



Dear High Point Academy Families,

Every American has been affected by recent tragedies at schools and in our communities. Unfortunately, some of the most affected are the youngest members of our community. Fortunately, our students are strong and resilient and many of them have used these tragedies to begin to find their voice and express their feelings and opinions. On March 14th students across the country will participate in activities to remember the victims of the Parkland, FL tragedy. At HPA, we have decided to take this as an opportunity to empower our students, ensure that they feel safe, and help them find their voice on issues that are important to them. To be clear, this day will not be a day to make political statements or protest against any specific issue or organization. This will be a day to celebrate the power we all have to build safe communities and create the future we want to live in. This day will be about recognizing our students' diverse viewpoints and perspectives, as well as celebrating the many aspects of our lives and experiences that we have in common.

To that end, on Wednesday, March 14th we will have a HPA Husky PRIDE day. Students can come to school wearing HPA colors (green and gold), or husky wear. Students in each grade level may participate in discussions and activities that allow them an opportunity to engage in this national movement.

Specifically:

Students in primary grades will focus on the theme of – helpers - Who are the helpers? Helpers are Superheroes! Thank a helper! I can be a helper. Students will learn about ways we help one another and how the helpers in our society work to keep us safe.

Students in intermediate grades will focus on the theme of – community – What is a community? How are we all connected? How can I connect and support others to feel connected? Students will discuss the ways communities work to support one another, and ways that we can ensure that all members of our community feel connected.

Students in middle school will focus on the theme of – impact – Who has made an impact? How can I make an impact? What will my impact be? Students will take time to think about ways that they want to make a difference and what kind of impact they want to have on our society.

We know that children are our future. At High Point we work hard to support students to be the change we want to see in our world. So while we will not be 'walking-out' on March 14th we will be actively engaged in developmentally appropriate ways.

As educators we work hard to grow students that care about the world around them. We encourage you to talk with your student about these events and share your hopes and dreams for our future. We know that our greatest strength is coming together and supporting one another to ensure that our schools are safe places for students to learn, grow and develop into the leaders of tomorrow.

If you'd like to participate in these events, please feel free to join us on March 14th at 10AM. Please reach out to any admin if you have any questions.
Thanks for your continued support!

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed