



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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2016-2017 School Calendar

Click here to view, download, and/or print the 2016-2017 school calendar. Paper copies are also available in the front office.

Girls on the Run-Spring Program

Girls on the Run will start on Monday, 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 and only a few more spots remain. 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.

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 below). 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.

Time	Grade Level
8:10-8:40 am	8th grade
8:50-9:20 am	7th grade
9:30-10:00 am	3rd grade
10:10-10:40 am	5th grade
10:50-11:20 am	6th grade
12:00-12:30 pm	Kindergarten
12:40-1:10 pm	1st grade
1:30-2:00 pm	2nd grade
2:10-2:40 pm	4th grade

Spring After School Activities

Our spring session of after school activities will start on Thursday, March 17. Registration forms went home in Thursday folders last week. Activities include, arts and crafts, hip hop dance, digital music production, Minecraft, sketch art, first LEGO league, intramural sports, and volleyball. Click here to learn more.

After School Activities Showcase

The winter after school activities showcase will take place next Thursday, March 10 from 4:30-5:00 during the last session of after school activities. We will be doing a gallery walk style showcase through the classrooms so please come and see what our students have been doing after school for the last eight weeks. We hope to see you there.

HPA Talent Show is Coming

HPA's 7th annual talent show will be on May 5th from 5:00-6:30pm. Talent show auditions will take place Tuesday, April 5 from 3:50-5:00 and Wednesday, April 6 from 2:00-4:00. Click here for more information and to sign-up for an audition time via doodle.com.

Yearbooks On Sale!

The 2015-2016 school yearbook is now on sale. Yearbooks can be ordered online at ybpay.lifetouch.com (yearbook code: 11891216) through Friday, March 25.

Middle School Boys and Girls Basketball

High Point Academy's boys and girls basketball team competed two weekends ago in the DCAL playoff tournament. Both teams made it to the division championship game. Congratulations to all of the athletes on a fantastic season. Thank you to everyone who supported our middle school boys and girls as they competed this season.

Important Dates:

March 5: Colorguard Performance at Monarch High School

March 7: Boosterthon Kick-Off Assembly

March 7: Wellness Committee Meeting 4-5pm

March 10: Winter After School Activities Showcase 4:30-5:00pm

March 11: HPA Health Fair

March 17: Boosterthon Fun Run

March 17: End of quarter 3

March 18: NO SCHOOL-Teacher Professional Development

March 19: Colorguard Performance at Arapahoe High School

March 21, 22, 23: 2nd Grade Insect Play 5:00pm

March 23: Governing Board Meeting 5:30pm

March 24: Middle School Quarter 3 Awards Ceremonies

March 24: PTO Meeting 5:30pm

March 25: Elementary School Quarter 3 Awards Ceremonies

March 25: Jean Day for \$1

March 25: Colorguard Performance at Wheat Ridge High School

March 26: Colorguard Performance Pomona High School

April 2: Colorguard Championship at DU Ritchie Center

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA families,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of March and that spring break is just around the corner! In schools, time of the year is filled with uninterrupted learning time. By now, the routines and expectations of school are well established and the level of rigor is steadily increasing. If you were to visit your child's classroom you would see students collaborating, discussing, and creating meaning in the various content and subject area classes they have each day.

Our teachers work hard to provide every student learning experiences that will enable your child to be successful not only for high stakes tests, but also in preparation for the real world. There has been a lot of discussion around the necessary skills and attributes that will lead to success when students enter the workforce. Most CEOs and Fortune 500 leaders state that they are looking for employees that can collaborate, problem-solve, think creatively and critically; and, that high school and college grades are secondary. These attributes of collaboration, problem-solving, thinking creatively and critically are not always reflected on a child's report card, but are skills that we need to pay close attention to and develop to ensure our children are prepared for our dynamic, fast-paced, evolving workforce. As a staff we work hard to ensure your students have frequent opportunities to engage and think in ways that will support their success and citizenship in the 21st century.

We also spend time ensuring that students have the fundamental skills necessary in each content area to ensure that they can engage with the work in meaningful ways. One way we support our students is our daily enrichment block that provides targeted instruction to every child at HPA. This means that every day your child is working in a small group with a teacher receiving instruction that is suited just for them to help them grow and achieve to the next level. At the end of each quarter we use our internal assessment and monitoring systems to assess whether or not students are making adequate progress, and then we make adjustments accordingly.

If you are interested in seeing the growth students have made so far this year, [click on the link](#) which shows our STAR reading and STAR math results.

During the next few weeks before spring break, it is critical that students are here and on time. A few things that families can do to help us best support your child are:

Ensuring a good night's sleep, providing time and space for homework, encouraging independent reading time, reviewing homework, and discussing what happened at school. Ask your child how they are helping build a positive class and school culture, and how they are exhibiting their best selves. Together we will help your child meet their potential academically, socially, and personally.

Please reach out at any time with any questions you may have about our approach to teaching and learning.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal

HPA Boosterthon Fun Run

Parents! This semester's main fundraiser is the Boosterthon Fun Run! It'll be a 9-day program where we kick off with a Pep Rally on Monday, March 7. Families will have time to get pledges for every lap your student runs, and then we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on Thursday, March 17. With our big goal to raise funds for PTO, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it more profitable, easier, and fun. Students will also experience an amazing character theme, *Big World Recess!* It's a global fitness theme all about playing with character. Donations will go to PTO, which comes back to teachers and students, and to the entire 9-day experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your student at the Fun Run! Thank you for your support!



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Daylight Savings Time

A friendly reminder that Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, March 13, so please remember to turn your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 12. We expect all students to show up on time on Monday morning!

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.

Quarter 3 Awards Ceremonies

Quarter three awards ceremonies will take place on Thursday, March 24 for middle school and Friday, March 25 for kindergarten through fifth grade.

Thursday Award Ceremony Times:

6th grade-11:20-11:50

7th and 8th grade-11:50-12:20

Friday Award Ceremony Times:

Kindergarten and 1st grade-12:30-1:15

2nd and 3rd grade-1:30-2:15

4th and 5th grade-2:30-3:15

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.

Service Learning Update

What's been happening with service learning lately? All 4th grade students along with Mr. Sherwood's, Mr. Galvadón's, and Ms. Bergland's advisory students decided to give animals a voice and fight for their rights. Together they hosted a school-wide animal shelter drive and donated a large amount of supplies to the Denver Dumb Friends League. Mrs. Eisel's 5th graders and Ms. DeLong's advisory students are teaching others about "stranger danger." They plan on making a film about safety and hope to spark conversations and learning around staying safe. Finally, check out 3rd grade's display on the upcoming Pennies for Patients fundraiser located on the service learning bulletin board by the front office. They have collaborated with the advisory students of Ms. Schmidt's, Mrs. DelRoss', and Mr. Michel's classes and have studied about leukemia and lymphoma and discussed how these cancers can affect kids just like them. Their goal is to raise \$3,500 which would top last year's fundraiser total of \$3,000.

Traffic Safety Reminder

Please continue to exercise caution, whether your student is walking to school or is being transported by car, as we see increase construction traffic in our area. We will continue to communicate updates as they are received.

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

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.