



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 was a success. In third place was Caroline Aquino who performed an Irish Step Dance. In second place was New New Addition (i.e. Joseph Williams, Devon Johnson, Jeremiah Qualls and Myles Edwards) who sang and danced to a music mash-up. The winner of the HPA 8th Annual Talent Show was Cherysh Williams, who performed Christina Perri's "Human" in sign language. Congratulations to all of this year's acts for your amazing performances! Thank you to everyone who came out and supported our HPA students.

CO Rockies Tickets Available for Pick-Up

If you ordered Rockies tickets for the May 13th game at Coors Field, tickets will be available for pick-up in the front office by Tuesday, May 9th at 8:00am.

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!

Handmade Cards For Sale

Kindergarten has created handmade animal art cards as their Service Learning fundraiser. They will be selling these after school at the front of the building on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays starting Monday, May 8th through Wednesday, May 16th. Cards will be for sale for \$1.00 for a 4-pack of cards. Please help support our Kindergarten Service Learning Project and The Wild Animal Sanctuary!

2017/18 Husky PACK Registration Now Open



Spaces are first come, first serve. Please see HPA website for more information!

Directions below for PACK application:

- <http://www.highpointacademy.net>
- Current Families Tab
- Husky PACK Application

Last PTO Box Top Challenge

The last challenge for this school year runs through May 19. Keep collecting those Box Tops. Good Luck!

IMPORTANT!

The end of the year is rapidly approaching. If your student has medication at school, it will need to be picked up by **May 26th, 2017**. 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 inhalers and Epi-pens].

If you have any questions please contact **Beverly Biela**, School Nurse Consultant or **Amanda Delgado**, Health Office Assistant at High Point Academy.

Previous School Year Yearbooks

We have several school yearbooks from previous school years available for purchase. Each yearbook is \$5 a piece and can be purchased through Erica Wood in the office.

4th Quarter Awards Ceremonies

The fourth quarter awards ceremonies will take place on Friday, May 26.

1st grade: 8:15am

2nd and 5th grade: 9:00am

3rd and 4th grade: 10:00am

6th and 7th grade: 11:00am

Important Dates:

May 5: NO SCHOOL

May 8-11: Mo's Lemonade For Sale After School in front of the school

May 10: Husky Pride Day—see page 1 for details

May 12-15: Washington DC Trip

May 12: Middle School Career Fair
1:45-3:15pm

May 12: Middle School Dance 5-7pm

May 15: Garden Work Day 4-5p,m

May 17: Middle School Exhibition
Night 5-6pm

May 19: Elementary School Field Day

May 22-24: Intensives

May 22-24: Kindergarten Continuation
8:30-9:30am

May 24: 8th Grade Continuation 6:00pm

May 26: 4th Quarter Awards Ceremonies—see page 1 for details

May 26: Last Day of School—NOON Release

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Message from the Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

As you may have heard, Netflix has released a series called, “13 Reasons Why”. The show highlights a teenager, “Hannah”, who took her life. Each episode explains who Hannah considers responsible for her suicide, placing the responsibility of the suicide on the survivors. We wanted to make you aware of the show as we have heard quite a few students talking about it. We highly encourage you to talk with your child if they are watching the show to ensure they are processing its content in a meaningful and pro-social manner. Critics fear that some adolescents may be sensationalizing the show and the suicide.

Here are links to several articles that may provide more information and more guidelines for discussing the show with your child. Please feel free to reach out to Ms. Bauer, MS Counselor, or Mrs. Graff, School Therapist, if you have any questions, concerns, or would like more support.

http://www.slate.com/blogs/browbeat/2017/05/01/school_counselors_talk_netflix_s_controversial_teen_suicide_drama_13_reasons.html

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/the-real-superheroes/201704/psychology-in-13-reasons-why>

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/promoting-hope-preventing-suicide/201704/13-reasons-why-13-reasons-why-isn-t-getting-it-right>

As you know it is Teacher Appreciation Week and I want to join you in thanking our devoted, committed, hardworking, and passionate staff for everything that they do for our students at HPA. All of the wonderful learning experiences and programming that we offer would not be possible without their enthusiasm, dedication, and passion. I am truly blessed to be working alongside such a wonderful faculty and staff. If you and/or your child did not have an opportunity to thank their teacher (s), it's not too late to send an email or write a quick note letting them know how much you appreciate all their hard work. I know that teachers appreciate even the smallest token of appreciation.

It was great to see so many families on Wednesday evening for conferences. Thank you for taking the time out of your busy lives to connect and partner with your child's teacher. We hope the conference provided you with information of your child's overall progress this year as well as their strengths and areas for growth. Teachers and students work hard to prepare and share this valuable information with you. If you haven't signed up, it's not too late – teachers are available until 8pm this evening - please sign up on the doodle link your child's teacher sent out last week.

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.



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Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

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.

Volunteers needed to help in the garden: We have one more garden work day coming up on May 15 from 4-5pm and we could use some parent and student help at. 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.