



# 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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## 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	Kindergarten-tie die
1st grade-red	2nd grade-orange
3rd grade-yellow	4th grade-pink
5th grade-purple	6th grade-green
7th grade-blue	8th grade-black

**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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 2015-2016 School Calendar

[Click here](#) to view, download, and/or print the updated 2015-2016 school calendar.

## 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 28<sup>th</sup>  
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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> from 12pm to 8pm and July 22<sup>nd</sup> from 8am to 12pm. Please plan to attend one of these days to hold your student's spot for the school year.



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## Message from the Chief Academic Officer

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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> graders. They will have a chance to shine during our 8<sup>th</sup> grade continuation ceremony next week. This is a special 8<sup>th</sup> 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

### Important Dates:

**May 22:** O'Connor's Kindergarten Continuation 8:30am

**May 22:** Middle School Dance 5-7pm

**May 25:** NO SCHOOL- Memorial Day

**May 26-29:** Spirit Week -see pg. 1 for details

**May 27:** Middle School Field Day

**May 27:** Last day of school for 8th graders

**May 27:** 8th Grade Continuation 6-7:30pm

**May 28:** K-5 Field Day

**May 28:** PTO Meeting 5:30pm

**May 29:** Last Day of School-NOON Release

**May 29:** 1st and 2nd Grade Awards Ceremony 9:00am

**May 29:** 3rd through 5th Grade Awards Ceremony 10:00am

**May 29:** 6th and 7th Grade Awards Ceremony 11:00am



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## IMPORTANT!!

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. If your student has medication at school, it will need to be picked up prior to May 27, 2015. Medications may not be kept at school through the summer and any medication that is not picked up will be disposed of per school policy [this includes inhaler and Epi-pens].

If you have any questions please contact Pam Brunner Nii, BSN, RN, NCSN School Nurse Consultant, 303-829-5362 or Amanda Molina, Health Aide Assistant at High Point Academy.

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## SERVICE LEARNING

The final service learning projects will be on display at today's After School Activities Showcase! All service learning projects will be displayed in the library from Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> to Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Please stop by to view each group's incredible accomplishments.

Green Valley Ranch Library  
Summer Reading Kickoff Party  
June 6<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 pm

## HPA Talent Show

The 6th Annual HPA Talent Show winners are:

3rd Place: Jason Vaughn  
2nd Place: Omari Scott:  
1st Place: Jaylen Williams

Thanks to all the students who auditioned and performed for this year's show!!

## Summer Office Hours

June 1 through June 24 the front office will be open from 9am to 2pm. The office will be closed from June 25 to July 14. When we return on July 15, the office will be open from 8am to 4pm.

## Wanted!! School Uniforms

If you have gently used uniforms that are too small laying around, you can donate them to the school for students next year. Please bring clean uniforms to Mrs. Torrie in the front office.

## Attention Husky PACK Families

We are pleased to announce that you will now have the option to pre-register for Husky PACK for the 2015-2016 school year. In order to reserve your spot please:

- Settle any remaining balance on your account.
- Completely fill out and turn in all required documentation (incomplete paperwork will not be accepted).
- Pay your \$35 registration fee.

Registration paperwork can be obtained at the front desk. The 2015-2016 Husky PACK Parent/Student Handbook is pending. Pre-Registration will close May 29<sup>th</sup>.

## Parents' Night Out

Who: Ages 5 through 11

When: Friday, May 29th from 5:00 pm until 9:00 pm

What: Girl Scout Troop 2135 is earning money to purchase summer reading books for kids at a school in Denver that serves students from low income families. Drop off your kids, head out for the night and let them enjoy a fun night of dinner, games, movies, crafts, and more!

Details: Cost is \$25. Book donations would also be appreciated! Please register by Friday, May 22nd by contacting Heather Browning at [303-668-5785](tel:303-668-5785) or [heather.browning77@gmail.com](mailto:heather.browning77@gmail.com).

## Class Photos

We have extra class photos available for purchase if you did not order one in March. There are a limited number of pictures available so it will be first come first serve. Pictures are \$10 each, cash or check only. Please make checks out to Lifetouch. Email [Erica Konieczny](mailto:Erica.Konieczny) if you are interested in purchasing your child's class photo.

## Cystic Fibrosis Walk

Thank you to everyone who came out and participated in the CF walk last Saturday. High Point Academy raised a total of \$550 that was donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

## Breakfast and Lunch This Summer

HPA will be offering free breakfast and lunch to anyone in the community up to age 18 between June 08<sup>th</sup> -June 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in this opportunity and would like more details please contact Jessica Schmidt either by email at [jschmidt@highpointacademy.net](mailto:jschmidt@highpointacademy.net) or call 303-217-5152.

# 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](mailto: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](mailto:jogitaa@hotmail.com) or 912-414-3867.