



# Husky Talk Newsletter

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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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## Like HPA of Facebook

If you're on Facebook, like High Point Academy to receive school updates in your newsfeed.

## NFL Day

Students are invited to wear their favorite NFL sports team top with their uniform pants on Monday, September 11th to celebrate the Monday Night Football Game Broncos vs. Chargers.

## School Newsletters

HPA school newsletters are sent out bi-weekly. These publications are sent out electronically via email. For the first few editions we will also be printing them and sending them home in Thursday folders. If you would like to continue to receive a paper copy throughout the year please contact Tonya Gray at 303-217-5152 or via email at [tgray@highpointacademy.net](mailto:tgray@highpointacademy.net)

## Bikes and Scooters On Campus

Please encourage your child (ren) to not ride bikes or scooters on the sidewalks around the school. Students are asked to walk their bikes or scooters when they are near the school. This will ensure that everyone is safe while coming to school and leaving school each day.

## Parenting the Love and Logic

What if I told you there were tools out there that could help parents "avoid un-avoidable power-struggles and arguments," or how you can "stay calm when your kids do incredibly upsetting things"? There are, and our Middle School Counselor, Rachel Bauer, will be teaching these skills in Parenting the Love and Logic Way. These classes will be held the second Wednesday of each month from 6-8pm at the school, September through March (excluding December). Dinner & Childcare are provided.

Are you curious about what this is all about? Please join us on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 6 PM – 8 PM.

## 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.

## 2017-2018 Student Council

Is your fourth through eighth grader interested in joining High Point Academy's 2017-2018 Student Council? If so, there is a meeting taking place after school on Thursday, September 14th from 4:00-5:00 pm in Ms. Fredericks classroom.

## Volunteer Training

We have several volunteer trainings coming up. 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 a previous year, you need to attend this training and clear a background check before working with children at the school.

Wednesday, September 13 at 8:30am following Coffee with Keri at 8:00am, Wednesday, September 20 at 5:30pm and Thursday, September 21 at 6:00pm.

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.

## Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed to help score home volleyball games on Monday, September 18th from 4:45 to 6:00pm and Thursday, October 5th from 4:15 to 5:30pm. Please contact Mrs. Wood at [ewood@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ewood@highpointacademy.net) if you are able to help out.

Upcoming Garden Work Day Opportunities: Tuesday, September 12th from 4-5pm, Tuesday, October 17th from 4-5pm, and Tuesday, October 24th from 4-5pm. Please contact Garden Coordinators, Paige Fredericks, [pfredericks@highpointacademy.net](mailto:pfredericks@highpointacademy.net), or Emily DelRoss, [edelross@highpointacademy.net](mailto:edelross@highpointacademy.net), if you are interested in joining the fun.

## **Important Dates:**

**September 11:** NFL Day—see pg. 1 for more details

**September 12:** Garden Work Day 4-5pm

**September 13:** Coffee with Keri 8:00am

**September 13:** Volunteer Training 8:30am

**September 13:** Parenting the Love and Logic Way—see pg. 1 for details

**September 14:** Student Council Meeting 4-5pm

**September 15:** Welcome Back Rockies Game 6:40pm

**September 18:** Volleyball Games vs. Global Village Academy at HPA 5:00pm and 6:00pm

**September 19:** Cross Country 1 Mile Meet at Vanguard West Campus 5:00pm

**September 19:** Flag Football Games vs. Highline Academy at HPA 5:00pm and 6:00pm

**September 20:** Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

**September 20:** Volunteer Training at 5:30pm

**September 21:** Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

**September 21:** Volunteer Training at 6:00pm

**September 22:** NO SCHOOL

### **High Point Academy Has Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse**

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

Questions regarding the program can be directed to Erica Wood at

[ewood@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ewood@highpointacademy.net)

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## Message from the Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

The 2017-2018 school year is off to a wonderful start! The buzz and excitement in the building these last four weeks has been palpable. Thank you for helping your child transition from the ease of summer vacation to the structure of the school day. We know it's not easy getting to bed early and we appreciate you getting your child to school on time and ready to learn!

Now that we are back in school, and children spend much of their day at school, you may wonder how to keep informed about the things they are doing and learning. At HPA, we make great efforts to keep the door of communication open between you and the school. To help keep our families informed about classroom and school happenings, teachers will email, blog, or send home newsletters that highlight what students are learning, and in some cases important upcoming assignments. Please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher if you haven't received any communication. Student grades are tracked on Power School, which is another avenue that can keep you informed about your child's progress. Every other week, you should be receiving the Husky Newsletter with important messages from the office on line and in Thursday Folders.

We also want to encourage parents to talk with your child about their school day. Talking about school and how they are feeling about school can be supportive and help your child navigate their growing independence. Many parents wonder how to talk to their child about their school day. When they ask their child how their day was, student responses can be very limited, "fine" or "good" which doesn't tell you a whole lot. Here are some of our favorite questions that parents can ask their child to provoke a more meaningful conversation about school. These open-ended, yet specific, questions are a great way to support your child in sharing about their day.

#### TOP TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR DAY:

10. What was the most interesting thing someone said at school today?
9. How did you help someone today? Or, how did someone help you today?
8. If you were able to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?
7. Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to? Or, who in your class would you like to spend more time with?
6. Where do you play the most at recess? Or, what do you play with at recess? Or, who do you play with at recess?
5. When were you happiest today? Why?
4. What was the funniest thing that happened at school today?
3. What's the biggest difference between last year and this year, so far?
2. Can you teach me one thing you learned today in school?
1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?

If you have any questions about what your child is communicating about school, we strongly encourage you to reach out to your child's homeroom teacher or advisor. At HPA we believe that the better we understand each child, the better we can meet their learning and academic needs. We welcome this type of exchange, so that we can support your child's growth. Communicating through email typically generates the timeliest responses. As you may know, we ask HPA staff to return emails or phone calls within a 36 hour time frame.

We hope these first few weeks have gone well for you and your child.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed