



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 8th Annual Talent Show

The 8th Annual HPA Talent Show is on Wednesday, April 26th from 5:00-6:30pm in the gym. Tickets are now on sale for \$2 each. Please see Mrs. Gray to purchase your tickets. Cash only! Tickets are \$3 at the door so get them early and save some money. All money from ticket sales will go towards High Point Academy's Student Council program.

CO Rockies Tickets on Sale through April 28, 2017!

High Point Academy is hosting a community night at the ballpark on Saturday, May 13th. The Colorado Rockies will be playing the Los Angeles Dodgers at 6:10pm at Coors Field. Tickets are \$3 each and can be ordered using the form coming home in Thursday folders today. [Click here](#) to view and print the order form. Please return this form with money (CASH ONLY) to the front office by April 28 to reserve your tickets (20 ticket maximum per family).

Husky PACK Summer Day Camp

We are happy to announce the first annual summer Husky PACK day camp.

This camp will include a variety of activities designed to offer students a fun but educational experience. Some examples of activities the camp will offer include weekly field trips, team building exercises, arts and crafts, ecology, and academic enrichment in reading and mathematics.

Camp will consist of eight one week sessions. Families will be able to register for session(s) based on their needs.

Families will be required to put down a \$15 deposit per session per child to hold their child's spot. This \$15 fee is nonrefundable. However this fee will be applied toward the weekly camp fee of \$150.

Registration is due by May 1st, 2017.

For more information please contact Mrs. Jackson at tjackson@highpointacademy.net

PTO Box Top Challenge

Please turn in your March Box Top Collection with your HOMEROOM TEACHER'S NAME on it by April 21 to the Box Top Collection Box at the entrance of the school or to your homeroom teacher.

The last challenge for this school year runs April 20 - May 19. Good Luck!

Volunteer Training

Our next volunteer training is tomorrow morning, April 21 at 8:15am on the stage.

If you are interested in working in a classroom, going on field trips, or helping at the school and have not completed the volunteer training in a previous year, you need to attend a training and clear a background check before going into classrooms and working with students. Please contact Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net or 303-217-5152 to see when the next volunteer training is taking place. 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.

KICKING OFF 2017 WITH KINDNESS CONTINUES!

Wednesday, May 10th is HUSKY PRIDE DAY! Show your school spirit and commitment to kindness and wear our school colors. Green, White, and GOLD!

Wristbands are still for sale in Ms. Monroe's classroom (room 25) and all the money raised will go towards HPA's Student Council. Make sure you get yours today!

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1 through May 4 is teacher and staff appreciation week. Click below to find out more about how to spoil your child's teacher.

[Spoil Your Child's Teacher Lists](#)

Important Dates:

April 21: Volunteer Training 8:15am

April 24: Girls Soccer Game vs. Lotus at 5:00pm at HPA

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April 26: Governing Board Meeting 7:30-9:30am

April 26: 8th Annual High Point Academy Talent Show 5:00-6:30pm

April 27: Girls Soccer Game vs. Aurora Academy at 5:00pm at Cranmer Park

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April 28: Jean Day for \$1

May 1-4: Scholastic Book Fair on the Stage

May 1-4: Teacher Appreciation Week

May 1: Last Day to Register for HPA Husky PACK Summer Day Camp

May 3: Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

May 4: Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

May 5: NO SCHOOL

May 6: Garden Work Day 8-10am

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Message from the Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

We had a very successful state test administration. Thank you for getting your student to school and on time. We have very few make-ups and we were able to wrap up the testing in record time. We also want to thank our instructional assistants, learning support team, and classroom teachers for all they did to encourage students, and provide a positive testing experience. Many of the students that I spoke with said they 'liked PARCC' – I'm not sure, but the extra recess time may have had something to do with it!

As you may remember, each year we collect your input and feedback through our annual Family Satisfaction Survey. We send out the survey link to all of our families and we work very hard to have as many families as possible complete the survey. Here at HPA, we truly value your input. From the beginning, we have tried to create a school culture that values the voices of all our stakeholders (students, parents, staff, board members), thus the Family Satisfaction Survey is one tool we use to gather this critical data. Rest assured the survey is completely anonymous. If you haven't had a chance to take the survey, please do so. The link to the survey is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CYNVV3D>

This time of year, we start to look at teaching and staffing for next school year. There are always staff members in our community that move on to new challenges. This year we have teachers who are moving out of area, as well as teachers who are taking on new adventures in their careers. While we are sad to see them go, we are grateful for their service to HPA and our students, and we wish them the best of luck in the next chapter of their lifelong journey. With that said, we have been engaging in a robust hiring process over the last several weeks to find qualified applicants for the open positions. Each candidate must be highly qualified as determined by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and must show a passion for working with children as well as working at High Point Academy specifically. As part of the process, prospective teachers spend time at our school, in our classrooms, meeting our students and our staff, so that the hiring committee could get to know each candidate as a teacher, learner, and potential colleague. Teacher candidates also conduct a demonstration lesson. Your son or daughter may have shared with you that a guest teacher taught a lesson in their classroom. This multiple step and thorough process has resulted in the hiring of passionate, knowledgeable, energetic, and caring educators who will join our staff in 2017-2018. We are excited for our families to meet each one of them when we return to school in August.

As we head into the last six weeks of school, we appreciate your support in continuing to get your child to school and on time. We believe that the last 6 weeks of school is just as important as the first. Teachers work hard to create meaningful learning experiences up until the last day of school. As always, if you have any questions about your child's progress or experience at HPA, please feel free to reach out through email, phone, or swing by my office.

Ms. Keri Melmed

Chief Academic Officer/Principal

2017-2018 School Calendar

[Click here](#) to view, download, and/or print the 2017-2018 school calendar. Paper copies are also available in the front office.



Husky Wear

Did you see HPA's Husky Wear items? Visit <http://den-ver.educationaloutfitters.com/find-my-school/high-point-academy/> to order your polo shirts, hoodies, jackets, and much more.

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 Barbara Hill at bhill@highpointacademy.net.

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Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

PTO is looking for volunteers to help out in the Book Fair. Please sign up to help here: [Spring Book Fair](#)

PTO is also looking for parents who would like to help with a potluck for Teacher Appreciation Week the week of May 1-4. Please email kacey_turner1@yahoo.com or ptoinfo@highpointacademy.net if you are interested in helping.

Volunteers needed to help in the garden: We have a few upcoming garden work days on May 6 from 8-10am and May 15 from 4-5pm, that we could use some parent and student help at. If you are able to help, bring your work gloves and tennis shoes and get ready to get dirty.

Volunteers Needed for Career Day: We are planning a career day for our middle school students at High Point Academy for Friday May 12th from 1:45 – 3:15 PM. We are looking for all careers, both the traditional and untraditional careers & jobs! Our hope is that by you sharing your talents and passion about your career, students will know how many different possibilities there are in the world. If you are interested in sharing your career, or if you know someone else (a parent, a sibling, a neighbor) who might want to share their careers with the High Point Community, please email rbauer@highpointacademy.net or call 303-217-5152 ext. 267.