



# 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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## LAST CHANCE to buy your 2016-2017 School Yearbook!

Friday, April 14th 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 4/14/17.

## CO Rockies Tickets on Sale NOW!

High Point Academy is hosting a community night at the ballpark on Saturday, May 13th. The Colorado Rockies will be playing the Los Angeles Dodgers at 6:10pm at Coors Field. Tickets are \$3 each and can be ordered using the form coming home in Thursday folders today. [Click here](#) to view and print the order form. Please return this form with money (CASH ONLY) to the front office by April 28 to reserve your tickets (20 ticket maximum per family).

## HPA Teacher Selected for Summer Apprenticeship

Josh Macip, High Point Academy's K-8<sup>th</sup> grade Spanish teacher, was recently notified that he will be joining a very select group of 12 teachers to participate in a TPRS summer apprenticeship. TPR Storytelling (Teaching Proficiency through Reading and Storytelling) is a method of teaching foreign languages. TPRS lessons use a mixture of reading and storytelling to help students learn a foreign language in a classroom setting. Sr. Macip will be participating with Karen Rowan, author and speaker on TPRS, and Steven Krashen, co-creator of the Natural Approach, which aims to foster naturalistic language acquisition in a classroom setting. This is an amazing opportunity for Sr. Macip to be facilitating alongside the founders of the methodologies that are currently used in his classroom, as well as the support systems he will be bringing back to the students and families at HPA.

Congratulations, Sr. Macip!

## HPA Introducing A More Streamlined Registration Process

**REMINDER**—Please return your 2017-2018 registration red folder to the front office. The red folders were sent home on March 16th. This serves as your registration for the upcoming school year. If you need a replacement form please contact Jill Fitz at [jfitz@highpointacademy.net](mailto:jfitz@highpointacademy.net)

## 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.

Registration is due by May 1st, 2017.

For more information please contact Mrs. Jackson at [tjackson@highpointacademy.net](mailto:tjackson@highpointacademy.net)

## Talent Show Tickets Now on Sale!

The 8th Annual HPA Talent Show is on Wednesday, April 26th from 5:00-6:30pm in the gym. Tickets are now on sale for \$2 each. Please see Mrs. Gray to purchase your tickets. Cash only! Tickets are \$3 at the door so get them early and save some money. All money from ticket sales will go towards High Point Academy's Student Council program.

## Important Dates:

**April 8:** Garden Work Day 8-10am

**April 10-14:** 3rd through 8th Grade PARCC Testing

**April 12:** Coffee with Keri 8:00am

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**April 16:** Garden Work Day 4-5pm

**May 1:** Last Day to Register for HPA Husky PACK Summer Day Camp

## SAVE THE DATE

**April 26:** 8th Annual High Point Academy Talent Show

**May 6:** Garden Work Day 8-10am

**May 15:** Garden Work Day 4-5pm

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## Message from the Principal

Dear High Point Academy families,

Dear HPA Families,

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be participating in the state assessments next week. You may remember that Colorado adopted new academic standards and with that came a new assessment system which is called the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). CMAS includes the social studies and science tests. During the transition, Colorado joined a consortia of states known as PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers), which assesses our students in English language arts and mathematics. [Click here](#) for our testing schedule.

Every public school in Colorado is required to administer the PARCC and CMAS tests to 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders in English language arts and math; as well as 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders in science, and (when selected by the state) social studies in 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade each spring. As a school we have decided to use the 'paper/pencil' version of these assessments so that students can show what they know in a familiar format (as opposed to a computerized test).

The PARCC and CMAS test results are used to measure school and student performance from year to year; and are used to determine a school's annual performance rating (APR). To that end, it is extremely important that your child is at school every day during the duration of the testing sessions; as well as encouraged by you to try hard and do their best.

Our staff has been working hard to prepare students for the content they'll need to know. They have also intentionally planned incentives and activities that will make the testing experience positive and fun. In fact, in between tests, teachers have planned extremely fun activities that your child won't want to miss. We do this so that our students know that while we expect them to do their best, the PARCC and CMAS test is just one measure of who they are as a learner.

At this month's *Coffee with Keri* we will discuss the state assessments and ways families can support their child(ren) during this time. The most important thing to do is **stay positive and encourage your child to try their best; help ensure that they get a good night's sleep**, and that they are **in school and on time**.

Together we can support our kids and ensure a positive testing experience. If you have questions about the state assessments, please feel free to reach out to me by phone, email, or stop by my office.

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal



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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](mailto: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.

## 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](mailto:bhill@highpointacademy.net).

## Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

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

## 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.

## KICKING OFF 2017 WITH KINDNESS CONTINUES!

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!