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.

**Preschool Pajama Drive**

High Point Academy preschool classes are doing a pajama drive. Families are asked to donate new sets of pajamas in sizes newborn to 3XL through December 8th, 2017. The most needed sizes are 8 to 3XL. All pajamas must be new and a complete set or a nightgown. All pajamas will be paired with a book from Scholastic and given to at-risk children in the Denver metro area.

**Individual Picture Retake Day**

Individual picture retake day will take place on Thursday, November 30th. If you ordered your child’s picture in September and would like a retake please send your child to school with the pictures you would like to return so that they can get a new picture taken. Please remember that students must be in school uniform for individual pictures.

**Did you get a proof of your child’s individual school picture taken in September?**

These were sent home in Thursday folders last week. If you did not receive one, please contact Van Gogh School Photographers at 303-679-9003, for a second chance to preview and order your child’s individual school photo.

**Donation and Volunteer Opportunities**

Parent volunteer needed, who has completed the volunteer training, to help with individual picture retake day on Thursday, November 30 from 8:30am to 12:30pm. Please contact Erica Wood if you are able to help for all or part of the day at ewood@highpointacademy.net.

**Husky Wear**


**HPA 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 Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net.
Dear High Point Academy Families,

Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed our Cultural Potluck on Tuesday, and to all the families that have come out to support and celebrate our amazing volleyball and football athletes. Congratulations to the boys and girls for a great season. The boys came in second place and our girls won the volleyball championship. These are just a few examples of the extraordinary Fall we’ve had at High Point Academy. I am so proud of our students and all the hard work they’ve exhibited. Of course none of that would be possible without the wonderful faculty and staff at HPA.

Spending time in our classrooms from preschool through eighth grade, you will see and hear how each one of our students brings unique perspective to the conversations, activities, and work they are doing. Their different learning styles and passions are evident in their assignments and projects. And, each teacher and staff member brings their own enthusiasm and creativity to the lessons they are teaching, the conversations they are facilitating, and the ways they are engaging our students. These observations remind me how special our community is and how rich in diversity we are. I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with your incredible children and our amazing staff each day.

As with any community, there are times when we are not treating one another with kindness and respect. Some students may exhibit bullying behaviors, some may feel bullied, and others may see disrespectful behaviors and wonder what they can do about it. To support our students when these types of situations occur, the staff participate in bully prevention trainings. Our student council runs a year-long anti-bullying Kindness campaign. This month’s “Coffee with Keri” was focused on bullying. The goal was to get the adults in our students’ lives on the same page by discussing ways we can address and support our students to navigate difficult social situations. We look closely at the definition of bullying and notice that many behaviors we are labeling as bullying are actually behaviors that are mean and/or rude, not necessarily bullying, but unacceptable all the same. Families were given tools to help address and support any students who may be feeling bullied.

One reoccurring theme that comes up each year is that we need to model respectful behaviors to our children. How can we expect our children to treat one another with kindness and respect if we are not doing it ourselves? As a community, let’s come together and hold ourselves to high standards even in stressful situations like carpool, drop off and pick up, close and exciting sporting events, as well as difficult conversations with teachers and staff members. It is during those difficult times that our children learn how to manage their anger and frustration.

Together we make HPA a great place for our students and staff to work and learn. I hope our upcoming Thanksgiving break provides you and your family time to reflect and think about what you are thankful for as well as time to rest, relax and reconnect.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed