



Husky Talk Newsletter

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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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Volunteer Training

We have several volunteer trainings coming up this month.

- Wednesday, September 7 at 8:30am following Coffee with Keri at 8:00am; and
- During parent teacher conferences on September 21st and 22nd at 4:30pm and 6:00pm

If you are interested in working in a classroom, going on field trips, or helping at the school and have not completed the training in previous years, you need to attend this training and clear a background check before going into classrooms. Please RSVP to Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net or 303-217-5152 if you are planning to attend. If you have completed the training in a previous year you need to complete the background check annually. Please email Erica Wood to get the form to complete this process.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run starts the week of September 12th. 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 3:45-5:00 pm. Open to all HPA 3rd through 5th grade girls. Registration is now open at www.girlsontherunrockies.org

PTO UPDATE!!!

PTO meetings have been moved to the second Thursday of the month starting at 6pm. The first meeting with the new date and time is September 8th, 2016. Childcare will continue to be provided.

We are still looking for a Secretary and Treasurer. Please like us on [Facebook @ HPA PTO](https://www.facebook.com/HPA.PTO)

Lost and Found

The lost and found is now located in the cafeteria.

Power Hour

Power Hour – our FREE afterschool tutoring program starts September 6th from 4-5pm. Students can receive tutoring support and/or homework support. Students must have work to complete to attend. If students do not have work, they will be asked to leave or placed in Husky PACK at parent expense.

Carpool Reminders

During afternoon carpool please utilize both lanes in the pick-up area. The lane closest to the curb is for elementary school families and the lane closest to the diagonal parking spaces is for middle school families. Also please remember to pull all the way forward and stay in your car when picking up your child. Your child will walk to the car once the car has come to a stop.

School Safety

In order to continue to ensure the safety of our students, we are asking your help in making sure students are picked up at the corner of Dunkirk Street and 64th Avenue immediately after dismissal. We are all excited about the new development that is occurring in our neighborhood. However, it also creates an increase of traffic. Let's all do our part in keeping our High Point Academy families safe.

Playground After School

We wanted to remind all families that students are not allowed to play on the playground after school while waiting to be picked up. The only time a student may play on the playground after school is if they are being supervised by an adult. Thank you for your understanding.

Husky Wear

Did you see HPA's Husky Wear items? Visit <http://denver.educationalfitters.com/find-my-school/high-point-academy/> to order your polo shirts, hoodies, jackets, and much more.

Important Dates:

September 5: NO SCHOOL Labor Day

September 6: Power Hour 4-5pm

September 7: Coffee with Keri 8:00-8:30am

September 7: Volunteer Training 8:30am

September 8: PTO Meeting 6-7pm

September 13: Power Hour 4-5pm

September 21 & 22: Parent Teacher Conferences 4:00-8:00pm

September 21: Volunteer Training 4:30pm and 6:00pm

September 22: Volunteer Training 4:30pm and 6:00pm

September 23: NO SCHOOL

September 28: Governing Board Meeting 7-9am

September 30: School Picture Day

September 30: Jean Day \$1

October 10-13: Hearing and Vision Screening

We also have a HPA app that can be downloaded at the app store.

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2016-2017 Colorguard

High Point Academy Colorguard is now accepting new members, K-8 boys and girls, through the end of October. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:15-7:30 pm at the school. Interested in more information? Please email Kathy Frazier at katfrazi77@msn.com or come by before or after practice.

Girl Scouts

There will be a parent information night on Thursday, September 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Green Valley Ranch Library. Bring your girls to get a taste of scouting and receive more information on joining a troop. For more information before the meeting, please contact Heather Browning at heather.browning77@gmail.com or 303.668.5785.

King Soopers Gift Cards

If you shop at King Soopers, please consider helping HPA to raise money by purchasing a reloadable gift card and using it to make your purchases of groceries, gas, and more! 5% of all purchases will come back to HPA. Gift cards cost \$5 and are for sale in the office. If you have questions about the program, please contact parent Joan Cordo at jjcordo@msn.com.

Gifted and Talented Student Identification

During the week of September 20, we will be administering tests for all second grade students to determine eligibility for gifted and talented services. All other students may be recommended for testing based on specific characteristics, which can be viewed at <http://www.coloradogifted.org/>. For more information on HPA's gifted identification process, please contact kvining@highpointacademy.net or jjarriel@highpointacademy.net.

Families Looking for Carpool Help

Helping other HPA families by carpooling is a great way to build community as well as earn your parent volunteer hours. The following are families looking for help getting their children either to school or home from school. If you can help please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net

- Morning carpool help needed from Singletree area (58th Drive).
- Morning and afternoon carpool help needed from 40th and Mitchell.
- Afternoon carpool help on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday needed to 6th Ave. and Chambers Rd. area.

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

- **Library Volunteers:** The library is in need of parent volunteers. If you are interested in helping in the school library or would like more information please contact Timiya Jackson at tjackson@highpointacademy.net
- **Picture Day Volunteers:** School picture day is on Friday, September 30 this year from 8:00am to 3:00pm. Parent volunteers are needed to make this day run smoothly. If you are interested in helping from 8:00am to 12:00pm or 12:00pm to 3:00pm please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net. Parents wanting to volunteer on picture day will have to have completed the volunteer training and have an updated background check on file.
- **Hearing and Vision Volunteers:** Vision and hearing testing is October 10 through October 13. We need 10 volunteers each day from 8:15am to 3:15pm (half-day shifts are available); lunch will be provided. If you are interested please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net.
- **Outdoor Education Donations:** Calling all 7th and 8th grade families. The sixth grade team is looking for donations of equipment and clothing that your child may have worn during their outdoor education trip in sixth grade. If you have any items that your child has outgrown, but are still in good condition that you are willing to donate, please contact Mrs. Cummins at acummins@highpointacademy.net.



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Message from the Principal

Dear HPA Families,

The 2016-2017 school year is off to a wonderful start! The buzz and excitement in the building these last three weeks has been palpable. Students have already jumped into interesting content and exciting learning experiences. As you may know, at High Point Academy, we value a strong family-school partnership to best support each one of our students. The 5 steps mentioned below are great reminders of how to establish and maintain a positive home-school relationship.

Step 1: Be Supportive... of teachers: Know that teachers make mistakes and appreciate your support. Our teachers are dedicated professionals that work very hard. Teachers want to hear your concerns, so please reach out to them. Provide input and solutions regarding your child, you know your child better than anyone.

Be Supportive... of students: Students need a time and place to do their homework and they need adequate rest and sleep.

Step 2: Stay Informed... Ask your child how their school day went, set aside time to read all newsletters, notes, and emails. Ensure you are informed regarding homework requirements and systems, as well as projects and longer term assignments.

Step 3: Model respect... Discuss any issues or concerns directly with your child's teacher, share concerns directly through a phone call, email, or face to face meeting, rather than through your child. Have a positive attitude about school, the teachers, the work, and learning. Share with your child how important their education is to you and for them.

Step 4: Same page... When a plan is created by you and your child's teacher, it is important that both parties follow through with agreed upon next steps or consequences. By enrolling your child at HPA, you are agreeing to support our policies and procedures. This is critical to ensuring that all adults are on the same page regarding your child's education.

Step 5: Assume best intentions... When there is an issue, listen to your child's perspective as well as the perspective of the adult, then, together with the school, determine next steps. It is also important to praise your child each day, and focus on their strengths. Acknowledge the hard work and dedication of your child as well as your child's teacher.

If you have any questions about what your child is communicating about school, we strongly encourage you to reach out to your child's homeroom teacher or advisor. At HPA we believe that the better we understand each child, the better we can meet their learning and academic needs. We welcome this type of exchange, so that we can support your child's growth. Communicating through email typically generates the timeliest responses. As you may know, we ask HPA staff to return emails or phone calls within a 36 hour time frame.

Our first *Coffee with Keri* is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, September 7th. We will be discussing our grading and reporting practices. We will share with you the many benefits of standard-based grading and how it personalizes the information you receive about your child's progress toward our state standards.

We hope these first few weeks have gone well for you and your child. My door is always open. Please stop by, call, or email if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

With Husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal