



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 Field Day Fundraiser

On May 8, 2015 the PE department will be holding a sports day to help raise money for field day supplies.

For \$1 a piece students can wear jeans, a sport top with the team on their choice and a sport hat with the team of their choice. We look forward to a great day celebrating football and physical education at HPA.

PE Movie Night-Wreck-It Ralph

WHEN: Thursday, May 14th 4pm-5:30pm

WHERE: High Point Academy Gymnasium

COST: \$3 per student. Includes: Movie, Popcorn and Bottled Water

Mr. Maynes and Mr. Michel will be hosting P.E. Movie Night to raise money for Field Day, in which 100% of the proceeds will help purchase supplies. Once students are released at the end of the day, students participating will be sent to gym to watch Wreck-it Ralph. At the door students will pay for their movie ticket, receive a bottle of water as well as a bowl of popcorn. Students will be allowed to sit anywhere they want in the gym to get comfortable for the movie. The movie will start at 4pm and end at 5:30pm. At 5:30pm parents will be responsible for picking their students up from the gymnasium.

SAVE THE DATE: K-5 Field Day is May 28

HPA Talent Show

The 6th Annual HPA Talent Show is on Wednesday, May 13 from 5:00-6:30pm in the gym. Tickets are now on sale for \$2 each. Please see Mrs. Axelrod to purchase your tickets. Cash only! Tickets are \$3 at the door so get them early and save some money.

All students who are performing in the talent show must attend the mandatory dress rehearsal on Monday, May 11 from 3:45-5:00pm in the gym. Students must have their costume, music and any props needed with them.

May Breakfast and Lunch Menu

Class Photos

We have extra class photos available for purchase if you did not order one in March. There are a limited number of pictures available so it will be first come first serve. Pictures are \$10 each, cash or check only. Please make checks out to Lifetouch. Email [Erica Konieczny](#) if you are interested in purchasing your child's class photo.

The Wellness Team Needs Your Help

Please take a moment to complete this [6 question survey](#). Don't panic, this will only consume the few precious moments you have left today. As you may know, the Wellness Team is back in action this year and we have been stewing over thought-provoking questions around wellness at HPA. This survey was designed to help our team assess what's currently cooking with HPA Families. We plan to create our master recipe for next steps with wellness efforts based on your responses and suggestions. Thanks in advance for your help!

CF Walk and Bracelets

The third grade classes and Mr. Michel's and Ms. Schmidt's advisory groups are raising money for cystic fibrosis. This is an annual event at HPA to support one of our families. The classes are selling CF bracelets for \$1 each. If you purchase a bracelet you will receive some incentive dress down days, including blue shirt day on May 11 (blue is the official CF color) and a dress down day on May 14. Students must be wearing their bracelet to participate. Don't have a CF bracelet? See Ms. Baldwin or Ms. Schmidt before or after school and purchase one today!

On May 16, HPA students and staff will be participating in the Denver CF walk. It is a free event and [you can still sign up](#) to join us. We hope to see you there!

2015-2016 School Calendar-UPDATED

[Click here](#) to view, download, and/or print the updated 2015-2016 school calendar. Paper copies are also available in the front office. **Please note that the required student testing day in August has moved to Wednesday, August 12.**



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Message from the Chief Academic Officer

Dear HPA Families,

As the summer months off are quickly approaching, I wanted to share some ideas about preventing summer learning loss. One of the greatest challenges we face with our school calendar is that it coincides with the agrarian calendar of the past, which leaves up to 12 weeks of nonacademic time. In extreme cases it can cause students at every grade level to digress three or more months in their academic skills. There are things we can do to prevent the learning loss and in some cases help students close learning gaps and perform at higher levels during the upcoming school year. While your child won't opt to study during the sunny leisurely days of summer, it is critical to make time for learning and to keep them engaged. Here are a few tips to help ensure your child spends time with reading, writing, math, science and art this summer.

- Set aside time. Make it part of each day that your child reads and writes 15-30 minutes each day. Encourage your child to track the books they are reading and their reading time. This will help keep it from being overlooked. The fun filled summer days provide great topics for your child to write or journal about each day and can greatly improve your child's written language skills. Your child can create a "summer 2015" book that includes drawings, illustrations, and text that describes their adventures from the summer. Taking time just three or four days a week to work on math skills can help close gaps in their math skills and preserve what they learned this school year. Using flashcards, completing math word problems, and tracking your child's mathematical thinking will keep your child prepared for next school year.
- Community resources. There are a wide range of activities that the local libraries provide with regard to reading and literacy. Libraries offer reading challenges and incentive programs, story times, reading groups, and other exciting programming. Be sure to utilize this free resource. Taking your child to the public library to check out books of interest will greatly support their reading skills and help develop a love of reading for enjoyment. Recreational centers are another great resource. Most recreational centers provide opportunities for students to engage in creative, hands-on projects that stimulates their thinking and creativity.
- Online resources. There are many worthwhile online resources that will help keep your child engaged in reading, math, science, and even art. Take advantage of educational websites that are fun and interactive and push your child's thinking, problem-solving, and creative skills. [Click here](#) for a list of sites.
- Summer learning packets. Many of our teachers prepare a summer learning packet. Reach out to your child's teacher to see if they have one for you to take home. Each child must work through the packet provided by their teacher. These packets are a great resources as it directly connects with the learning they have completed this year, as well as prepares them for the learning to come.

While the end of the school year is in sight, we are maintaining high levels of academic rigor and behavioral expectations. Thank you for supporting your child in completing the school year successfully.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed
Chief Academic Officer

Important Dates:

May 7: Girls Soccer Game at KIPP: Montbello at 4:45pm

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May 7-10: Middle School Washington DC Trip

May 8: Sports Day-see pg.1 for details

May 11: Talent Show Dress Rehearsal 3:45-5:00pm

May 12: Power Hour 3:50-5:00pm

May 13: HPA Talent Show 5:00-7:30pm

May 14: Dress Down Day if you have your CF Bracelet-see pg. 1 for more information

May 14: PE Movie Night Fundraiser 4:00-5:30pm

May 15: NO SCHOOL-Teacher PD Day

May 16: Garden Work Day-see pg.1 for details

May 18: Governing Board Meeting 5:30pm

May 19: Power Hour 3:50-5:00pm

May 19-21: 6th Grade Outdoor Education Trip



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IMPORTANT!!

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. If your student has medication at school, it will need to be picked up prior to May 27, 2015. Medications may not be kept at school through the summer and any medication that is not picked up will be disposed of per school policy [this includes inhaler and Epi-pens].

If you have any questions please contact Pam Brunner Nii, BSN, RN, NCSN School Nurse Consultant, 303-829-5362 or Amanda Molina, Health Aide Assistant at High Point Academy.

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HPA Washington D.C. Trip May 7th-10th

We are pleased to announce that 13 of our middle school students will be traveling to Washington DC on Thursday, May 7th to visit our nation's capital.

This is the first trip of hopefully many that our middle school students will be able to attend. Stay tuned next year for more information as we partner with Global Travel Alliance.

Important End of Year Lunch Information

As of Friday, May 15 students without money in their mylunchmoney.com account or money in hand when going through the lunch line will not receive a lunch. Please plan accordingly.

Additionally, if your child will not be returning in the fall to High Point Academy you must fill out a [refund request form](#) to get any extra money in your child's account refunded. You can contact Jasmine, the HPA Lunch Coordinator, with questions about this process.

Seeking Young Philanthropists

The Young Philanthropists Foundation is seeking outstanding and passionate young leaders in 4th through 7th grade for the Impact Factory. [Click here](#) to learn more about the program and submit an application.

Square 1 Art Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Square 1 Art fundraiser. Orders will be arriving soon.

The First Tee Green Valley Ranch

[Click here](#) for program information. [Click here](#) for registration information and paperwork.

Garden Work Day

Saturday, May 16 will be a garden work day. If you are interested in coming to help, please contact our garden coordinator Jogita Auzina at jogitaa@hotmail.com

Wanted!! School Uniforms

If you have gently used uniforms that are too small laying around, you can donate them to the school for students next year. Please bring clean uniforms to Mrs. Torrie in the front office.

Attention Husky PACK Families

We are pleased to announce that you will now have the option to pre-register for Husky PACK for the 2015-2016 school year. In order to reserve your spot please:

- Settle any remaining balance on your account.
- Completely fill out and turn in all required documentation (incomplete paperwork will not be accepted).
- Pay your \$35 registration fee.

Registration paperwork and a copy of the Husky PACK handbook can be obtained at the front desk. Pre-registration will close May 29th.

Volunteer & Donations Opportunities

Donation Opportunity: Our art teacher, Mr. Poppitz, is asking for donations of yarn. He is not in need of large quantities, but is really looking for lots of different colors, so leftovers will work fine. Please contact him at mpop-pitz@highpointacademy.net with questions or if you are able to donate.

Garden Volunteer Needed: Are you interested in helping in the HPA garden? Please reach out to Jogita Auzina, Garden Coordinator, at jogitaa@hotmail.com to see what opportunities are available.

Donations Needed for School Garden: Please consider donating the following plants for our school garden - cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, and watermelon. If you can help, contact Jogita Auzina at jogitaa@hotmail.com or 912-414-3867.