



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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Last Day to Order Rockies Tickets is Tomorrow!

Tomorrow, Friday, April 8 at 4:00pm is your last chance to order your Rockies Tickets for the HPA community day at the ballpark on Sunday, April 24. [Click here](#) for more information and to print the order form.

Career Day is Coming!

ALL students PreK-8 will be able to dress up in their career choice on April 22nd. This is a great way for all students to explore different career options and dream BIG! Please look out for the Career Day flyer going home in Thursday folders for more information. We are still looking for volunteers to participate in the 8th Grade Career Fair on April 22nd between 1:30-3:30pm. If you are interested in participating, please reach out to Ms. Johnson, our Middle School Counselor, at sjohnson@highpointacademy.net.

Wellness Committee Meeting

All are invited to the monthly wellness committee meeting next Monday, April 11th at 4pm in the wellness classroom. If you have questions or would like information on wellness contact Ms. Chenault at kchenault@highpointacademy.net

HPA Colorguard Needs You

High Point Academy Color Guard has been selected to participate in the Just For Kix Outback Bowl Dance Team Tour, which is held in Tampa, Florida each year. The trip gives the team an opportunity of a lifetime to travel to Tampa and perform in the pre-game and halftime show at the Raymond James Stadium on January 2nd, 2017. We are asking for the High Point Academy community support on fundraising for our team. On Thursday, April 28th, the White Fence Farm has agreed to host a Family Fun Night. Proceeds for purchases made on April 28th from 11am to 8pm at White Fence Farm in Green Valley Ranch will benefit the HPA Color Guard team. Please mention you are with High Point Academy when ordering. Go High Point Academy Color Guard.

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.

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.

Art Fundraiser

Art fundraiser stickers and order forms are going home in Thursday folders today. Families have through the 13th of April to return order forms and money to the school. Orders can only be made online after that date.

ATTENTION HPA FAMILIES

High Point Academy is Enrolling for the 2016-2017 School Year.

Refer a prospective family to HPA and **your activity fee is waived** once they complete the registration process.

It's your bonus for sharing the good news about HPA!

Lemonade Stand

Mr. Poppitz's sixth grade advisory and Mrs. Gray's first grade class are hosting a lemonade stand every Friday in April and May to raise money for childhood cancer research. Lemonade is only \$1 and will be sold from 3:30-3:45 on Fridays in the front of the school! Families can learn more about this cause at www.alexslimonade.org. "Curing childhood cancer, one cup at a time."

We are also taking donations of cups and powdered lemonade. Thank you for your support.

Important Dates:

April 8: All School Community Meeting
8:10-8:40am

April 8: Last day to order \$3 Rockies Tickets for the April 24th game-see page 1 for details

April 11-15: PARCC Testing

April 11: Wellness Committee Meeting 4:00-5:00pm

April 13: Girls Soccer Game at HPA at 5:00pm

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April 14: Girls Soccer Game at HPA at 5:00pm

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April 18: Girls Soccer Game at HPA at 5:00pm

April 18: Boys Soccer Game at HPA at 6:00pm

April 20: April Governing Board Meeting

April 22: Career Day-see page 1 for details

April 22: 8th Grade Career Fair 1:30-3:30pm

April 27: Evening Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00pm

April 28: Evening Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00pm

April 28: Colorguard Fundraiser at White Fence Farm-see page 1 for details

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA families,

Our 3rd – 8th grade students will be participating in the state assessments next week. You may have heard last year Colorado's state assessments changed from the TCAP (CSAP) to the PARCC. 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 states to develop a common set of 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 next week. [Click here for our testing schedule.](#)

As you may know, we are required to administer these assessments under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. Every public school in Colorado is required to administer the PARCC to 3rd through 10th graders in reading, writing, and math; as well as 5th, 8th, and 10th graders in science each spring. As a school we have decided to use the 'paper/pencil' version of these assessments so that students can show what they know in a familiar format (as opposed to a computerized test).

The PARCC test results are used to measure school and student performance from year to year; and are used to determine a school's annual performance rating (APR). To that end, it is extremely important that your child is at school every day during the duration of the testing sessions; as well as encouraged by you to try hard and do their best.

Our staff have been working hard to prepare students for the content they'll need to know. They have also intentionally planned incentives and activities that will make the testing experience positive and fun. We want our students to know that while we expect them to do their best, the PARCC test is just one measure of who they are as a learner.

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,

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.

Labels for Education

Dear Parents/Guardians:

My name is Jacque and I am the *Labels for Education* coordinator for our school. Through the program we can collect UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from participating products to earn points that can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise!

Our goal this year is to collect 2,000 points that we can redeem for Playground equipment. It's easy to help – simply save UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from participating products and drop them off at High Point Academy.

Points can be redeemed from the following products:

- o BIC
- o Campbell's
- o Pace®
- o Pepperidge Farm
- o SpagettiOs
- o Swanson
- o V8 Beverages
- o V8 Splash
- o V8 V-Fusion

The DEADLINE to turn in UPCs and beverage/sauce caps is Monday May 2, 2016.

Thank you for your support. Together with the *Labels for Education* program – we can build a better school for our children.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Stallman

Girl Scout Troop Update

Joslyn Stallman and Tyler Elliott Cadettes from Denver Girl Scout Troop 64370, have earned their Silver Award on March 1, 2016.



The Silver Award is the second highest award of the Girl Scouts of the USA, and the highest award that a Girl Scout Cadette can earn. Only Cadette Scouts ages 11–14 or in grades 6-8 can earn the Silver Award.

Alexandria Lewis, a Junior, earned her Bronze award with them while working together on the same project.

Girls must complete a 50-hour service project that leaves a lasting impact on the community.

Their service project, "Hope for Homeless", the troop used their cookies sales profits to buy and make 60 backpacks to be given to shelters that house homeless kids. Each kit contained a blanket, teddy bear, tooth brush, tooth paste, journal, pen and a pair of socks.

We are very proud of our troop. They are our future and the future looks great!

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

NEEDED! Volunteer Garden Coordinator/Co-ordinators: Spring is fast approaching and we are in need of a garden coordinator/co-coordinators. This is the perfect opportunity to gain volunteer hours and be a part of the Garden to Cafeteria program. Under the leadership of our garden coordinator, students grow fresh fruits and vegetables in our garden and supply some of the harvest to the school cafeteria to be used at lunch service. Be a part of this volunteer opportunity by contacting Barbara Hill at bhill@highpointacademy.net.