



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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Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run will start the week of March 2nd. 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 3:50-5:00. Open to all 3rd through 5th grade girls. For more information about the program and to register your daughter for the spring program at HPA go to www.girlsontherunrockies.org. Questions? Contact: Erica Konieczny, Site Coordinator at ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net.

Is Your Child Missing His/Her Glasses?

The health office has received a number of lost eye glasses. If your child is missing his/her prescription eye glasses please visit the health office by the end of February. On March 2 we will be donating all glasses not claimed.

8th Annual Health Fair – March 3rd

HPA's 8th Annual Health Fair is just around the corner! As you may know, each year we hold a student-lead all-day event dedicated to learning about health through exciting activities. The 7th and 8th grade Student Leaders have been planning and preparing over the last five weeks and anticipation is growing. Our HPA Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts will be holding a Food Drive again this year in conjunction with the health fair, so gather any non-perishable food items that you would be willing to donate. We are in need of donations and volunteers for the fair also. Please see page three for more information.

Storyteller Event

High Point Academy is hosting a Storytelling and Music night for all preschool through first grade families on Tuesday, February 24 at 5:30pm. Feel free to invite friends and family to join us for this fun event. Please RSVP at www.highpointacademy.net

Volunteer Training

Our next parent volunteer training will take place on Thursday, February 19 at 4:00pm in the conference room. Please email [Erica Konieczny](mailto:Erica.Konieczny@highpointacademy.net) to RSVP.

Picture Day is Coming

Monday, February 23 is class picture day. Students must be in school uniform. Tuesday, February 24 is spring individual pictures. Volunteers are needed for both days from 8:00am to 2:00pm. Please contact Erica Konieczny if you are interested in helping.

Spring After School Activities

Our spring session of afterschool activities will start on Thursday, March 19. Please look for registration forms coming home in Thursday folders next week.

PARCC/CMAS Night

Come learn more about the CO state testing coming up this spring. At 6:00pm on Monday, February 23 Ms. Melmed will be joined by HPA teachers to talk about the new state test PARCC and CMAS. Learn how you can support your child at home before, during, and after testing, look at sample test questions, see the testing schedule, and so much more!

Middle School Basketball Playoff Tournament

High Point Academy's middle school basketball teams will be competing this weekend in a playoff tournament at the Evie Dennis Campus Gymnasium. The girls play their first game on Saturday, February 21 at 1:00pm and the boys play their first game on Sunday, February 22 at 10:00am. The tournament is single elimination and there is a \$1 entry fee for everyone five years of age and older. We hope you can come and support our middle school athletes as they finish out their 2014-2015 basketball season.

**Due to the weekend weather forecast there may be delays or cancellations for this weekend's tournament. We will update families as we learn more.



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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA Families,

We ended last week with many classrooms celebrating Valentine's Day. There was a buzz in the air as students and teachers alike acknowledged each other and took time to care for one another. We don't often take the time to say how much we value and appreciate the people in our lives, and last week I am grateful that we took the time to do so.

As a staff we come together on Tuesday to look closely at our curriculum to ensure that we are exposing our students to the new Common Core State Standards that have been adopted by the state of Colorado. We had an opportunity to dig into each content area to fine tune our units of study. Teachers worked hard to capture the great work they've done so far this year as well as plan ahead for the months to come. Our professional development days are greatly valued and help us get smarter for our students. The work we do directly supports teachers' ability to meet the needs of each student in their classroom.

Next week 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 that help us get better at our work.

Next week will also be a full week of community events for HPA families.

On Monday, we will hold an important information session for our 3rd through 8th grade families about the PARCC and CMAS state tests. The information session will provide an overview of the changes that are occurring at the state level and how those changes impact HPA and your child. We hope that you can join us. If you are unable to attend, please [click here](#) for the PARCC testing schedule so that you know exactly when your child will be testing in March.

On Tuesday, we have a professional storyteller performance for our preschool, kindergarten, and first grade students and families. We hope that you will come and join in on the fun and learn more about our successful primary program here at HPA. Please feel free to bring friends that may be interested in attending HPA and have children in kindergarten or first grade.

As you can see we have a lot of exciting events and opportunities to engage as a community. We could not do this without the incredible dedication of our teachers and staff, please thank them for all their hard work.

With husky pride,
Keri Melmed
High Point Academy
Chief Academic Officer

HPA School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners.

In third place, Kilah Harper, in second place, Brenton Buchanan, and our school spelling bee champion, Joslyn Stallman.

Order Your Yearbook Today!

The 2014-2015 school yearbook is now on sale for \$20 (these prices do not include additions). You can order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (use yearbook code 11891215). Last day to order is Friday, March 27 at 5:00pm

Ice Bucket Challenge Pictures

Was your child challenged to do the Ice Bucket Challenge last fall? Is so and you have a picture, the yearbook committee is putting together an Ice Bucket Challenge page in this year's yearbook. Please send your picture to Erica Konieczny via [email](#) by Friday, February 20. Thanks for your help!

Free Advocacy Training for Charter School Parents

Interested in attending a free parent advocacy training. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up.

Important Dates:

February 19: Volunteer Training 4:00pm

February 23: Class Picture Day

February 23: PARCC/CMAS Information Night 6:00pm

February 24: Spring Individual Pictures

February 24: Storyteller Event 5:30pm

February 25: Governing Board Meeting 5:30pm

February 26: PTO Meeting 5:30pm

February 27: Jean Day for \$1

March 2: Coffee with Keri 8:00-8:30am

March 3: HPA Health Fair

March 6: NO SCHOOL -Teacher Professional Development

March 9: PARCC Testing Begins



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Box Top\$ Labels for Education – Earning Funds for HPA

Last year HPA earned over \$1,500 from the Box Top\$ Labels for Education program. Students, parents, and teachers, please begin turning in your box tops labels in the collection box located at the main entrance. Expired box top labels cannot be redeemed. Working together, we can exceed the amount we earned last year. Please direct questions or concerns to Audrey Bixler at hpaboxtops@gmail.com.

Family Looking for an AM Carpool

One of our families is in need of some help getting their daughter to school in the morning. They live close to 45th and Green Valley Ranch Blvd. If you can help please contact the front office. Volunteer hours can be earned through carpooling with other families. For more information please check out the Volunteer page on the HPA website.

Take advantage of **FREE** health screenings!

Please join The Center for African American Health for its 13th Annual Health Fair.

Saturday, February 28, 2015

8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Renaissance Denver Hotel – 3801 Quebec Street

Free Self-Parking!

Colorguard Fundraiser-Chipotle

On March 10, High Point Academy's Colorguard team is hosting a fundraiser at Chipotle off of I-70 and Tower Rd. [Click here](#) to download the required flyer for the event.

Volunteer & Donations Opportunities

Volunteers are needed to help with spring pictures on Monday, February 23 and Tuesday, February 24 from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Please contact [Erica Konieczny](#) if you can help.

The PE teachers are asking for donated computer speakers to use during class. If you are able to help please reach out to Mr. Maynes at rmaynes@highpointacademy.net.

Donations for the Health Fair:

- 700 small plastic cups (3 oz. size),
- 700 plastic forks,
- 700 beverage napkins,
- gift cards (any amount) to King Soopers,
- gift card (\$60) to Party City,
- 500 kids' toothbrushes,
- 500 travel-size toothpaste tubes,
- 15 canisters of hand wipes or baby wipes,
- 1 box of food-service gloves,
- small reward stickers,
- sharpies,
- paint pens and
- plastic food play set.

Any of these donations can be dropped off in the Wellness Room with Mrs. Kuzneski between now and Thursday, February 26th. skuzneski@highpointacademy.net

Volunteers needed for the Health Fair: Adults to measure and record students' height, weight, and vision, adults to assist students at a variety of other stations like healthy snack, dental hygiene, and hand-washing, and adults to assist with the food drive. Mrs. Kuzneski – skuzneski@highpointacademy.net