



Husky Talk Newsletter

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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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Spring Picture Day is February 17th

On Friday, February 17th we will be having our spring picture day. This year we will be utilizing our photography companies online program. With this program all students will get their photo taken with a variety of different poses & backgrounds available. Parents will receive a picture proof after pictures are taken and can order pictures online. All pictures are shipped directly to your home. Free shipping & handling is available for the first few weeks. For spring pictures students do not have to be in their uniform, but must be in clothes that are appropriate for school.

Cars Idling in the Carpool Line

If you arrive before dismissal and waiting in the carpool lane until students are dismissed, please turn your vehicle off. The exhaust from the vehicles is traveling and settling in the playground area during second recess making it difficult for students and staff to breath and play safely.

Middle School Spring Sports

Starting February 27, we will be offering girls soccer and boys soccer to the middle school students at High Point Academy. **Please join Erica Wood for a parent information meeting on February 9 at 4:00pm.** At the meeting we will be talking about practice, games, paperwork requirements, and student athlete expectations. To help you plan ahead, student athletes must have a current sports physical, all required paperwork, and the \$50 participation fee turned into the school by Friday, February 24 to participate in the spring season.

Yearbooks On Sale!

The 2016-2017 school yearbook is now on sale. Order forms are coming home in Thursday folders today. Click here for more information. Order your yearbook today before the price goes up.

Gaylord Rockies – Our HPA Neighbors

Don't miss the opportunity to hear firsthand about the progress of the Gaylord Rockies Hotel within our community. A representative from the Gaylord project will be at HPA at these upcoming events:

**Coffee with Keri – Wednesday, February 8th @ 8:00 am

**PTO Meeting – Thursday, February 9th @ 6:00 pm

Stay current on all the exciting growth within the High Point Community!

Carpool Help Needed

We have a family who is in need of help getting their children to and from school.

AM and PM carpool help needed Monday-Friday from 38th Avenue and Peoria Street.

If you are able to help please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net. Need volunteer hours? Helping a family with carpool qualifies as volunteer time. Contact Erica Wood for more details.

HPA IS KICKING OFF 2017 WITH KINDNESS!

We are selling purple wristbands this year for \$1.00 and we will have a themed dress down day every month for students. Our next dress down day is Wednesday, March 1st. Wristbands are for sale in Ms. Monroe's classroom (room 25); all the money raised will go towards HPA's Student Council. Make sure you get yours today and always remember, it's cool to be kind.

Husky Wear

Did you see HPA's Husky Wear items? Visit <http://denver.educationaloutfitters.com/find-my-school/high-point-academy/> to order your polo shirts, hoodies, jackets, and much more.

Important Dates:

February 3: 100th
Day of School

February 6: Girls
Basketball Game at
5:00pm at HPA

February 6: Boys
Basketball Game at
6:00pm at HPA

February 7: Power
Hour 4-5pm

February 8: Coffee
with Keri 8:00am

February 9: School
Spelling Bee 2:15pm

February 9: PTO
Meeting 6:00pm

February 9: Girls
Basketball Game at
5:00pm at HPA

February 9: Boys
Basketball Game at
6:00pm at HPA

February 10: Hoodie
Day for \$1

February 14: Power
Hour 4-5pm

February 17: Spring
Picture Day

February 20: Presi-
dent's Day—NO
SCHOOL

February 21: Teach-
er Professional Devel-
opment—NO
SCHOOL

February 24: Jean
Day for \$1

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Message from the Principal

Dear High Point Academy families,

Thanks to our dedicated staff and diligent students there's a lot of exciting programming happening at HPA. In case you haven't heard our student council has launched our second annual anti-bullying campaign that we call KICKING OFF 2017 WITH KINDNESS. Our student leaders in student council worked hard over the first semester preparing thoughtful activities and themes to bring awareness around this topic throughout the second semester of school. Each month from January through May there will be a focus on various prosocial activities.

For the first time ever High Point Academy has a competitive middle school math club. Our Mathlete team is competing this weekend in their first competition. Each week our middle school math teachers Mr. Sherwood and Ms. Frederick work with our dedicated math students before school in our mathlete club. We are proud of all our Mathletes and wish them the best of luck in their competition!

Once again we are offering Zero Hour, a before school (7:00am-7:40am) math program, for any student in 3rd through 8th grade that would benefit from additional math instruction. More information about Zero Hour and registration forms can be found at this link.

One of the aspects of our programming at High Point Academy that sets up apart is our strong focus on instruction. At HPA we believe that the teacher has the single greatest impact on student achievement and growth. To that end, we offer robust professional development opportunities. This month alone teachers will have opportunity to participate in math and literacy trainings. The trainings range from school visits to attending conferences.

Many of our literacy teachers are attending the Colorado Council International Reading Association conference. It is the largest collaboration on literacy instruction in the region. We are proud to announce that this year we have two members of the High Point Academy staff presenting at the conference- Mrs. Martinez and myself. Many proposals are submitted to the conference, and having two presenters chosen is a great reflection of the hard work and thinking that is happening at HPA. The growth mind-set and collective desire to be better for kids each day is one of my favorite things about our HPA staff.

Later this month some of our staff members will be participating in another exciting professional learning opportunity through the Colorado League of Charter Schools. Each year the League holds a conference to promote and share best practices in all areas of a charter school – from instructional practices, to budget and finance. School leaders, office managers, board members, and teachers attend and participate in the multiple breakout sessions.

We believe that our *culture of learning* – where teachers and staff are working hard to fine-tune their practices is a powerful model of life-long learning for our students.

Sincerely,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal



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Volunteer Training

If you are interested in working in a classroom, going on field trips, or helping at the school and have not completed the volunteer training in previous year, you need to attend a training and clear a background check before going into classrooms and working with students. Please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net or 303-217-5152 to see when the next volunteer training is taking place. If you have completed the training in a previous year, you need to complete the background check annually. Please email Erica Wood to get the form to complete this process.

Girls on the Run—Spring Program

Girls on the Run will start the week of March 6th. Girls on the Run inspires girls to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. We will meet Mondays and Thursdays after school from 3:45-5:00pm and is open to all 3rd through 5th grade girls at High Point Academy. Watch for registration info coming in February. For more information about the program go to www.girlsontherunrockies.org. Questions? Contact: Site Coordinator, [Erica Wood](#).

Valentine's Box Top Challenge

Show love for HPA with the Valentine's Box Top Challenge! The Valentine's Box Top Collection Sheet is in this week's Thursday Folder, can be found in the main hallway on the PTO Board at school or downloaded [here](#).

Turn in your sheet and any other Box Tops you've been collecting to your teacher (sheets or in Ziplock baggies) by FEBRUARY 16, 2017. Make sure your teacher's name is on your submission.

Go to the PTO's Facebook Page (HPA PTO) for challenge details... GOOD LUCK!

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

The Art class is continuing their plastic cap drive for a school mural. They are in need of any plastic caps that screw on (i.e. water bottle caps, orange juice caps, Gatorade caps, peanut butter caps, etc.). They need large caps too (hair products, ice cream containers, and food products). There is a drop off station in the front hallway of the school.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of a volunteer who is willing to help keep score during the girls basketball games on the following dates: February 1st from 4:45-6:00pm, February 6th from 4:45-6:00pm, and February 9th from 4:45-6:00pm. Please email [Erica Wood](#) if you are able to help.

Picture Day Volunteers Needed: Spring picture day is Friday, February 17th. We are in need of volunteers to help the day run smoothly. If you are interested in helping from 8:00am to 12:00pm or 12:00pm to 3:00pm please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net. Parents wanting to volunteer on picture day will have to have completed the volunteer training and have an updated background check on file.