



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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Family Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to everyone who completed the Family Satisfaction Survey. The following families have been selected to win a \$25 gift card for completing the survey.

Valisha Moody	Audrey Bixler
Stacy Root	Wendell Smith
Lake Bishop	Dhamana Stamps
Anna Roberson	Sandra Cafuentes
Mayra Ordonez	Jodi Byrnes

Please stop by the front office to pick up your prize.

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.

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.

Previous School Year Yearbooks

We have several school yearbooks from previous school years available for purchase. Each yearbook is \$5 a piece and can be purchased through Erica Wood in the office.

CF Walk and Bracelets

The third grade classes are raising money for cystic fibrosis. This is an annual event at HPA to support one of our families. The classes are selling CF bracelets for \$1 each. If you purchase a bracelet you will receive a dress down day on May 14. Students must be wearing their bracelet to participate in the dress down day. Don't have a CF bracelet? See Mrs. Harris before or after school and purchase one today!

On May 14, HPA students and staff will be participating in the Denver CF walk. It is a free event and you can still sign up to join us. We hope to see you there!

2016-2017 Registration Dates

The High Point Academy 2016-2017 school year registration dates are: July 19th & 20th from 12pm to 8pm and July 21nd from 8am to 12pm. Please plan to attend one of these days to hold your child's spot for the school year.

HPA Governing Board Announces New Board Member

Belle Fause is the Executive Director of PEBC's Boettcher Teacher Residency, charged with leading the vision, strategic planning, and organizational development of the program. She holds the Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Denver, summa cum laude, M.A. in Cultural Anthropology from the University of Denver, and Ph. D., Quantitative Research Methods, Morgridge College of Education. While working on her master's degree, Bella developed an interest in Pueblo pottery and economic transitions for indigenous populations. She enjoys exploring local cultures in rural regions.

Important Dates:

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

May 10: Power Hour
4:00-5:00pm

May 10: Girls Soccer
Game at HPA at 5:00pm

May 10: Boys Soccer
Game at HPA at 6:00pm

May 11: PARCC Rock-
ies Game Field Trip

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May 13: Dress Down
Day if you have your CF
Bracelet-see pg. 1 for
more information

May 13: Middle School
Dance 5-7pm

May 17: Power Hour
4:00-5:00pm

May 18: Governing
Board Meeting 5:30pm

May 19: Spring After
School Activities Show-
case 4:30-5:00pm

May 20: Volunteer
Luncheon 2:00pm

May 24, 25, 26: Kinder-
garten Continuation at
8:30am

May 24-26: 6th Grade
Outdoor Education Trip

May 25: 7th and 8th
Grade Field Day

May 25: 8th Grade
Continuation at 6:00pm

May 26: K-5 Field Day

May 26: PTO Meeting
5:30pm

May 27: Last Day of
School—NOON Re-
lease for all students

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA families,

As you know it is Teacher Appreciation Week and I want to join you in thanking our devoted, committed, hardworking, and passionate staff for everything that they do for our students at HPA. All of the wonderful learning experiences and programming that we offer would not be possible without their enthusiasm, dedication, and passion. I am truly blessed to be working alongside such a wonderful faculty and staff.

It's hard to believe that we are so close to the end of this school year. There's so much excitement in the building as we prepare for the many end of year happenings and we want to make sure that you are aware of all the exciting events planned.

PTO's Scholastic Book Fair is currently set up in the library to provide our students access to their great books and games. Big thanks to the PTO volunteers that have given their time to make the book fair possible. We also have our annual Talent Show this evening. It promises to be a great show and I hope you can attend.

As we look to the next couple of weeks:

Our sixth graders will spend the last week of school in Estes Park, exploring the outdoors and the wonders of nature. For many students this will be their first time away from home, for some it is their first time in the wilderness, for all of them, it is an opportunity to learn about themselves, their classmates by spending time outside their classroom and building walls. Each year we see them return filled to triumph and memories that they will cherish for years to come.

Next week will see the rigorous and thoughtful work and thinking of our 7th graders when they present their TED-TALK inspired presentations. The seventh graders have worked hard to research a topic and present their original thinking about a topic or concept. These students are an example of the power of inquiry and the ways asking questions can grow your thinking and understanding of the world around us.

Our 8th graders will have their final chance to shine during our 8th grade continuation ceremony on May 25th. Each year our advisors work hard to highlight the special attributes of each student and send the students off with wonderful memories and hopes for the future. We are excited to celebrate our graduates who are very ready for high school next year.

Kindergarten continuation ceremonies are the last week of school as well. Our Kindergarteners have demonstrated their readiness for 1st grade and have grown so much as readers, writers, mathematicians and scholars. The Kindergarten team has done an extraordinary job instilling a desire in their students to be life-long learners.

And last, but certainly not least, we have our end of year award ceremonies for students in grades 1-7. These ceremonies acknowledge the hard work and performance of students in their last quarter of school as well as all year long.

Phew... as you can see, there's still a lot of amazing events yet to come this school year. And, while the end of the school year is in sight, we are maintaining high levels of academic rigor and behavioral expectations. We thank you for supporting your child in completing the school year successfully.

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.

Free Football and Cheer Camps—click here for more information

2015-2016 Yearbook

Yearbooks are on their way. As soon as we receive them from Lifetouch we will make them available for pick-up to those who purchased them.

4th Quarter Awards Ceremonies

The fourth quarter awards ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 27.

1st and 2nd grade: 9:00am

3rd, 4th, and 5th: 10:00am

6th and 7th grade: 11:00am

Husky Wear is HERE!

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

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.

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