



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 during conferences on Wednesday, January 25 at 5:30pm and Thursday, January 26 at 4:00pm.

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 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.

Carpool Help Needed

We have a family who is in need of help getting their children to and from school.

AM and PM carpool help needed Monday-Friday from 38th Avenue and Peoria Street.

If you are able to help please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net. **Need volunteer hours?** Helping a family with carpool qualifies as volunteer time. Contact Erica Wood for more details.

SAVE THE DATE—Open House

Saturday, January 21, 2017; 10:00 am

Please invite family, friends, and neighbors to learn more about the educational opportunities at HPA.

Governing Board Meeting

The next Governing Board meeting is Wednesday, January 25th at 7:30am. Families and staff are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

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.

2nd Quarter Awards Ceremonies

The second quarter awards ceremonies will take place Thursday, January 19 and Friday, January 20 in the gymnasium.

Thursday, January 19, 2017

7th Grade—11:50am-12:20pm

Friday, January 20, 2017

6th grade—11:20-11:50am

8th Grade—11:50am-12:20pm

Kindergarten & 1st—12:30-1:15pm

2nd & 5th Grade—1:30-2:15pm

3rd & 4th Grade—2:30-3:15pm

HPA IS KICKING OFF 2017 WITH KINDNESS!

We are selling purple wristbands this year for \$1.00 and we will have a themed dress down day every month for students. On Wednesday, February 1st our 1st dress down day will be BLUE OUT; wear as much blue as you can! Anything that is not blue **must** follow dress code policy. Wristbands are for sale in Ms. Monroe's classroom (room 25); all the money raised will go towards HPA's Student Council. Make sure you get yours today and always remember, it's cool to be kind.

Girls on the Run—Spring Program

Girls on the Run will start the week of March 6th. Girls on the Run inspires girls to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. We will meet Mondays and Thursdays after school from 3:45-5:00pm and is open to all 3rd through 5th grade girls at High Point Academy. Watch for registration info coming in February. For more information about the program go to www.girlsontherunrockies.org. Questions? Contact: Site Coordinator, [Erica Wood](mailto:Erica.Wood).

Important Dates:

January 19: 7th Grade Quarter 2 Awards Assembly 11:50am

January 19: Middle School Exhibition Night 5-7pm

January 19: 5th Grade Middle School Night 5:30-7:00pm

January 20: Student Jean Day for \$1

January 20: K-6th and 8th Grade Quarter 2 Awards Assemblies 11:20-3:15pm

January 21: New Family Open House and Information Session 10-11am

January 23: Girls Basketball Game at 5:00pm at Vanguard Classical School West Campus

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January 25: Governing Board Meeting 7:30-9:30am

January 25 & 26: Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

January 25: Volunteer Training at 5:30pm

January 26: Volunteer Training at 4:00pm

January 27: NO SCHOOL

February 1: Girls Basketball Game at 5:00pm at HPA

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February 6: Girls Basketball Game at 5:00pm at HPA

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February 9: School Spelling Bee 2:15pm

February 9: PTO Meeting 6:00pm

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Message from the Principal

Dear High Point Academy families,

We are excited to have families in the building tomorrow for award ceremonies and next week for student-led conferences. Both of these events are intended to celebrate your child, their hard work, and their progress so far this year.

Some grade levels are implementing student-led conferences for the first time this school year. Student-led conferences are exactly what they imply; students take the lead on sharing examples of their learning and work. Students have been working hard preparing for their conferences so that they can meaningfully guide you through their work. By conducting a student-led conference students not only take ownership over their learning, but they also learn valuable presentation skills.

The role of the parent in the conference is to celebrate their child's learning and growth as well as ask questions to push their child's thinking. The role of the teacher happens largely prior to the actual conference by helping the student prepare for the work and reflections they'll be sharing. The teacher is also present at the conference to answer any questions, support the student if they get stuck, and most importantly to celebrate your child's growth and success.

I'm sure it goes without saying that your child must be present at the conference. Your child is working hard to prepare for this conference and is eager to share their learning with you. We are expecting 100% of our families to attend. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have not signed up for a conference yet. All student-led conferences will be scheduled back-to-back so please be mindful of your scheduled start and end time.

Report cards will be given to families after the conference. If you have any questions about your child's grades, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher. While grades are not the primary focus of the conference, your child may discuss their grades with you. Students often share steps they will take to improve any poor grades, or goals they have for the next quarter. We find when students discuss their grades with their families they take more ownership and accountability for their progress.

Student STAR Reading and Math scores will be shared during the conference. The STAR reports share your child's growth so far this school year. The combination of the student-led conference, report card, and STAR report will give you a clear understanding of your child's academic achievement and progress.

As always please reach out with any questions. We look forward to celebrating your child's growth and learning at conferences.

Sincerely,
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.

Volunteers Needed: We are in need of a volunteer who is willing to help keep score during the girls basketball games on the following dates: February 1st from 4:45-6:00pm, February 6th from 4:45-6:00pm, and February 9th from 4:45-6:00pm. Please email [Erica Wood](#) if you are able to help.