



Husky Talk Newsletter

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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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Yearbooks On Sale Now!

The 2015-2016 school yearbook is now on sale. Purchase forms went home in Thursday folders before Thanksgiving break, but you can also order online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (yearbook code: 11891216). Order your yearbook by December 18th and you only pay \$10. After that date the yearbook purchase price goes up to \$20 (these prices do not include add-ons).

HPA Middle School Night

We would like to invite you to our upcoming HPA Middle School Night on Tuesday, December 15th from 6-7pm in our school cafeteria. We will be talking all about middle school life at HPA, what makes our middle school unique to all other schools in the area, and why you should plan on having your student attend 6th grade at HPA. If you bring another family to our middle school night, who is not currently enrolled in HPA, you will earn two free parent volunteer hours to go towards your volunteer requirements. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Bongard (middle school assistant principal) or Ms. Melmed (principal). We look forward to seeing you there!

Colorguard Holiday Shop

HPA Color Guard is hosting the holiday gift shop after school everyday December 14th-18th in the front hall until 5:00pm. We will have all of your inexpensive, fun gifts for family and friends. Come support your Color Guard team." *Please note that if you are going to pay with a check additional information will be requested including: phone number, student name, and email address.

2015-2016 Class Photos Available for Purchase

Did you forget to order your child's class photo in November? If so, there are a handful of copies still available for \$10 each. Pictures can be purchased from Erica Wood in the office on a first come first serve. Cash or check (made out to High Point Academy) will be accepted.

After School Activities

The winter session of after school activities starts on Thursday, January 14 and will run for eight weeks every Thursday/Friday through March 10. Sign-up forms are coming home in Thursday folders today and you can view and print the form on the HPA website under Current Families-Activities. This round of activities features Watercolor and Drawing, FIRST Lego League, Sketch Art, Hip Hop DIY, YouTube Club, and Art from Ashes. Please turn in forms and money to the front office starting Friday, December 11 through Wednesday, January 13. Teachers will not accept registration or payment for activities.

2nd Annual HPA Gives Day Classroom Competition

Our students had an exciting time during the two week classroom competition for our HPA Gives Day Annual Campaign. Because of the efforts of our students and families, we raised a total of **\$1,910.64** through the classroom competition campaign. Our winning classes are as follows: first place – Ms. Eastwood; second place – Ms. Ashley/Ms. Teresa; third place – Ms. Kulongowski. Special recognition for a very deserving effort goes to Mrs. Thomas/Mr. Poppitz and Ms. Schmidt/Mr. Sherwood. **WAY TO GO HUSKIES!**

SAVE THE DATE

Open House

Saturday, January 9, 2016; 10:00 am

Thursday, January 14, 2016; 6:00 pm

Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to learn more about the educational opportunities at HPA.



Important Dates:

December 11: Middle School Dance 5-7pm

December 14-17: Colorguard Holiday Shop 3:30-6:00pm

December 15: Power Hour 4-5pm

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December 17: PTO Meeting 5:30pm

December 18: Last day to order a school year-book for \$10 (see page 1 for details)

December 18: Dress Down Day: \$1 for non-uniform shirt, \$1 for jeans

December 18: Governing Board Meeting 10am -12pm

December 18: Half Day – NOON Release

December 21-January 1: Winter Break-NO SCHOOL

January 4: NO SCHOOL—Teacher Professional Development Day

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA Families,

Happy Holidays! On behalf of the entire HPA staff I want to wish you all a wonderful winter break and a Happy New Year. I also want to thank you for the opportunity to work with your children each day. We do not take lightly the trust you have in us to support your child's learning and growth. It is truly a privilege to do this important work.

We have had an extraordinary first semester here at High Point Academy! Let me highlight some of the reasons we are celebrating...

Our charter was up for renewal this fall and we have officially been renewed for an additional five years. This is the maximum renewal possible. The renewal decision was based on our academic performance as well as our financial operations. Our authorizers were particularly impressed with the ways we are meeting the needs of English language learners, minority students, and students who qualify for free or reduced lunch; as well as the growth in academic achievement all of our students have shown over the last three years. Of course none of this would be possible without the wonderful faculty and staff and the tremendous community and family support at HPA.

Another reason to celebrate is the growth we are seeing this year in academic achievement. Our STAR reading and math tests are administered throughout the year to monitor and track student growth and achievement. The most recent results are positive and we see growth across content and grade level. This is largely due to the hard work the HPA staff put toward creating tremendous learning opportunities for our students. This semester was filled with engaging and compelling learning experiences in all of our grade levels and content areas.

Finally, we received our CMAS test results and are excited to share that our students are outperforming or are on par with the state. HPA is also outperforming all the elementary schools and most of the middle schools in the far northeast region. At HPA, educating your child is more than a job, it is a calling and our teachers have a passion for learning that trickles down to our kids.

As a staff, we are proud of the accomplishments our students have made this semester. The first half of the year was not only filled with achievement and growth, but also with lots of laughter and community building. I wish everyone in the HPA community a safe and happy holiday season and I look forward to the New Year and what 2016 will bring.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Service Learning Update

For those that don't know, HPA involves all K-8th grade students in a year-long service learning program. Each K-5 class is partnered with a Middle School advisory group and together they identify, address, and reflect on a need in our community. These needs range from being more aware of our nation's heroes, to finding out that 1 in 4 Coloradan children don't have enough food, to realizing that our school could use a better recycling program. There is now a service learning bulletin board located just outside the front office. Check it out biweekly to view our students' hard work and service learning accomplishments. One of the latest displays was work from Mrs. Evans's 5th graders and Ms. Fredericks's 7th graders. They have been remembering and honoring our nation's heroes and created yellow ribbons of gratitude for our country's soldiers on Veterans Day. Currently on display is work from Mrs. Cummins's 6th grade students and Mrs. Gichuru's kindergartners. They have been learning about our needs vs. wants and are working with a local nonprofit called "A Precious Child." The students collected gently-used clothing for the nonprofit which will distribute the clothing to Coloradan families in need.