



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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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. For more information about the program and to register your daughter for the spring program at HPA go to www.girlsontherunrockies.org. Questions? Contact: Erica Konieczny, Site Coordinator at ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net.

Volunteer Training

Our next parent volunteer training will take place on Thursday, February 19 at 4:00pm in the conference room. Please email [Erica Konieczny](mailto:Erica.Konieczny) to RSVP.

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.

We are proud to announce that the HPA Health Fair will take place on Tuesday, March 3 at school. More information to come!

Is Your Child Missing Their Glasses?

The health office has received a number of lost eye glasses. If your child is missing their prescription eye glasses please visit the health office by the end of February. On March 2 we will be donating all glasses not claimed.

HPA School Spelling Bee

The school spelling bee is taking place on Tuesday, February 10 from 2:15-3:15pm. We have spellers in 3rd through 8th grade competing to represent High Point Academy at the state spelling bee in March. If you are interested in coming to watch please plan on being in the gym by 2:10pm so we can start promptly at 2:15. We hope to see you there!

Wear Purple for Epilepsy

Thank you to everyone who donated a dollar for the Epilepsy fundraiser last Friday. In total we raised \$260 that will be donated to the [Chelsea Hutchinson Foundation](#).

Ice Bucket Challenge Pictures

Was your child challenged to do the Ice Bucket Challenge last fall? Is so and you have a picture, the yearbook committee is putting together an Ice Bucket Challenge page in this year's yearbook. Please send your picture to Erica Konieczny via [email](#) by Friday, February 20. Thanks for your help!

Flowers for a Friend-EXTENDED!

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 February 11 to the front desk. Flowers will be distributed to the students on February 13th.

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).

Husky PACK Summer Camp

Please do not forget to submit your Summer Camp interest form to the office.

The summer months will soon be upon us and every form submitted increases our chances of successfully serving our community.

The deadline to turn in your form is tomorrow February 6th.



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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA Families,

Before we know it, testing season will be upon us. You may have heard that Colorado's state assessments are changing this year, let me share with you a brief history and overview of our state mandated assessments. You may remember the CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) that was administered from approximately 2001 to 2010, and then, once the Colorado State Board of Education adopted the Common Core standards, the state was in transition and the test was called the TCAP (Transitional Colorado Assessment Program).

With the adoption of new state standards, Colorado's new assessment system is called the Colorado Measure of Academic Success (CMAS). CMAS includes social studies, science, English language arts, and mathematics tests. During the transition, Colorado joined a consortia of 22 partner states to develop a common set of computer-based assessments in English language arts and math that are linked directly to the Common Core State Standards. The consortia created an assessment, now known as PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), which our students will be taking for the first time this year.

As you may know, we are required to administer these assessments by the state under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Every public school in Colorado administered the CSAP/TCAP to 3rd through 10th graders in reading, writing, and math; as well as 5th, 8th, and 10th graders in science each spring. These tests were 'paper/pencil' assessments and they were administered once a year. The tests are used to measure school and student performance from year to year; and are used to determine a school's annual performance rating (APR).

The new PARCC online/computerized test for English language arts and math are administered to students in 3rd – 8th grade. Students will take a performance-based assessment which is administered after about 75% of the school year in March. Additionally, PARCC has an end of year assessment which is administered after approximately 90% of the school year in May.

The new CMAS online/computerized test for science and social studies are administered to students in 4th, 5th, 7th, and 8th grade. Students will take the CMAS test in April. Fourth and seventh graders take the social studies test, and fifth and eighth graders take the science test.

As you can see, over the next few months students will be participating in many assessments. A detailed testing schedule will be shared with you in the coming weeks so that you know exactly when your child is testing. Our staff have been working hard to prepare students for the content they'll need to know; as well as the technical computer skills they'll need to efficiently and effectively navigate the online/computerized exams.

At this month's *Coffee with Keri* we discussed the ways families can support their child(ren) during this time. The most important thing to do is stay positive and encourage your child to try their best; help ensure that they get a good night's sleep, and that they are in school and on time.

Together we can support our kids and ensure a positive testing experience. If you have questions about the state assessments, please feel free to reach out to me by phone, email, or stop by my office.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

High Point Academy

Chief Academic Officer

Important Dates:

February 10: School Spelling Bee 2:15pm

February 10: Power Hour 3:50-5:00pm

February 11: Girls Basketball Game at Manual High School at 5:00pm

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February 12: All School Photo 2:00pm

February 13: Valentine's Day Classroom Parties 2:30-3:30pm

February 16: President's Day NO SCHOOL

February 17: NO SCHOOL-Teacher Professional Development

February 18: Girls Basketball Game at Strive Prep: Sunnyside at 5:00pm

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February 19: Volunteer Training 4:00pm

February 23: Class Picture Day

February 24: Spring Individual Pictures



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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.

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.