



# 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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## Book Character Dress Day

Tomorrow, October 31, students can dress up as their favorite book character. Students must have their costume idea pre-approved through their teacher and have the book in hand on Character Dress Day.

## Fall Back this Weekend

Before you go to bed on Saturday night, don't forget to set your clocks back one hour to mark the end of Daylight Savings Time.

## Mark Your Calendar Fall Fest Is Back

**Date: November 4, 2014**

**Time: 6:00-8:00 pm**

Please join us as we kick off the fall season and share our diverse backgrounds with a potluck, fashion show, and arts and crafts for the kids. There will also be raffle prizes; must be present to win.

Make your favorite dish that is representative of your background and culture to share with others. Don't worry if you are not a cook. Come enjoy the food and the company!

Dress in clothing that also represents you and your heritage. Don't be shy. You will not have to walk down a runway.

Kids will make some arts and crafts! The first is traditionally made for the Mexican Day of the Dead and the second is typically made for American fall season.

Lastly, there will be an altar. This is a typical decoration used during the Mexican Day of the Dead. Learn more about this at the Fall Festival.

If you have any questions or would like to help out please contact Cindy Ford at [cford@highpointacademy.net](mailto:cford@highpointacademy.net)

## HPA Gives Day

Join the effort as we kick off our Annual Giving Campaign on November 1. Stay tuned for more details.

## Save the Date

The first Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser will be Saturday, November 15 from 7:30am-10:00am. Tickets will be available soon. This fundraiser helps provide financial assistance to our 6th grade students for their outdoor education trip in the spring.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Candy Buy Back Program

Help your children prevent tooth decay – donate your Halloween candy to HPA! We will be taking donations from Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> through Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in the Wellness Room. Through a partnership with Green Valley Kids



Pediatric Dentistry, HPA will earn \$2 per pound of candy and all of the candy will then be shipped to deployed service men and women through Operation

Gratitude. All types of candy are accepted. Last year we turned in 43 pounds of candy and in 2012 we turned in 90 pounds of candy... can we turn in more this year?? Only with your help! Contact Mrs. Kuzneski for more information or to volunteer with this project.

## Volunteer Trainings

Our next volunteer training is Wednesday, November 5 at 8:30am. Please contact Erica Konieczny if you plan to attend at [ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net).

## Does your child need glasses?

With HPA teacher referral, vision vouchers are available for those who qualify. If you are concerned about your child's vision please contact your child's teacher.

## Coffee with Keri

Join Keri as she discusses bully prevention on Wednesday, November 5 from 8-8:30am. Refreshments will be served.

## Girls Volleyball

Come see the girls volleyball team play tonight in the DCAL Championship Game at 5:30pm at Cesar Chavez Academy.

## Important Dates:

**October 30:** 8th Grade Meet and Greet with Mr. Clark 5:30-6:30pm

**October 30:** Girls Volleyball Game @ Cesar Chavez @ 5:30pm

**October 31:** Book Character Dress Day

**November 4:** Power Hour 3:45-5:00pm

**November 4:** International Fall Festival 6:00-8:00pm

**November 5:** Coffee with Keri 8-8:30am

**November 5:** Volunteer Training 8:30am

**November 6:** Prospective Parent Information Meeting and Tour 5:30-6:30pm

**November 11:** Power Hour 3:45-5:00pm

**November 15:** Applebee's Fundraiser

**November 21:** Jean Day for \$1

**November 24-28:** NO SCHOOL Thanksgiving Break

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## Message from the Chief Business Officer

Dear HPA Families,

It's hard to believe we have officially completed the first quarter of the year and we are moving into the holiday season. Before we know it the days will be much shorter and the cold weather will greet us on a more consistent basis. Being new to High Point Academy this year, I have learned so much about the school and have enjoyed the opportunities I have had to meet and interact with all of our wonderful students and families. The welcome has been warm and I look forward to continuing to lead the school in a positive direction.

It is with great excitement that I get to announce the rebranding of High Point Academy. A committee was formed in early September and over the past few weeks has been working diligently to review our current "look and feel" of High Point Academy. This committee was made up of parents, teachers, students, staff, and leadership. Their task was to look at the overall branding of HPA and make suggestions on how we could be more effective with both our internal and external communication. The committee found several areas of opportunities; a major area being consistency with our colors, our messaging, and our look.

Over the next few weeks we will be introducing this new "look and feel" in several ways. First, our HPA Annual Report will be complete in Mid-November. We will release this report to all families via an electronic link. This report will also be distributed to our community supporters so everyone can see how well the school is doing both academically as well as fiscally. We are very proud of how far we have come and these accomplishments will be highlighted in the report. A second high profile campaign being rolled out on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November is HPA Gives Day. This will be our annual giving campaign and the proceeds will go directly to a High Point Academy Tutoring Center with an emphasis on helping our students become more proficient in math. We currently offer our Tuesday Power Hour and with the success of this program, we would like to open these tutoring services to more students more often throughout the week. HPA Gives Day will allow us to raise money for this program throughout the months of November and early December. Please keep an eye out for more details to come regarding HPA Gives Day in the next couple of weeks.

I hope you all will enjoy seeing a more consistent "look and feel" of High Point Academy as we move forward throughout the upcoming year. Our students are very excited to have a new "cool" logo and I hope you can share in that excitement with them.

With Husky Pride,  
Chad Miller  
Chief Business Officer

### Unveiling the New HPA Brand-Logo and Mascot





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## Governing Board Update

The High Point Academy Governing Board and school administrators met on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> for their annual Fall Board Retreat. The Governing Board is responsible for promoting our school mission and vision, engaging in strategic planning, developing and adopting policies, ensuring the school is adhering to our charter contract, as well as overseeing the Chief Academic Officer (CAO) and Chief Business Officer (CBO). Currently, there are six board members: Ryan Frazier (President), Kevin Miller (Secretary), Christi Julian (Treasurer), Danielle Felder (Director), Ricky DeAragon (Director), and Michael Fields (Director).

One of the discussion topics at the retreat was board recruitment. An analysis of the board's current strengths and expertise was examined which will aid in strategically filling the open positions. The following recruitment areas were identified:

Marketing/Fundraising/Public Relations  
Real estate/Finance  
Facilities

If you have expertise in any of the open areas and have an interest in serving on the High Point Academy Governing Board, please reach out to Keri Melmed (CAO) or Chad Miller (CBO) for more information. It is our intention to maintain a strong Governing Board which will ensure the success and growth of our students and to help the school reach new levels.

The Governing Board meetings are generally held on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 5:30pm -7:30 pm. The meetings are open to the public and you are always welcome to attend. The agenda for each meeting is posted publicly in our front entrance and the minutes from each meeting are posted on our website.

Chad Miller and Keri Melmed  
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## Join a Committee

Interested in getting involved and contributing your input and ideas? Consider joining...

**Wellness Committee** – if you have expertise or interest in supporting our health and wellness initiatives; contact Stacey Kuzneski at [SKuzneski@HighpointAcademy.net](mailto:SKuzneski@HighpointAcademy.net)

**Accountability Committee** – if you have expertise or interest in reviewing and analyzing HPA achievement data to make recommendations for school-wide goals;

contact Keri Melmed at [kmelmed@HighPointAcademy.net](mailto:kmelmed@HighPointAcademy.net)

**Equity Committee** – if you value and celebrate the diversity we have at High Point Academy, contact Cindy Ford at [cford@highpointacademy.net](mailto:cford@highpointacademy.net)

**Yearbook Committee**—if you are artistic, enjoy design, take good pictures, or just want to be involved, contact Erica Konieczny at [ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net)

**Technology Committee**—if you are interested in the many facets of technology and how it will be used at High Point Academy, contact Francisco Martinez at [fmartinez@highpointacademy.net](mailto:fmartinez@highpointacademy.net)

## Donations Needed

The health office is in need of uniform pants, in particular, sizes 5, 6, and 7. If you are able to help please bring donations to the office.

## Come Join Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting is about belonging to a big sisterhood. It's about leadership, family involvement, skill-building, celebrating traditions, and taking action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouting is girl-led, and we learn by doing.

Below is the contact information for the three Girl Scout troops that meet here at HPA; **email the troop you are interested in to see when their next meeting is:**

Troop 4370 (grade 2 thru 8)  
Email: [hpags4370@gmail.com](mailto:hpags4370@gmail.com)  
Meets every other Monday night at 6:30pm

Troop 4011 (grades 2, 3, and 4)  
Email: [troop54011@gmail.com](mailto:troop54011@gmail.com)  
Meets every other Monday after school

Troop 1434 (grades K, 1, 2, and 3)  
Email: [gstroop1434hp@yahoo.com](mailto:gstroop1434hp@yahoo.com)  
Meets every other Wednesday night