



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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PTO Sponsored Skate City Party

Tomorrow is the last chance to sign your children up for the PTO sponsored Skate City Party coming up on Monday, February 22 from 4-6pm. Flyers went home in Thursday folders last week and are due tomorrow, Friday, February 19 by 5:00pm. [Click here](#) for an electronic copy of the flyer for more information.

Middle School Basketball Playoff Tournament

High Point Academy's middle school basketball teams will be competing this weekend in a playoff tournament at Global Village Academy Aurora Campus. The girls play their first game on Saturday, February 20 at 9:00am and the boys play their first game on Saturday, February 20 at 11:00am. The tournament is single elimination and there is a \$1 entry fee. We hope you can come and support our middle school athletes as they finish out their 2015-2016 basketball season.

Traffic Safety Update

Management at the Gaylord project is working closely with HPA to ensure the safety of our students during the construction process.

The following safety measures have been implemented.

- Each worker on site **MUST** attend a 'First Day Safety Orientation' that entails the safety engineers having a discussion specifically related to school traffic, students, and the intersection at Dunkirk and 64th Ave.
- At the daily morning safety meetings, workers are regularly reminded of the student safety concerns at the intersection of Dunkirk and 64th, and that they should be aware of pedestrian traffic and their speed.
- On a regular basis, management will discuss the effectiveness of the implemented safety measures and assess any new concerns.

By working collectively, we remain steadfast in ensuring the safety of our students.

Girls on the Run-Spring Program

Girls on the Run will start the week of March 7th. 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 3:45-5:00pm and is open to all 3rd through 5th grade girls at High Point Academy. **Registration is now open.** For more information about the program and to sign up go to www.girlsontherunrockies.org. Questions? Contact High Point Academy Site Coordinator and Coach, [Erica Wood](#).

Husky Wear is BACK!

High Point Academy Husky Wear is back. Visit <http://denver.educationaloutfitters.com/find-my-school/high-point-academy/> to order your polo shirts, hoodies, socks, and much more.

Picture Day is Coming

Friday, February 26 is spring individual picture day. Students do not need to be in uniform for spring pictures, but only students who are ordering pictures will get their picture taken. Order forms went home in Thursday folders last Thursday and can also be found in the front office. Volunteers are needed from 8:00am to 1:00pm to help with pictures. Please contact [Erica Wood](#) if you are interested in helping (even if just for a portion of the time).

Yearbooks On Sale!

The 2015-2016 school yearbook is now on sale. Yearbooks can be ordered online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (yearbook code: 11891216).

HPA School Spelling Bee

Congratulations to our Spelling Bee winners!
In third place, Hailey Wegner, in second place, Cynara Turner, and our school spelling bee champion, Quinton Johnson.

Important Dates:

February 20: Girls Basketball Playoff Tournament 9:00am

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February 22: PTO Sponsored Skate City Party 4-6pm (see pg. 1 for details)

February 23: 6th Grade Outdoor Education Parent Information Meeting 6-7pm

February 24: Governing Board Meeting 5:00pm

February 25: PTO Meeting 5:30pm

February 26: Spring Individual Pictures

February 26: Jean Day for \$1

Save the Date

Boosterthon Fun Run
Sponsored by PTO
March 7—March 17

HPA Health Fair
Friday, March 11 2016

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful long President's Day weekend. It was great to reunite with our students yesterday.

As a staff we came together on Tuesday to continue our work around creating culturally responsive classrooms. At HPA we value our unique diversity and look for ways to ensure that every child is learning and growing to their full potential. Teachers took time to think of ways to plan and implement lessons that support each child. We also took time to look closely at the PARCC state assessment. As you may know, this is a new assessment that was administered for the first time last year. The PARCC test assesses what our students know and are able to do in math and literacy (reading and writing). Teachers worked on ways to support our kids so that they are able to show their learning come testing time. Our professional development days are greatly valued and help us get smarter for our students. The work we do directly supports teachers' ability to meet the needs of each student in their classroom.

Next week some of our staff members will be participating in another exciting professional learning opportunity through the Colorado League of Charter Schools. Each year the League holds a conference to promote and share best practices in all areas of a charter school – from instructional practices, to budget and finance. School leaders, office managers, board members, and teachers attend and participate in the multiple breakout sessions that help us get better at our work. This year, Ms. Hill, our Director of Communications, and I are presenting at the conference. We are sharing the work and successes we have had as a *Wellness* school. Mr. Miller, our Chief Business Officer, is also presenting at the conference. His presentation is focused on effective school money management.

It is this time each year when we begin to think about our staffing needs for the 2016-2017 school year. Every school year, we have some teachers who are moving out of Colorado or who are taking on new adventures, or venturing into a different career path. With that said, you may notice job postings and employment opportunities posted on our website over the next several months.

In the next few weeks we will begin our robust hiring process to find the most highly qualified applicants for any open positions we may have. If you know educators that may be interested in working in our fine school, please direct them to our website.

Each candidate that we interview must be highly qualified as determined by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and must show a passion for working with children as well as working at High Point Academy specifically. As part of the process, prospective teachers spend time at our school, in our classrooms, meeting our students and our staff, so that the hiring committee gets to know each candidate as a teacher, learner, and potential colleague. Teacher candidates also conduct a demonstration lesson. Your son or daughter may share with you that a guest teacher taught a lesson in their classroom. This multiple step and thorough process will ultimately result in the hiring of passionate, knowledgeable, energetic, and caring educators who will join our staff in 2016-2017.

As you can see we are actively working to meet the needs of each and every child at HPA, while thinking and planning for our future as well. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to chat in person.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal





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Volunteer Training

Are you interested in working in a classroom, going on field trips, or helping at the school? If so, you need to complete a one-time volunteer training as well as an annual background check. If you have completed the training in a previous year you still need to complete the background check **annually**.

Please contact **Erica Wood** to see when the next training is scheduled for or to get the background check form.

Career Day

HPA is hosting our first ever Career Day in April! We are looking for adult volunteers who might have a fun or unique job that they would like to share with our 8th grade students. This would also be a great networking opportunity for you! As the year winds down, some individuals might be trying to determine how to complete the recommended volunteer hours. Volunteer for Career Day, will receive double hours! If you, or someone you know, would like to participate please reach out to Ms. Johnson, our Middle School Counselor, at (303)217-5152 or sjohnson@highpointacademy.net.

HPA Health Fair

Come one, come all to the annual High Point Academy Health Fair. Each year, 7th and 8th grade students host the annual health fair, and this year we would like to invite parents and family members to attend with their student's homeroom class (times for each class are TBD). Learn about the topics your child has discussed in wellness, and let them share with you ways to stay healthy. The health fair will be Friday, March 11, and there will be more information to come in newsletters and Thursday folders. We currently need several items donated. See below for a list of items.

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

- **Volunteers are needed** to help with spring pictures on Friday, February 26 from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Please contact **Erica Wood** if you can help.
- **School Supply Donation:** Ms. Schmidt is requesting donations of scissors and glue for her middle school science class. Please email her at jschmidt@highpointacademy.net if you can help.
- **Service Learning Donation:** The fourth grade classes, as well as several middle school advisories, are looking for donations to the local pet shelter for our service learning project. Some of the items that can be donated include: used blankets and towels, paper towels, piddle pads, dog bowls, used toys, printing paper (any color), light bulbs, trash bags, cleaning supplies, hot water bottles, peanut butter, used newspapers, sandwich bags, cotton balls, batteries, toothbrushes, shoe boxes, and cardboard rolls. Thank you in advance for your donations!
- **Donations for the HPA Health Fair:** Any of these donations can be dropped off in the Wellness Room with **Ms. Chenault** between now and Thursday, March 4th.
 - 3-6 tri-fold display boards/poster boards (any color)
 - unopened/new jump ropes
 - cotton hand towels
 - Ziploc bags (sandwich size or smaller)
 - large bottles of hand sanitizer or hand soap with pump
 - Popsicle sticks
 - Masking tape
 - Gift cards to Wal-Mart or Target