



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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Career Day is Tomorrow!

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!

Fall Fundraiser Party and Limo Ride

This Saturday, April 23, from 11am to 1pm will be the Fall Fundraiser reward party for all students who sold at least one item during the Fall Fundraiser in October. The party will be at the school from 11am to 1pm in the gym.

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.

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!

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.

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.

Talent Show Tickets Now on Sale!

The 7th Annual HPA Talent Show is on Thursday, May 5 from 5:30-7:00pm in the gym. Tickets are now on sale for \$2 each. Please see Mrs. Gray to purchase your tickets. Cash only! Tickets are \$3 at the door so get them early and save some money.

Service Learning Update

Miss Fennell's 2nd graders and Ms. Rendon's 7th graders have been exercising their empathy skills, trying to imagine what it might be like to receive long term care in a hospital. To help those families with a seriously ill or injured loved one, they are collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please keep them in mind as you take sips from your next can! Miss Ault's 1st graders and Ms. Thomas's advisory students have also been thinking about hospital patients and their needs. Together they are partnering up with March of Dimes to spread awareness about the health of newborn babies. They even exchanged letters with families who have babies in the neonatal intensive care unit. Lastly, Mrs. Faulkenburg's kindergartners and Mr. Macip's 7th graders have been doing work around helping our environment. They created informative posters about caring for our earth and even learned about endangered animals. Check out their hard work on the service learning bulletin board.

Important Dates:

April 22: Career Day-see page 1 for details

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

April 23: Fall Fund-raiser Party and Limo Ride 11am-1pm

April 25: Girls Soccer Game at HPA at 5:00pm

April 25: Boys Soccer Game at HPA at 6:00pm

April 26: Power Hour 4:00-5:00pm

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

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

April 28: PTO Meeting 5:30pm

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

April 29: NO SCHOOL

May 2-6: Scholastic Book Fair

May 4: Coffee with Keri 8:00-8:30am

May 4: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 2:10-4:00pm

May 5: Talent Show 5:30-7:00pm

May 13: Middle School Dance 5-7pm

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA families,

We want to thank those families that have provided us valuable input and feedback by completing the family satisfaction survey. At HPA we are eager to hear what our families think about how we are doing meeting the needs of your family and children. We look carefully at the survey results to make any necessary adjustments to our programming. If you have not had a chance to complete the survey, it is not too late. Please do so. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPAFamilySatisfactionSurvey15-16>

Next week we have our last round of parent-teacher conferences. This conference will provide you with information of your child's progress this year. Their strengths and areas for growth. Please be sure to sign up with your child's teacher. Teachers work hard to prepare and share this valuable information with you.

We had a very successful state test administration. Thank you for getting your student to school and on time, we had very few make-ups and were able to wrap up the testing in record time. We also want to thank our instructional assistants, learning support team, and classroom teachers for all they did to encourage students, and provide a positive testing experience. Many of the students that I spoke with said they 'liked PARCC testing' – I'm not sure, but the extra recess time may have had something to do with it as well.

As you may know, at High Point Academy we provide and create service learning opportunities for our students at each grade level. Service learning differs from community service in that students investigate issues in the surrounding community and then determine ways that they can help. An example, is our Pennies for Patients fundraiser to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year the 3rd grade classes joined forces with a few middle school advisories to raise awareness and empower their peers to take action by raising funds. The teachers working on this project announced that HPA raised a total of \$3081.57 and that the boys beat the girls for the first time in 5 year! We are very proud of the efforts and the school-wide student contributions to make Pennies for Patients such a success!

There are many other exciting service learning projects happening these last 2 months of school. These service learning opportunities have engaged students in learning about issues that are outside their classrooms and in the real world. Students have been empowered to act and develop a stronger sense of their social responsibility and build their citizenship skills. Please be sure to swing by the library and see all the ways our students have engaged in their community, taken civic responsibility, and helped make this world a better place. We are proud of our HPA huskies!

Again, here is the link to our Family Satisfaction survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPAFamilySatisfactionSurvey15-16>

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal



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High Point Colorguard Wooden Rose Sale

High Point Academy Colorguard will be selling wooden roses for Mother's Day, Friends, Teachers or Just Because. Proceeds will help fund their trip to Tampa to perform at the Outback Bowl Pregame and Halftime Show. A flyer and order form will be placed in Thursday folders going home today April 28th. Rose bouquets are \$5 and one large single rose is \$2. Please contact Alexdiana Cruz at acquiada27@gmail.com or Charnetta Lewis at charnetta.lewis@mac.com with questions. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Safety on The Way To School

With the increase in construction traffic in our area, please be mindful of the importance of taking extra precautions, whether your child is being driven and walking to school.

For children walking to school, develop a buddy system, as it is always good to walk in groups of at least two or three. The safety of our students will continue to remain one of our top priorities.

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.

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.

Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk

High Point Academy has supported the Sanders family for a number of years at the CF Great Strides Walk in an effort to help raise awareness for Cystic Fibrosis. Two of the four Sanders children have this devastating disease and the money we raise each year goes to treatments that are making a huge difference in their everyday lives. The Sanders family is asking for our continued support as they walk on May 14th at Sloan's Lake.

Registration is online now at fightcf.cff.org or in person on the day of the walk at 8:00am. The walk will begin at 9:00am, rain or shine. Make sure you sign up for "**Karina and Keagan's HPA Team**".

Labels for Education

High Point Academy is collecting *Labels for Education*. We are currently collecting UPCs and beverage/sauce caps from participating products (see below). Collecting UPCs and caps we 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: BIC, Campbell's, Pace®, Pepperidge Farm, SpagettiOs, Swanson, V8 Beverages, V8 Splash, and 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.

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

NEEDED! Garden Volunteers: Spring is fast approaching and we are in need of garden volunteers. This is the perfect opportunity to gain volunteer hours and be a part of the Garden to Cafeteria program. Working with 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.

Volunteers Needed for Upcoming PTO Events! Click the links to learn more!

Fall Fundraiser Party April 23, 2016 www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948A5A822A5FF2-fall

Scholastic Book Fair May 2-6, 2016 www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948A5A822A5FF2-spring

Don't forget to log your volunteer hours in Help Counter.