



# 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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## After School Activities

The winter session of after school activities starts on Thursday, January 12 and will run for eight weeks every Thursday through March 9. Sign-up forms went home in Thursday folders before break, but you can view and print the form on the HPA website under Current Families-Activities. This round of activities features Minecraft, Science ROCKS, Arts and Crafts, Yoga, and Photography and Scrapbooking. Please turn in forms and money to the front office by Wednesday, January 11. Teachers will not accept registration or payment for activities.

## Volunteer Training

The next volunteer training will take place during conferences on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30pm and Thursday, January 26 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](mailto: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.

## Carpool Help Needed

We have a few families who are in need of help getting their children to and from school.

AM carpool help needed on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 104th Avenue and Tower Road.

AM and PM carpool help needed Monday-Friday from 38th Avenue and Peoria Street.

If you are able to help please contact Erica Wood at [ewood@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ewood@highpointacademy.net). Need volunteer hours? Helping a family with carpool qualifies as volunteer time. Contact Erica Wood for more details.

## SAVE THE DATE—Open House

**Thursday, January 12, 2017; 6:00 pm**

**Saturday, January 21, 2017; 10:00 am**

Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to learn more about the educational opportunities at HPA.

## PTO UPDATE!!!

PTO meetings have been moved to the second Thursday of the month starting at 6pm. Our next meeting will take place tonight, Thursday, January 12 at 6:00pm. Childcare will continue to be provided.

## Governing Board Meeting

The next Governing Board meeting is Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30am. Families and staff are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

## 2nd Quarter Awards Ceremonies

The second quarter awards ceremonies will take place Thursday, January 19 and Friday, January 20 in the gymnasium.

**Thursday, January 19, 2017**

7th Grade—11:50am-12:20pm

**Friday, January 20, 2017**

6th grade—11:20-11:50am

8th Grade—11:50am-12:20pm

Kindergarten & 1st—12:30-1:15pm

2nd & 5th Grade—1:30-2:15pm

3rd & 4th Grade—2:30-3:15pm

## 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.

## Important Dates:

**January 10:** Power Hour  
4-5pm

**January 10:** Girls Basketball Game vs. Aurora Academy at HPA at 5:00pm

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**January 11:** Coffee with Keri 8:00am

**January 12:** Winter Session of After School Activities starts 3:45-4:45pm—see pg. 1 for details

**January 12:** PTO Meeting 6:00pm

**January 12:** New Family Open House and Information **Session** 6-7pm

**January 13:** End of 2nd Quarter

**January 16:** NO SCHOOL—MLK Day

**January 17:** Girls Basketball Game vs. Omar D. Blair at Omar D. Blair at 4:30pm

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**January 19:** 7th Grade Quarter 2 Awards Assembly 11:50am

**January 19:** Middle School Exhibition Night 5-7pm

**January 19:** 5th Grade Middle School Night 5:30-7:00pm

**January 20:** Student Jean Day for \$1

**January 20:** K-6th and 8th Grade Quarter 2 Awards Assemblies 11:20-3:15pm

**January 21:** New Family Open House and Information **Session** 10-11am

**January 25 & 26:** Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

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## Message from the Principal

Dear High Point Academy families,

As stated in our mission, a unique attribute of our school is our commitment to working closely with our families to support each and every student's achievement. While some schools are removing conferences from their schedule, we intentionally devote time in our school calendar to meet with families at the beginning, middle, and end of each year. We remain committed to conferences so that you learn about your child's progress, you gain a better understanding of their ability, and find out about their academic achievement. Additionally, it's a time to connect with your child's teacher and helps you to better understand what your student's life is like at school.

This year we are excited to launch a conference structure that supports these values and provides students a unique opportunity to take ownership of their learning and hone in on their communication and presentation skills – attributes that are critical to success in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. At our next conference cycle, January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, your child will lead their conference in what is called a **student-led conference**.

Student-led conferences are exactly what they imply; students take the lead on sharing examples of their learning and work. The role of the parent in the conference is to celebrate their child's learning and growth as well as ask questions to push their child's thinking. The role of the teacher happens largely prior to the actual conference by helping the student prepare for the work and reflections they'll be sharing. The teacher is also present at the conference to answer any questions, support the student if they get stuck, and most importantly to celebrate your child's growth and success.

I'm sure it goes without saying that your child must be present at the conference. Your child is working hard over the next few weeks to prepare for this conference and we are expecting 100% of families to attend.

Report cards will be given to families after the conference. If you have any questions about your child's grades, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher. While grades are not the primary focus of the conference, your child may discuss their grades with you. Students often share steps they will take to improve any poor grades, or goals they have for the next quarter. We find when students discuss their grades with their families they take more ownership and accountability for their progress. Student STAR Reading and Math scores will be shared during the conference. Some grade levels may have multiple student-led conferences occurring at the same time. This structure allows families more time to look at their child's work. Some grade levels will have one student-led conference at a time. All student-led conferences will be scheduled back-to-back so please be mindful of your scheduled start and end time.

As always please reach out with any questions. We look forward to celebrating your child's growth and learning at conferences.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Keri Melmed  
Chief Academic Officer/Principal

### Girls on the Run—Spring Program

Girls on the Run will start the week of March 6th. 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 3:45-5:00pm and is open to all 3rd through 5th grade girls at High Point Academy. Watch for registration info coming in February. For more information about the program go to [www.girlsontherunrockies.org](http://www.girlsontherunrockies.org). Questions? Contact: Site Coordinator, [Erica Wood](#).

### 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 parent's expense.

**See page 3 for volunteer and donation opportunities.**



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## Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

**The Art class is continuing their plastic cap drive for a school mural.** They are in need of any plastic caps that screw on (i.e. water bottle caps, orange juice caps, Gatorade caps, peanut butter caps, etc.). They 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.

**Donations Needed!:** Seventh graders are seeking your help in donating items for their culminating event. They have been hard at work this quarter writing historical-fiction scripts that will be performed at the Middle School Exhibition on January 19<sup>th</sup>. The seventh grade math students are exploring ratios and will be creating costumes for the performance. School-wide art classes are creating sets and props with various artistic concepts. Please consider donating any of the items below which will greatly assist us in completing our projects. Materials are needed by **Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**. Please contact [kdelong@highpointacademy.net](mailto:kdelong@highpointacademy.net) or [pfredericks@highpointacademy.net](mailto:pfredericks@highpointacademy.net) regarding donations.

Newspapers

Bag of balloons

Black paint (acrylic or tempera)

Bed sheets

Yarn – light gray or silver

Fabric, thread, and machine needles

Sewing machine (to have or borrow)