



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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After School Activities

Registration for the winter session of after school activities ends today at 4:00pm. Registration forms and information about the classes being offered went home in Thursday folders on January 8. Activities for the winter session include Dance/Zumba, HPA Drama Club, and Volleyball Skills. [Click here](#) for more information and to print out the registration form.

Middle School Spring Sports Meeting

Middle school soccer and track starts in March. If your child is interested in playing, please plan to attend the parent informational meeting on Monday, February 2 at 4:00pm at the school.

Calendar Committee

The calendar committee is in charge of developing and presenting the school calendar to the HPA Governing Board. This committee is comprised of HPA staff and faculty, HPA parents, and an HPA governing board member. We are currently looking for HPA parents who are interested in participating on this committee. Our first meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 28 at 4:00pm. If you are interested in participating please contact [Erica Konieczny](#).

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. Watch for registration info coming soon. For more information about the program go to www.girlsontherunrockies.org. Questions? Contact: Erica Konieczny, Site Coordinator at ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net.

Open House—HPA is Enrolling for the 2015-2016 School Year

Saturday, January 24, 2015 – 10:00 am

Tuesday, January 27, 2015 – 5:30 pm

Referral Incentives:

Refer a family that attends and be entered in a drawing for a gift card.

Receive 1 volunteer hour per child enrolled for each referral.

2nd Quarter Awards Ceremonies

Tomorrow, Friday January 23, 2015 is the 2nd quarter awards ceremonies for elementary school students. We hope to see you there.

Kindergarten/1st—12:30-1:15

2nd/3rd—1:30-2:15

4th/5th—2:30-3:15

Flowers for a Friend

Color Guard is selling flowers for Valentine's Day. If you would like to buy a flower for a friend, classmate or teacher please have your form ([click here to print form](#)) and money in by January 30 to the front desk. Flowers will be distributed to the students on February 13th.

Jean Day on Friday, January 30

On Friday, January 30, students can wear jeans for \$1 with their uniform top. Our monthly jean days help keep the cost of our school yearbook down. Thank you for your support.

For another dollar students can wear jeans with a purple top. Students can also just wear the purple top with their uniform pants for \$1. The purple top is a fundraiser for Epilepsy, a service learning project for one of the 5th grade classes.

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.



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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA Families,

We hope everyone has eased back into the routines of school and work after the holidays. We were excited to see you all at parent-teacher conferences last week. We have much higher attendance at our conferences now that we are offering two evening sessions. If you were unable to attend, please reach out to your child's teacher so that they can share information with you about their progress.

This Saturday, January 24 and Tuesday, January 27 we are holding Open House information sessions for prospective families. During these sessions we highlight the aspects of our programming that make us unique as well as our student successes. We will share with families that our elementary students outperform their peers in the neighboring schools in the Far Northeast in reading and writing; that our middle school students outperform students in DPS and APS in reading and writing; that our students engage in rich curriculum and extracurricular specials offerings that include: art, Spanish, physical education, technology, and wellness. If you have neighbors or friends that are looking for a school for their child, please invite them to attend one of these Open House sessions.

As you may remember, at *Back to School Night*, we shared our school-wide goals for this year. We know that organizations that set goals are more likely to achieve their desired results than organizations that do not. At the end of each school year, the leadership team which is made up of teacher leaders, directors, and administrators, come together, analyze HPA's performance results and determined areas of growth that would leverage the most change for our students at HPA. The goals have been at the heart of our work this school year.

The school-wide goals are:

- I can use my deep knowledge of my students to meet their needs- academically, socially, and personally.
- I can effectively and efficiently use data, individually and with my colleagues, to maximize student growth.
- I can use explicit instructional practices to maximize student learning.

Each school-wide goal is aligned with what we know great schools do – establish strong relationships with students, provide targeted instruction that is driven by data, and teach students to be creative, critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and collaborators. We know that these are the skills our students need in order to be successful in the 21st century.

You may wonder how we use the early release time on Wednesdays. Well, we use the time on early release Wednesdays and professional development days to do a lot of the work associated with these goals. We participate in trainings that introduce new approaches to instruction. We analyze student achievement data to identify where our students are making growth and where we need to provide more support. We come together to learn, discuss, and apply new strategies to support learning. Having the time to come together throughout the school year has been critical in our ability to meet our school-wide goals, enhance our teaching practices, and support student growth.

We have made great strides with each of these goals so far this year and we look forward to the growth we'll make this semester. If you'd like to talk more about the work we do as a staff, please swing by my office, email, or call.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed
High Point Academy
Chief Academic Officer

Important Dates:

January 22: Girls Basketball Game at HPA at 5:00pm

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January 23: Elementary School Awards Ceremonies-see page 1 for times

January 24: Open House 10am

January 26: Girls Basketball at HPA at 5:00pm

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January 27: Power Hour 3:50-5:00pm

January 27: Open House 5:30pm

January 28: Calendar Committee Meeting 4:00pm

January 29: Girls Basketball Game at HPA at 5:00pm

January 30: Jean Day for \$1

January 29: Boys Basketball Game at HPA at 6:00pm

February 2: Middle School Spring Sports Parent Meeting 4:00pm



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Order Your Yearbook Today!

The 2014-2015 school yearbook is now on sale for \$20 (these prices do not include add-ons). You can order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (use yearbook code 11891215).

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.

Free Advocacy Training for Charter School Parents

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

Give a Kid a Smile Day

Click here for more information in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

Volunteer & Donations Opportunities

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.

A parent volunteer is needed to help with the girls and boys basketball games. Please [email Erica Konieczny](#) if you are interested.