



# 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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## Family Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Family Satisfaction Survey. The following families have been selected to win a \$25 gift card to Target for completing the survey.

Yurida Gallo	Janet Campuzano
Karina Venegas	Mithoon Patel
Nabeehah Brown	Mariane Fall
Tina Yono	Lauren Lord
Yolanda Jerido	Sarah Miller

Please stop by the front office to pick up your prize.

## Last Day to Order Rockies Tickets is Tomorrow!

Tomorrow, Friday, April 24 by 4:00pm is your last chance to order your Rockies Tickets for the HPA community day at the ballpark on Sunday, May 10. [Click here](#) for more information and to print the order form.

## 2015-2016 School Calendar- UPDATED

[Click here](#) to view, download, and/or print the updated 2015-2016 school calendar. Paper copies are also available in the front office. **Please note that the required student testing day in August has moved to Wednesday, August 12.**

## Important End of Year Lunch Information

As of Friday, May 15 student 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.

## May Breakfast and Lunch Menu

## HPA Field Day Fundraiser

On May 8, 2015 the PE department will be holding an NFL Football Day to help raise money for field day supplies.

For \$1 a piece students can wear jeans, an NFL top with the team on their choice and an NFL hat with the team of their choice. We look forward to a great day celebrating football and physical education at HPA.

## Square 1 Art Project

Our Square 1 art project that students worked on in art class will be coming back soon. It is a cool opportunity to raise some money for the school and you will have the opportunity to get some cool things that will have your child's art work printed on it. Look for catalogues coming home soon.

## The Wellness Team Needs Your Help

Please take a moment to complete this [6 question survey](#). Don't panic, this will only consume the few precious moments you have left today. As you may know, the Wellness Team is back in action this year and we have been stewing over thought-provoking questions around wellness at HPA. This survey was designed to help our team assess what's currently cooking with HPA Families. We plan to create our master recipe for next steps with wellness efforts based on your responses and suggestions. Thanks in advance for your help!

## Governing Board Reaching Out To Families

As we prepare to end the 2014-2015 school year, and begin planning for 2015-2016, the HPA Governing Board will be contacting all of our families to express their appreciation for entrusting us to provide the quality education to your precious ones that all children deserve. This is also the perfect opportunity for our families to begin connecting with our governing board.

## A Day of Inspiration with Author Mark Hoog-Click here for a recap



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## Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA Families,

As you may know, over the last two weeks we have been collecting your input and feedback through our annual Family Satisfaction Survey. Each family had one survey to complete. We also offered a Spanish version of the survey. Every year we send out a Family Satisfaction Survey to all of our families and we work very hard to have as many families as possible complete the survey. Here at HPA, we truly value your input. In doing so, we know that we'll receive both praise and criticism; however, we know that families must have an opportunity to share their thoughts on all aspects of our school. From the beginning, we have tried to create a school culture that values the voices of all our stakeholders (students, parents, staff, board members), thus the Family Satisfaction Survey is one tool we use to gather this critical data. Rest assured that the survey is completely anonymous.

This year we had over 56% of our families complete the survey. We wanted to thank all of those families that were able to take the survey and provide your feedback. We have received some feedback that the survey is too long and that it takes families about 30 minutes to complete. We will look into this and see what changes we can make for next year. This is a perfect example of how your feedback impacts and helps make HPA the best school around.

We (staff, administration and our governing board) have reviewed your feedback carefully. Here are a few highlights.

We ask our families how we are meeting our school mission and how they perceive our school culture and climate:

- 94% of families believe HPA provides a strong foundation of academic excellence and 91% of our families would recommend HPA to family or friends.
- 97% of families feel welcome when they visit HPA and 94% of families believe that HPA respects the different cultures that are represented in the school community.

We also ask families why they choose HPA for their children. The top four reasons families attend HPA are:

- Stronger curriculum, location, we are an independent charter, and our teacher quality.

Another area where we ask for feedback is regarding our preschool, elementary, and middle school programming.

- 96% of our preschool families are satisfied with what their student is learning in preschool and believe that our preschool program is preparing their student for kindergarten.
- 100% of families believe that our preschool classrooms are well equipped to meet their child's needs.
- 88% of our families stated that the middle school curriculum is challenging, 96% agree or strongly agree that their student's test results are presented in a way that is understandable.
- 85% of our families feel that the elementary school curriculum is challenging, and 95% agree or strongly agree that their student's test results are presented in a way that is understandable.
- Over 95% of families in both middle and elementary school stated that they prefer student centered parent teacher conferences. We are going to look into ways we can incorporate a more student centered conference next school year.

If you would like to see more results [click here](#) for a PowerPoint that shares the highlights of the survey.

While there is always room for improvement, the overall feedback from families on our performance is excellent. Our teachers and staff work so hard to meet the needs of your child and to create an exemplary school experience for your child. It is a privilege to work with such a dedicated and hardworking faculty and staff.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed  
High Point Academy  
Chief Academic Officer

### Important Dates:

**April 23:** Girls Soccer Game at HPA at 4:45pm

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**April 24:** Jean Day for \$1

**April 28:** Girls Soccer Game at KIPP: Montbello at 5:45pm

**April 29:** Evening Conferences 4-8pm

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**May 1:** NO SCHOOL

**May 4-8:** Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 4-8:** Scholastic Book Fair

**May 4-6:** 1st Grade Fairy Tale Play 5:30pm

**May 6:** Coffee with Keri 8:00am

**May 8:** NFL Day-see pg.1 for details

**May 16:** Garden Work Day-see pg.1 for details



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## Smart Phone Safety

*Noknok*. Who's there? *Whisper a Secret* on *Line*, *Space Tag* a *Kik*, *Wechat* your *YikYak* through *Snapchat*, and *Poof*, it's gone! Or is it? Do you have any idea what any of this means? While the last sentences probably don't make much sense (to adults or kids alike), they contain the names of several new and old smart phone apps that can be used for chatting, instant messaging, or social networking. Some have location services. These may be helpful to parents arranging a play date, but frightening when your son or daughter just arranged to meet a stranger outside McDonalds. Please click the link to learn more about how each of these apps function: [click here for link to pdf](#).

## Seeking Young Philanthropists

The Young Philanthropists Foundation is seeking outstanding and passionate young leaders in 4th through 7th grade for the Impact Factory. [Click here](#) to learn more about the program and submit an application.

## The First Tee Green Valley Ranch

[Click here](#) for program information. [Click here](#) for registration information and paperwork.

## Garden Work Day

Saturday, May 16 will be a garden work day. If you are interested in coming to help, please contact our garden coordinator Jogita at [jogitaa@hotmail.com](mailto:jogitaa@hotmail.com)

## Volunteer & Donations Opportunities

### Teacher Appreciation Week

**Teacher appreciation week** is May 4 through May 8. On Monday, May 4 PTO is putting together a breakfast potluck to start the week off. If you would like to help please [click here](#) to sign-up to bring something for the potluck. Thanks for your support and help spoiling our amazing faculty and staff.

**Volunteers for the Spring Book Fair:** PTO is looking for volunteers to help run the book fair. We need help making students wish lists, book sales and restocking. Click the link to sign up for a time to volunteer <http://vols.pt/He5jPs>

**Donation Opportunity:** Our art teacher, Mr. Poppitz, is asking for donations of yarn. He is not in need of large quantities, but is really looking for lots of different colors, so leftovers will work fine. Please contact him at [mpoppitz@highpointacademy.net](mailto:mpoppitz@highpointacademy.net) with questions or if you are able to donate.

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