report card, often the responses they give are more telling than the actual grades. It also helps students take 'ownership' of their learning. By asking, "How do you feel about your report card?" we send the message that this is their report card – not yours, and therefore, you want to know how it makes *them* feel. As you know, the report card doesn't tell us the complete story of their learning and their assessment of how they did can shed light on any issues that might be interfering with their growth and learning.

While we want students to take their progress seriously, we don't want students to think it determines their worth. If your student did poorly, this can lead to feelings of despair and that doesn't motivate a student to do a better job at school. What is more supportive and motivating is creating a plan to move forward. Discuss the obstacles that got in their way, and how they can move past them. Asking, "What worked well and how can you do more of that? What can you do better? And, what can you do differently- are all productive, solution oriented questions.

So, while we use the report card to provide valuable feedback to our students and families, it is simply one measure of success. Continuing to monitor homework, discuss how things are going at school, and checking PowerSchool are all important ways to keep informed about your child's progress and can give you a more holistic picture of their progress.

If you have any questions about your child's progress, please feel free to reach out by email or stop by my office.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal

## Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

- **Vision and Hearing Screening Volunteers Needed:** Vision and hearing testing is November 30 through December 3. We need 10 volunteers each day from 8:15am to 3:15pm; lunch will be provided. If you are interested please contact Erica Konieczny at [ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net).



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## Cross Country Team News:

The High Point Academy Cross Country Team has had a great season so far! At the first two meets of the season the team placed third and second overall. Additionally, each week several girls place in the top 10, increasing our team standings.

On Friday, October 2, the team welcomed Michael Aish; professional runner and Olympian to High Point Academy. While he was here he spoke about his experiences in the Athens and London Olympics and how important it is for students to stay motivated in school, both as students and athletes.

The team also gained expert advice at practice as he helped motivate each runner with his message to go for the gold and finish strong.

Ultimately, their hard work paid off greatly with a *FIRST PLACE* team finish at their meet on Saturday, October 3rd. More runners than ever before placed in the top ten as the team competed against 44 runners. On Saturday, October 10th the team placed *SECOND* with four runners placing in the top ten. All runners who participated made a fantastic effort!

As this year's coach, I am very proud of the dedication, strong effort, and continual improvement that each runner has made so far this season. Keep up the great work!

Please come support our HPA Cross Country Huskies at their next meet on **October 17th at Vanguard Classical School: West Campus in Lowry at 9:00 a.m.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE HPA CROSS COUNTRY TEAM RUNNERS ON A FANTASTIC START TO THE SEASON!**

Sincerely: **Coach Farrell**

**Traffic Alert: Dunkirk Street and 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue**

### Traffic Alert: Dunkirk Street and 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Due to the increase in construction traffic on 64<sup>th</sup> Avenue, please exercise caution when driving or walking in the area of Dunkirk and 64<sup>th</sup>. While the new growth is exciting for the area, we want to ensure that we all remain safe.

### Box Tops Fundraiser

Did you know that every 50 Box Tops labels earns \$5.00 for the school? The next time you see a Box Top label, don't throw it away, clip it! The PTO is sponsoring a Box Tops 4 Education labels contest from October 12th-16th. One winning class from primary, secondary, and middle school advisory groups will each receive a \$50 gift card for their classroom. To participate, clip Box Tops labels from products and have your student turn them in to their homeroom/ advisory teacher. Expired Box Tops and Campbell Soup labels do not count toward the contest totals. For more information about the Box Tops 4 Education program, visit [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) or email the school Box Tops coordinator, Audrey Bixler, at [audreybix5@gmail.com](mailto:audreybix5@gmail.com)



**Fall Festival**

Enjoy the arrival of autumn at High Point Academy's Fall Festival and International Potluck. Please bring in a yummy food dish from your culture to share. The top 3 voted dishes will receive a gift card! We will also have pumpkin painting, face painting, craft tables, a haunted classroom and so much more! This event is **FREE** to all HPA families.

▷ **October 27, 2015**  
5:00-7:00

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