



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 Talent Show is Coming

HPA's 7th annual talent show will be on April 26th from 5:00-6:30pm. Talent show auditions will take place Tuesday, March 21st from 3:45-5:00 and Wednesday, March 22 from 2:15-4:00. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up for an audition time via doodle.com.

LAST CHANCE—Yearbooks On Sale!

Friday, March 24th is the last day to purchase your 2016-2017 school yearbook. [Click here](#) for order information. All forms and money need to be turned into the front office by 4:00pm on 3/24/17.

Quarter 3 Awards Ceremonies

Quarter three awards ceremonies will take place on Thursday, March 23 for seventh grade and Friday, March 24 for kindergarten through sixth grade and eighth grade.

Thursday Award Ceremony Times:

7th grade—11:50-12:20

Friday Award Ceremony Times:

6th grade—11:20-11:50

8th grade—11:50-12:20

Kindergarten and 1st grade—12:30-1:15

2nd and 3rd grade—1:30-2:15

4th and 5th grade—2:30-3:15

KICKING OFF 2017 WITH KINDNESS CONTINUES!

Wednesday, April 5th is Sports Team Day. All students are invited to wear their favorite sports team jersey, shirt, or hoodie with their uniform bottoms.

Wristbands are for sale in Ms. Monroe's classroom (room 25) and all the money raised will go towards HPA's Student Council. Make sure you get yours today!

HPA Introducing A More Streamlined Registration Process

We've redesigned our registration process with our families in mind. Each family will receive a red folder on Thursday, March 16th for each child. All you do is review the information, make the necessary changes, sign, and return the folder. This serves as your child's registration form for 2017-2018. For families that wish to pay the 2017-2018 activity fee, simply enclose the fee in the envelope provided in the folder. That's it until the final registration process that will take place in July.

Husky PACK Summer Day Camp

We are happy to announce the first annual summer Husky PACK day camp.

This camp will include a variety of activities designed to offer students a fun but educational experience. Some examples of activities the camp will offer include weekly field trips, team building exercises, arts and crafts, ecology, and academic enrichment in reading and mathematics.

Camp will consist of eight one week sessions. Families will be able to register for session(s) based on their needs.

Families will be required to put down a \$15 deposit per session per child to hold their child's spot. This \$15 fee is nonrefundable. However this fee will be applied toward the weekly camp fee of \$150.

For more information please contact Ms. Jackson at tjackson@highpointacademy.net

High Point Academy Has Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse

Are you thinking of home furnishings? If so, support our school at the same time.

Check out the flyer in Thursday folders for more information.

Questions regarding the program can be directed to Barbara Hill at bhill@highpointacademy.net.

Important Dates:

March 21: Talent Show Auditions
3:45-5:00pm

March 22: Governing Board Meeting
7:30-9:30am

March 22: Talent Show Auditions
2:15-4:00pm

March 22: Girls Soccer Game vs. Vanguard at 5:00pm at HPA

March 22: Boys Soccer Game vs. Vanguard at 6:00pm at HPA

March 23: 7th Grade Awards Ceremony

March 24: K-6th Grade and 8th Grade Awards Ceremonies

March 27-31: NO SCHOOL—Spring Break

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Message from the Principal

Dear High Point Academy families,

Displaying student work sends students an important message, that we value what they do and what they create; that this is their school and space; and that we are inspired by and learn from each other. This year more than ever, I'm sure you have noticed the student artwork that has been displayed throughout the building. Mr. Gavaldon (Mr. G), our Arts Teacher, spends countless hours hanging and displaying student work. He has helped transform our building into a canvas of student creations, revealing the varied artists and genres the students have studied.

Most recently, our middle school students learned about David Shillinglaw, a British Pop Artist. They created a 30 foot mural that was inspired by Shillinglaw's work in Cleveland. You can see the piece hanging near the staircase. Students were so taken by his work that they asked Mr. G to write to him for his opinion. Mr. G shared the communication with me, and it was so touching, I wanted to share it with the entire community. It exemplifies the ways in which our teachers are inspiring our students, the ways that our teachers share their passion with our students, and the ways that teacher passion trickles down to stimulate and motivate our kids.

Mr. Gavaldon wrote, *"My class wanted to reach out and thank you for doing what you're doing. Thank you for the art and inspiring young artists. My students are curious to get your professional opinion on their art work. If you have time, we would love to hear from you. I included some pictures of our 30 foot mural."*

Mr. Shillinglaw's response, *"Hi Mr. G, and students. I am blown away. I received your email very late last night, in my studio, trying to make paintings, and not feeling great about it to be honest, your email put a huge smile on my face. I am humbled that you have been inspired by my work in Cleveland, and I have to say, some of your work has inspired me, and made me think again about how I am making art. It is a rare opportunity that I get to see my own work through other people's eyes. Thank you."*

As I'm sure you can imagine, it was a great surprise and incredibly moving to hear back from Shillinglaw. If you haven't had the opportunity to come inside our building, it's well worth it. Mr. G keeps the art projects current and varied, from interactive art installations, to culminating projects. You'll find work displayed from our kindergartners to our eighth graders. It is truly a visually rich landscape that reveals the amazing creativity of our HPA huskies.

At this point in the school year each student at HPA has had the opportunity to take Art with Mr. Gavaldon and their projects have been or are currently displayed. If you have a moment, please join me in thanking Mr. G for growing a tremendous art program at our school and supporting our students in growing their own creative capacity. Use this link: jgavaldon@highpointacademy.net to send him a quick email to thank him for all his hard work and dedication.

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal



Husky Wear

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

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2017-2018 School Calendar

[Click here](#) to view, download, and/or print the 2017-2018 school calendar. Paper copies are also available in the front office.

Volunteer Training

If you are interested in working in a classroom, going on field trips, or helping at the school and have not completed the volunteer training in a previous year, you need to attend a training and clear a background check before going into classrooms and working with students. Please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net or 303-217-5152 to see when the next volunteer training is taking place. 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.

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

None at this time.
Please check back in April for upcoming opportunities.