



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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Book Character Dress Day

On October 31, students can dress up as their favorite book character. Students must have their costume idea pre-approved through their teacher and have the book in hand on Character Dress Day.

You're Invited—Author Visit

High Point Academy and the PTO are excited to invite author and guest Mark Ludy to our school on November 9th. Mark Ludy is the author of twelve children's book, a professional illustrator, and motivational speaker. Ever since he was a boy Mark loved to draw. He drew everywhere he could, in margins, assignments, and notebooks. As an adult he fostered his talents using his imagination to become a published author. Today Mark travels throughout the country bringing his motivational words to thousands of children and adults. Our day with Mr. Ludy will include several school assemblies and personal drawing time with students. **Please join Mark Ludy and High Point Academy on November 9th from 5:30-6:30pm for our family event and book signing.**

Volunteer Training

The next volunteer training will take place on Tuesday, November 1st at 4:00pm.

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.

HPA Garden

The last garden volunteer day is tomorrow, Friday, October 28th from 4-5pm. Parents and students are invited to come and help. Thank you to everyone who has helped us as we prepare our garden for winter.

Colorguard Mystery Manor

This Saturday, October 29 from 6-9pm Colorguard is hosting a haunted house fundraiser at High Point Academy. Today is the last day to purchase tickets after school at the discounted price of \$10. Tickets will be sold the day of the event for \$15. We hope to see you there!

Middle School Basketball

Middle school basketball starts in November. If your 6th, 7th, or 8th grader is interested in playing, please reach out to Mrs. Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net. Tryouts will take place on November 7 and 8 from 4-5pm in the gym. All forms and sport physicals will be due November 11 this year, so please plan accordingly.

PTO UPDATE!!!

PTO meetings have been moved to the second Thursday of the month starting at 6pm. Our next meeting will take place on Thursday, November 10 at 6:00pm. Childcare will continue to be provided.

October PTO Meeting Minutes

Power Hour

Power Hour – Our FREE afterschool tutoring program for 4th through 8th grade students occurs every Tuesday from 4-5pm. Students can receive tutoring support and/or homework support. Students must have assignments to complete to attend. If students do not have assignments, they will be asked to leave or placed in Husky PACK at the parents expense.

PTO Fall Fundraiser is Here

The PTO sponsored Fall Fundraiser starts this week. Coming home in Thursday folders today is the fundraising packet. On Nov 8th the packets and all money will be due back to the school. [Click here](#) for detailed information that is also coming home in Thursday folders today.



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Message from the Principal

Dear HPA Families,

The State of Colorado has released school preliminary performance ratings, and we are happy to share with you that High Point Academy is rated a Performance School! This is the highest rating a school can receive. The ratings are based on student PARCC and CMAS results. The state looks at student achievement, student growth from year to year, as well as the growth of certain student subgroups. Based on those measures schools receive a Performance, Improvement, Priority Improvement, or Turn Around rating. Our Performance rating is a direct result of the dedication and hard work of our teachers and staff, the effort and determination of our students, as well as the partnership and support we receive from our families.

While we celebrate and acknowledge this success, we know that there is much more work to be done. At HPA we value a growth mindset and are committed to our individual and collective continuous improvement. We actively reflect and look for ways that we can be better and smarter for kids each day. Thank you for supporting your child's teacher (s) and for trusting us with your children.

Next week is Halloween! We know that for most kids, after Christmas, Halloween is the all-time favorite day of the year. At HPA we enjoy Halloween through celebrating Book Character Day. While we consistently work to find the balance between work and play, we are excited that Monday will be more play than work. Students have been planning and discussing their costumes, and they are excited to come to school dressed in a book character.

This opportunity for "fun", just for fun's sake, provides an enjoyable experience for our students. We know that, just like adults, students can reduce stress by enjoying hobbies, time with friends, exercise, or music. And, while most schools across the country are shortening recess, physical education, art, and eliminating cultural events to add more time for core subjects, at HPA we continue to value these programs and activities – such as our Book Character Day and Parade. We use these opportunities as a brief break in core subjects and academics to give our students a chance for fun with their friends, teachers, and community. These types of activities are often what students' remember long after they complete elementary and middle school.

At the same time that we find an appropriate way to celebrate Halloween with Book Character Day, we also celebrate Halloween with fun activities that do not include candy, please help us ensure that we adhere to our wellness policy and students are not bringing candy to school. We know that limiting candy and sugar is best for kids' health. We also want to make sure that student costumes are suitable for our school setting. Please help us ensure that students come to school dressed appropriately.

We appreciate your support of our policies and we hope you all have a festive and safe Halloween.

With Husky Pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities, Upcoming Events, and more on page 3.

Important Dates:

October 27: PTO Fall Fundraiser Starts—see pg. 1 for details

October 28: \$1 Jean Day for students

October 29: Cross Country 8:00am at Vanguard West

October 29: Colorguard Mystery Manor 6-9pm

October 31: Book character Dress Day

November 1: Volunteer Training 4:00pm

November 1: Power Hour 4-5pm

November 5: Volleyball and Flag Football Playoff Tournament

November 6: Girls on the Run 5k at Washington Park at 10:00am

November 7 & 8: Middle School Basketball Tryouts 4-5pm

November 8: PTO Fall Fundraiser Money and Order Forms Due—see pg. 1 for details

November 8: Power Hour 4-5pm

November 9: Mark Ludy Author Presentation 5:30-6:30pm—book signing to follow

November 9: Coffee with Keri 8-8:30am

November 10: Class Picture Day and Individual Picture Retakes

November 10: Math and Literacy Night 5-6pm

November 10: PTO Meeting 6-7pm

November 15: Power Hour 4-5pm

November 18: \$1 Jean Day for students

November 21-25: NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

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Square One Art Fundraiser

Dear HPA Family,

Did you know the arts are the foundational building blocks for all the other educational disciplines? That's why we have partnered with your child's school to create a unique opportunity to celebrate their artistic accomplishments while raising much needed funds for the school.

Coming home soon will be your child's custom catalog featuring their artwork. Won't you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The school earns profit from every order. And as a thank you for participating, we provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork – absolutely FREE!

Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.)

Together, we can help support the school, build your child's self-esteem, and create lasting keepsakes from your child's artistic achievements.

Mr. G (Art teacher)

Husky Wear

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

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

The Art class is starting a plastic cap drive for a school mural. We are looking for any plastic caps that screw on (i.e. water bottle caps, orange juice caps, Gatorade caps, peanut butter caps, etc.). We need large caps too (hair products, ice cream containers, and food products). There is a drop off station in the front hallway of the school.

The 8th grade service learning project is looking for donations of some empty shoe boxes with lids. We need six more boxes. Please email Ms. Schmidt at jschmidt@highpointacademy.net if you would like to donate.