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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.

HPA Spirit Week
All week students are invited to dress to each day’s theme during the week of May 25. There is no cost to participate in spirit week.

**Tuesday:** Color War—students wear the color assigned to their grade level
- Preschool-rainbow
- 1st grade-red
- 3rd grade-yellow
- 5th grade-purple
- 7th grade-blue

**Wednesday:** K-5-Celebrity, 6-8-movie characters by advisory groups

**Thursday:** K-5-Disney (see below for details), 6-7-sport day

**Friday:** Neon Day

HPA Field Day
Thursday the 28th will be Disney Field Day. Students are allowed to wear their favorite Disney t-shirt, hat, shorts, pants and shoes. We encourage students to stay away from wearing costumes, dresses and shoes that are not meant for physical activity. Students need to be wearing athletic shoes for safety. Also, students will be participating in water stations, so plan on getting wet. Each grade will attend Field Day at the times listed below:
- **K & 1st grade:** 8:30-10:00am
- **4th & 5th grade:** 10:15-11:45am
- **2nd & 3rd grade:** 1:00-2:30pm

Spring Sports Season
Congratulations to the middle school boys and girls soccer teams on a great season. Thank you for your efforts, sportsmanship, and positive attitudes. It was a great season!!

Please remember to turn in soccer jerseys to Ms. Konieczny before the end of the year.

4th Quarter Awards Ceremonies
The fourth quarter awards ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 29.

- **1st and 2nd grade:** 9:00am
- **3rd, 4th, and 5th:** 10:00am
- **6th and 7th grade:** 11:00am

2014-2015 Yearbook
Yearbooks are on their way. As soon as we receive them from Lifetouch we will make them available for pick-up to those who purchased them.

Looking Ahead to 2015-2016
Thursday, May 28th  
8:00 AM-8:30 AM  
HPA Cafeteria

Please join Ms. Melmed and Mr. Miller for coffee and bagels to hear about the changes for the 2015/2016 academic year. Items to be discussed will include a legislative update, an overview of the 15/16 budget, and an organizational update. We hope to see you there!

Important End of Year Lunch Information
As of Friday, May 15 students without money in their mylunchmoney.com account or money in hand when going through the lunch line will not receive a lunch. Please plan accordingly.

Additionally, if your child will not be returning in the fall to High Point Academy you must fill out a refund request form to get any extra money in your child’s account refunded. You can contact Jasmine, the HPA Lunch Coordinator, with questions about this process.

2015-2016 School Year Registration
The High Point Academy 2015-2016 school year registration dates are: July 20th & 21st from 12pm to 8pm and July 22nd from 8am to 12pm. Please plan to attend one of these days to hold your student’s spot for the school year.

Click here to view, download, and/or print the updated 2015-2016 school calendar.
Dear HPA Families,

As the year comes to a close, I am bursting with delight at the accomplishments of our students. Over the last few weeks each grade level has had an opportunity to shine.

This week our Kindergarteners have demonstrated their readiness for 1st grade at each continuation ceremony. I will savor these momentous affairs for days and months to come as each kindergartner has grown so much as a reader, writer, mathematician and scholar. Mrs. Faulkenburg, Mrs. Gichuru, and Ms. O’Connor have done an amazing job marking the start of their students’ academic journey. Their extraordinary teaching has instilled a desire in their students to be life-long learners.

Our 1st and 2nd graders wowed us with their Fairytale and Insect plays. Mrs. Gray, Ms. Murray, and Mrs. Williams helped our first graders to learn about the Fairytale genre and discover the wonder and magic of stories that bring to life our imagination. Students had their acting debut and did a wonderful job performing in front of family and friends. Our seconders were led by Mrs. Marquess, Ms. Eastwood, and Ms. Delhotal to uncover the attributes of bugs and insects. They shared their learning with the community through their informative and humorous plays.

The intermediate team that works with our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have provided many opportunities to our students to shine by leading service learning initiatives, and by leading our school-wide talent show.

Sixth graders have spent the week in Estes Park, exploring the outdoors and the wonders of nature. For many students this is their first time away from home, for some it is their first time in the wilderness, for all of them, it is an opportunity to learn about themselves, their classmates by spending time outside their classroom and building walls. They returned filled to triumph and memories that they will cherish for years to come.

Tonight we will see the rigorous and thoughtful work and thinking of our 7th graders when they present their TED-TALK inspired presentations. The seventh graders have worked hard to research a topic and present their original thinking about a topic or concept. These students are an example of the power of inquiry and the ways asking questions can grow your thinking and understanding of the world around us.

And finally, our 8th graders. They will have a chance to shine during our 8th grade continuation ceremony next week. This is a special 8th grade class for it’s the first class that has students who have attended HPA for their entire elementary and middle school career (K-8). We are excited to celebrate our graduates who are very ready for high school next year.

We are so proud of the ways that our students have grown this year. Our HPA scholars motivate and inspire us to be the best educators and support their thirst for knowledge and growth. I am so thankful for the dedicated staff and faculty here at HPA that make all of these learning experiences possible and so successful for our students. It has been a wonderful year!

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed
Chief Academic Officer
**Volunteer & Donations Opportunities**

**Garden Volunteer Needed:** Are you interested in helping in the HPA garden? Please reach out to Jogita Auzina, Garden Coordinator, at jogitaa@hotmail.com to see what opportunities are available.

**Donations Needed for School Garden:** Please consider donating the following plants for our school garden - cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and watermelon. If you can help, contact Jogita Auzina at jogitaa@hotmail.com or 912-414-3867.