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.

Baseball Friday
In celebration of the Colorado Rockies home opener this Friday, High Point Academy students can wear their favorite baseball team shirt for $1 or their favorite baseball team shirt and jeans for $2. All money will go towards High Point Academy’s Field Day which takes place on Wednesday, May 27 for middle school and Thursday, May 28 for kindergarten through fifth grade.

A Day of Inspiration
On Wednesday, April 15, High Point Academy will welcome author Marc Hoog, Storyteller and Youth Motivator. Mr. Hoog will be hosting assemblies for all grades kindergarten through eighth grade throughout the day. After school he will present to the staff and in the evening, from 6-7pm, he will host a community event. Click here for more information about Marc Hoog. We hope you can join us for this inspiring event.

Pennies for Patients Fundraiser
High Point Academy students and staff raised $2,875.15 during the Pennies for Patients fundraiser in March. This fundraiser was a competition between the boys and the girls and the girls won for the 4th year in a row. For winning, all girls get a dress down day on Monday, April 13. Congratulations girls and thank you to everyone for your support!

Take Your Child to Work Day
Take your child to work day in on April 23, 2015. Permission forms will be coming home in Thursday folders. If your child is planning on participating please fill out and return this form to the front office.

College Day
High Point Academy is hosting college day on Thursday, April 16. Students are invited to wear a college t-shirt or sweatshirt with their uniform pants on this day.

Rockies Tickets on Sale NOW!
High Point Academy is hosting a community night at the ballpark on Sunday, May 10. Tickets are $3 a piece and can be ordered using the form coming home in Thursday folders today. Please return this form with money (CASH ONLY) to the front office by April 24th to reserve your tickets.

2015-2016 School Calendar
Click here to view, download, and/or print the 2015-2016 school calendar. Paper copies are also available in the front office.
Important Dates:

April 9: Girls Soccer Game at HPA at 4:45pm  
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April 9: Washington DC Trip Parent Meeting 6:00pm  
April 10: Baseball Friday—see pg. 1 for details  
April 11: HPA Open House 10:00am  
April 13: Accountability Committee Meeting 4:00pm  
April 14: Talent Show Auditions 3:50-5:00pm  
April 14: Power Hour 3:50-5:00pm  
April 14: HPA Open House 5:30pm  
April 15: Mark Hoog Visit—see pg. 1 for details  
April 16: College Day—see pg. 1 for details  
April 16: Talent Show Auditions 3:50-5:00pm  
April 17: Last day to fill out the family satisfaction survey—see pg. 1 for details  
April 23: Take Your Child to Work Day  
April 24: Jean Day for $1

Dear HPA Families,

It was wonderful to see your children’s smiling faces back in the building this week. Classrooms were a buzz with the launch of the new units of study in each grade. The return from spring break marks the beginning of many exciting events. Please keep an eye out so that you do not miss out.

As you may know, at High Point Academy we provide and create service learning opportunities for our students at each grade level. Service learning differs from community service in that students investigate issues in the surrounding community and then determine ways that they can help. An example, is our Pennies for Patients fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year the 3rd grade classes joined forces with a few 6th grade advisories to raise awareness and empower their peers to take action by raising funds. The teachers working on this project announced yesterday that HPA raised a total of $2,875.71! We are very proud of the efforts and the school-wide student contributions to make Pennies for Patients such a success!

I’d also like to highlight a few other service learning projects that have helped our community as well as raised awareness. Our fourth graders and a few of our 7th and 8th grade advisories have helped keep HPA clean with their, “Leave No Trash” project. Students focused on cleaning up trash around our school. Some of our 5th graders and 7th graders raised awareness for epilepsy. The students conducted research, made awareness posters, and ran a “wear-your-purple-day” fundraiser for the cause. There are many other exciting service learning projects happening these last 2 months of school, and service learning projects that are already completed are displayed on poster boards in the library.

These service learning opportunities have engaged students in learning about issues that are outside their classrooms and in the real world. Students have been empowered to act and develop a stronger sense of their social responsibility and build their citizenship skills. Please be sure to swing by the library and see all the ways our students have engaged in their community, taken civic responsibility, and helped make this world a better place.

We want to thank those families that have provided us valuable input and feedback by completing the family satisfaction survey. At HPA we are eager to hear what our families think about how we are doing meeting the needs of your family and children. We look carefully at the survey results to make any necessary adjustments to our programming. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, it is not too late. Please do so. The link to the survey is:

Link for English survey: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C7R3FT8  
Link for Spanish survey: https://es.surveymonkey.com/r/TCMZRNM

With husky pride,

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Volunteer & Donations Opportunities

Teacher Appreciation Week

Teacher appreciation week is May 4 through May 8. On Monday, May 4 PTO is putting together a breakfast potluck to start the week off. If you would like to help please click here to sign-up to bring something for the potluck. Thanks for your support and help spoiling our amazing faculty and staff.

Seeking Young Philanthropists

The Young Philanthropists Foundation is seeking outstanding and passionate young leaders in 4th through 7th grade for the Impact Factory. Click here to learn more about the program and submit an application.

The First Tee Green Valley Ranch

Click here for program information. Click here for registration information and paperwork.

Zumba Classes Held at HPA

Mondays at 7:30pm and Thursdays at 7:00pm Kathy Frazier, HPA parent, holds Zumba classes in the gym for adults in the community. The first class is free and each class after is $5 each. We hope to see you there!

Smart Phone Safety

Noknok. Who’s there? Whisper a Secret on Line, Space Tag a Kik, Wechat your YikYak through Snapchat, and Poof, it’s gone! Or is it? Do you have any idea what any of this means? While the last sentences probably don’t make much sense (to adults or kids alike), they contain the names of several new and old smart phone apps that can be used for chatting, instant messaging, or social networking. Some have location services. These may be helpful to parents arranging a play date, but frightening when your son or daughter just arranged to meet a stranger outside McDonalds. Please click the link to learn more about how each of these apps function: click here for link to pdf.