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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.

After School Activities

The winter session of after school activities starts on Thursday, January 18 and will run for eight weeks through March 19. 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 Read and Craft, Movement and Dance, LEGO Robotics, and Drama Club: Just So... And Other Stories. Please turn in forms and money to the front office starting tomorrow Friday, December 15 through Thursday, January 18. Teachers will not accept registration or payment for activities.

Uniform Dress Down Day \$2

On Thursday, December 21st students can wear dress down pants for \$1 and a dress down shirt for \$1.

News from the Nurse

We are seeing several cases of a stomach virus with cramping, vomiting, diarrhea and/or fever. Please speak with your child's pediatrician if you have any questions or concerns. To protect yourself and other students:

PREVENTION: Wash your hands often with soap and water or hand sanitizer. Drink plenty of water, eat healthy, balanced meals and get enough sleep. Your body has a better chance at fighting off illness when you are rested and getting proper nutrition.

RECOVERY: Children with a fever of 100.4 and above MUST stay home; they may return once they are fever-free for 24 hours WITHOUT medication. Children who vomit or experience diarrhea must stay home for 24 hours after the LAST episode of illness. This helps prevent the spread of disease.

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.

Milk Caps for MOOLA!

Mrs. Cummins is raising money for her cooking class intensive in May by collecting Longmont Dairy milk caps, so if you or someone you know who orders milk from the Longmont Dairy please bring the milk caps to room 51.

Attention 8th Grade Families

If you are a parent of an 8th grade student who will transition into the Denver Public Schools, please mark your calendar for Thursday January 11th. On this day from 7 PM – 8 PM we will have someone at High Point from the DPS Choice Program to explain how this program works and how to enroll your student into their Choice School. This year's Choice opens on February 1st, and you will have until the end of the month to make the choice for you and your child. If you are planning to attend the session, please RSVP to our middle school counselor, Rachel Bauer, either via email: rbauer@highpointacademy.net or via phone: 303-217-5152.

Governing Board Meeting

The next Governing Board meeting is Thursday, December 21st at 10:00am. Families and staff are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

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.

Important Dates:

December 18: Girls Basketball Game vs. Vanguard West at Vanguard West at 5:00pm

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December 19: Prospective Middle School Family Night 5-6pm

December 21: Dress Down Day—See pg1 for details

December 21: Governing Board Meeting at 10am

December 21: Half Day—NOON Release

December 22: NO SCHOOL

December 25-January 5: NO SCHOOL—Winter Break

January 8: NO SCHOOL—Teacher Professional Development

January 15: NO SCHOOL MLK Day

January 17: Coffee with Keri at 8am

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January 19: Quarter 2 Award Ceremonies

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

Happy 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...

Your children are learning and growing! As you may know, we monitor student progress by their reading levels, writing abilities, and through their STAR reading and math scores. The most recent results in all of these areas 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. This semester was filled with engaging and compelling learning experiences in all of our grade levels and content areas.

Students, in every grade, are growing not only academically, but socially and personally. This year HPA launched our Husky PRIDE initiative. Students are recognized for their participation (P), responsibility (R), integrity (I), determination (D), and excellence (E). Over the course of the semester hundreds of students have received a husky pride ticket for exhibiting these attributes. We know that focusing on these traits will support students in their academics, but also in growing into active and responsible citizens.

Finally, our wellness program was highlighted by the Colorado League of Charter Schools (CLCS). HPA was chosen to participate in the CLCS video project promoting the importance of building healthy schools for our kids. Our holistic approach that encompasses a student's physical, emotional, social, and academic health is an example for schools across the state. The link to the video is here: <http://coloradoleague.org/?page=HealthWellness> and the video can also be found on the League's website.

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 2018 will bring.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

None at this time.