



# 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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## Volunteer Training

The next volunteer training will take place on Tuesday, December 13 at 8:00am.

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 previous years, you need to attend this training and clear a background check before going into classrooms. 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.

## AM Carpool Help Needed

We have one family who is still in need of help getting their children to school in the morning on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 104th Avenue and Tower Road.

If you are able to help please contact Erica Wood at [ewood@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ewood@highpointacademy.net)

## 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.

## PTO UPDATE!!!

PTO meetings have been moved to the second Thursday of the month starting at 6pm. Our next meeting will take place tonight, Thursday, December 8 at 6:00pm. Childcare will continue to be provided.

## October PTO Meeting Minutes

## Power Hour

Power Hour – Our FREE afterschool tutoring program for 4th through 8th grade students occurs every Tuesday from 4-5pm. Students can receive tutoring support and/or homework support. Students must have assignments to complete to attend. If students do not have assignments, they will be asked to leave or placed in Husky PACK at the parent's expense.

## After School Activities

The winter session of after school activities starts on Thursday, January 12 and will run for eight weeks every Thursday through March 9. Sign-up forms are coming home in Thursday folders today and you can view and print the form on the HPA website under Current Families-Activities. This round of activities features Minecraft, Science ROCKS, Arts and Crafts, Yoga, and Photography and Scrapbooking. Please turn in forms and money to the front office starting Friday, December 9 through Wednesday, January 8. Teachers will not accept registration or payment for activities.

## Colorguard Holiday Shop

HPA Color Guard is hosting the holiday gift shop after school every day December 12th-16th in the front hall until 5:00pm. We will have all of your inexpensive, fun gifts for family and friends. Come support your Color Guard team. \*Please note that if you are going to pay with a check additional information will be requested including: phone number, student name, and email address.

## Governing Board Meeting

The next Governing Board meeting is Friday, December 16th at 10:00am. Families and staff are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

## Carpool Corner

In an effort to ensure our students' safety we ask that parents and students only cross Dunkirk Street at 67th Avenue or 64th Avenue where there is a staff member/police officer helping them to cross safely.

## Uniform Dress Down Day \$2

On Friday, December 16th students can wear dress down pants for \$1 and a dress down shirt for \$1.

## Upcoming Community Events

Cooking Class



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## Message from the Principal

### Important Dates:

**December 8:** Boys Basketball Game vs. Strive GVR at Evie Dennis Campus at 5:00pm

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**December 8:** PTO Meeting 6:00pm

**December 9:** Middle School Dance 5-7pm

**December 12-15:** Color-guard Holiday Shop in the schools front hallway 3:30-5:00pm

**December 13:** Volunteer Training at 8:00am

**December 13:** Power Hour 4-5pm

**December 14:** Coffee with Keri 8:00am

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**December 16:** \$2 Dress Down Day

**December 16:** Governing Board Meeting 10am-12pm

**December 16:** NOON Release

**December 19-January 2:** NO SCHOOL—Winter Break

**January 3:** NO SCHOOL—Teacher Professional Development

Dear HPA Families,

It finally feels like winter – and just in time for the holidays! On behalf of the entire HPA staff I want to wish you all a wonderful winter break and a happy New Year. I also want to thank you for the opportunity to work with your children each day. We do not take lightly the trust you have in us to support your child's learning and growth. It is truly a privilege to do this important work.

We have had an extraordinary first semester here at High Point Academy! Let me highlight some of the reasons we are celebrating...

If you've been inside the school building this year, you've probably noticed all the wonderful student work displayed – from robots to water bottles, our halls are filled with the amazing projects that students have completed in specials classes and their content classes. This year teachers have worked hard to use our Colorado state standards to develop projects that are hands on, inquiry based, and relevant to the real world. You may have seen your student present their learning in one of the many culminating unit celebrations we've had this semester. Our 1<sup>st</sup> graders became animal experts by learning how to use non-fiction texts to learn about animals, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students became experts through their Dinosaur-Jurassic unit, and our 7<sup>th</sup> grade mathematicians have become architects who designed their dream bedrooms, just to name a few of the exciting work happening preK-8. Of course none of this would be possible without the wonderful faculty and staff; and the tremendous community and family support at HPA.

Another reason to celebrate is the growth we are seeing this year in academic achievement. Our STAR reading and math tests are administered throughout the year to monitor and track student growth and achievement. The most recent results are positive and we see growth across content and grade level. This is largely due to the hard work the HPA staff put toward creating tremendous learning opportunities for our students.

Finally, we received our CMAS test results and are excited to share that our students are outperforming or are on par with the State. HPA is also outperforming all the elementary schools and most of the middle schools in the far northeast region. At HPA, educating your child is more than a job, it is a calling and our teachers have a passion for learning that trickles down to our kids.

As a staff, we are proud of the accomplishments your students have made this semester. The first half of the year was not only filled with achievement and growth, but also lots of laughter and community building. I wish everyone in the HPA community a safe and happy holiday season and I look forward to the New Year and what 2017 will bring.

With Husky Pride,  
Ms. Keri Melmed  
Chief Academic Officer/Principal

## Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

**The Art class is continuing their plastic cap drive for a school mural.** They are in need of any plastic caps that screw on (i.e. water bottle caps, orange juice caps, Gatorade caps, peanut butter caps, etc.). They need large caps too (hair products, ice cream containers, and food products). There is a drop off station in the front hallway of the school.