



# 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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## HPA Spirit Week

All week students are invited to dress to each day's theme during the week of May 23. There is no cost to participate in spirit week.

**Monday:** Twin Day

**Tuesday:** Crazy Hair Day

**Wednesday:** Color War-students wear the color assigned to their grade level

Preschool-rainbow	Kindergarten-tie die
1st grade-red	2nd grade-orange
3rd grade-yellow	4th grade-pink
5th grade-purple	6th grade-green
7th grade-blue	8th grade-black/gray/white

**Thursday:** Sports Day

**Friday:** Fancy Day

## Elementary School Field Day

Field day is Thursday May, 26<sup>th</sup> and the theme will be Superheroes. Students are more than welcome to wear superhero attire, but please be aware they may get wet and the students will be very active throughout the day. Parents are encouraged to come on by and watch their students participate in our fun and exciting events. Please make sure they bring proper shoes and attire, sunscreen, and a water bottle. The schedule is as follows:

**K & 1st Grade—8:30-10:00**

**4th & 5th Grade—10:15-11:45**

**2nd & 3rd Grade—12:45-2:15**

## 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!

## 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

## Spring Sports Season

Congratulations to the middle school boys and girls soccer teams on a great season. Thank you for your efforts, sportsmanship, and positive attitudes. It was a great season!!

Please remember to turn in soccer jerseys to Mrs. Wood before the end of the year.

## 2015-2016 Yearbook

If you ordered a school yearbook, they have arrived and are available for pick-up in the front office. Any yearbooks not picked up by Friday, May 20 will be delivered to students on Monday, May 23. Forgot to order your yearbook? We do have a limited supply of extra yearbooks available for purchase.

## 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.

## Service Learning

Please stop by the service learning bulletin board to view a collage of our accomplishments. There is so much to be celebrated! The collage will be displayed throughout next week.

## 2016-2017 Registration Dates

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

## **Important Dates:**

**May 19:** Spring After School Activities Showcase 4:30-5:00pm

**May 20:** Volunteer Luncheon 2:00pm

**May 23:** Spirit Week—Twin Day

**May 23, 24, 25:** Kindergarten Continuation at 8:30am

**May 24:** Spirit Week—Crazy Hair Day

**May 24-26:** 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip

**May 25:** Spirit Week—Color War—see pg. 1

**May 25:** 7th and 8th Grade Field Day

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

**May 26:** K-5 Field Day

**May 23:** Spirit Week—Sports Day

**May 26:** PTO Meeting 5:30pm

**May 23:** Spirit Week—Fancy Day

**May 27:** Last Day of School—NOON Release for all students

**May 27:** Awards Ceremonies 1st and 2nd grade 9:00am

**May 27:** Awards Ceremonies 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade 10:00am

**May 27:** Awards Ceremonies 6th and 7th grade 11:00am

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## Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA families,

We had a very exciting day today! It was the culmination of a yearlong partnership between High Point Academy Kindergartners and 5<sup>th</sup> graders from Denver Jewish Day School. Through a collaborative experience, our very own Kindergartners shared their knowledge and expertise of health and wellness with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders; who in return, raised money to buy each of our students a bicycle. You may be able to capture this heartfelt story of students helping students on the news this afternoon. We are so grateful to our Kindergarten team – Mrs. Gichuru, Mrs. Faulkenburg, Ms. O'Connor, Mrs. Mattern, Ms. Lord, Mr. Basnight for all their work this year to make this experience possible.

We recently conducted our annual Family Satisfaction Survey. At HPA, we truly value your input and continue to find ways to create a school culture that values the voices of all our stakeholders (students, parents, staff, board members), thus the Family Satisfaction Survey is one tool we use to gather this critical data. This year we had approximately 50% of our families complete the survey. We wanted to thank all of those families that were able to take the survey and provide your feedback. We (staff, administration and our governing board) have reviewed your feedback carefully. Here are a few highlights.

94% of families believe HPA provides a strong foundation of academic excellence and 92% of our families would recommend HPA to family or friends.

94% of families feel welcome when they visit HPA and 95% of families believe that HPA respects the different cultures that are represented in the school community.

We also ask families why they choose HPA for their children. The top four reasons families attend HPA are: stronger curriculum, the school's educational philosophy, teacher quality, and that we are an independent charter.

Another area where we ask for feedback is regarding our preschool, elementary, and middle school programming.

100% of our preschool families are satisfied with what their student is learning in preschool and believe that our preschool program is preparing their student for kindergarten. 92% of families believe that our preschool classrooms are well equipped to meet their child's needs.

92% of our elementary school families stated that they are satisfied with what their child is learning in their core subjects, and 90% agree or strongly agree that each core subject is preparing their student for the next academic level.

90% of our middle school families stated that they are satisfied with what their child is learning in each content area, 90% agree or strongly agree that each core subject is preparing their child for the next academic level.

If you would like to see more results [click here](#) for a PowerPoint that shares the highlights of the survey.

While there is always room for improvement, the overall feedback from families on our performance is positive. Our teachers and staff work so hard to meet the needs of your child and to create an exemplary school experience for your child. I am privileged to work with such a dedicated and hardworking faculty and staff.

Every school year, in the spring, we celebrate new opportunities for members of our staff community as they move on to new challenges. This year Kyle Michael, Katy Chenault, Michael Poppitz, Carmen Verdum, Nikki Loranger, Shea Johnson, Erin Harris, Marissa Delhotal, Whitney Fennell, Kaitlyn Propp, and Mollie Gichuru are either moving out of area, exploring new adventures, or taking their teaching expertise and passions to schools across the Denver metro area. While we are grateful for their service to HPA and our students, we wish them the best of luck in the next chapter of their lifelong journey.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal



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## Husky Wear is HERE!

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

## Looking for a Summer Tutor?

The following teachers are available to tutor over the summer. Click the teachers name to contact the teacher via email...

[Ms. Schmidt](#)   [Mrs. Cummins](#)

**Free Football and Cheer Camps—[click here](#) for more information**

## 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](http://www.alexslimonade.org). *"Curing childhood cancer, one cup at a time."*

## 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.

## Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

**NEEDED! Garden Volunteers:** Summer 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](mailto:bhill@highpointacademy.net).

## Color Guard Summer Camp

High Point Academy is offering a color guard camp two weeks this summer for students interested in participating in the 2016-2017 color guard season at HPA. Camps will be offered June 27-July 1 and July 11-July 15. Have questions? Contact Kathy Frazier at [katfraz77@msn.com](mailto:katfraz77@msn.com) or [check out the flyer](#) coming home in Thursday folders this week.