



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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Preschool Pajama Drive

High Point Academy preschool classes are doing a pajama drive. Families are asked to donate a new set of pajamas in sizes newborn to 3XL through December 8th, 2017. The most needed sizes are size 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 and families in the Denver metro area.

There will be a free pajama day for all students and staff who donate a pair of pajamas for the preschool pajama drive on Tuesday, December 5th.

Volunteer Training

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 a volunteer training and clear a background check before going into classrooms. **The next volunteer training will take place on Tuesday, December 5th at 8:00am.** If you would like to attend this training please RSVP to Erica Wood at ewood@highpointacademy.net or 303-217-5152.

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.

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.

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 years 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!

Uniform Dress Down Day \$2

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

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 1: Purple Out Day—Wear as much purple as you want for free if you wear your purple Anti-Bullying wristband, otherwise it is \$1 to wear as much purple as you want

December 5: Pajama Day—see pg. 1 for details

December 5: Volunteer Training 8:00am

December 6: Girls Basketball Game vs. Global Village Academy at Global Village Academy at 5:00pm

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December 8: Middle School Dance 5-7pm

December 13: Coffee with Keri 8-8:30am in the wellness classroom—Service Learning at HPA will be the topic

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December 14: NFL Day—students can wear a football or sport jersey with jeans

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

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

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I know that the staff returned reenergized and invigorated! While winter break is just around the corner, these next few weeks of school are filled with lots of learning and exciting programming.

One of the aspects that makes High Point Academy an amazing place is our focus on service. My heart is filled with joy by the many service projects students are leading. As you may know, our Student Council is leading an Anti-Bullying campaign, encouraging their peers to stand up to bullying. Students have purchased purple bracelets to show their support of a bully-free campus. Tomorrow, students and staff are encouraged to wear all purple to culminate the event. Student Council's service to our community is making our campus aware of bullying issues and promoting a safe and caring environment.

Our PeaceKeepers (7th and 8th graders that work to restore and resolve conflict when it arises) is conducting a service project collecting clothing, jackets, scarves, gloves to provide warm clothes to shelters so that homeless in Denver are warm in the upcoming winter months. Their efforts will culminate with a Blue Day, on December 15th, where students can wear blue to show that they supported those less fortunate.

The focus on service is not limited to our K-8 students and programming. Preschool is also conducting a service project and teaching, even our youngest students, the power and importance of giving and helping those in need. Preschool is collecting pajamas to donate. Students are encouraged to bring in PJs over the next week of school. This event will also culminate in a Pajama Day on December 5th for all students who participated in the service project by donating pajamas.

If you would like to learn more about High Point's philosophy around service and service learning, please attend the next *Coffee with Keri*, on December 13th at 8AM. We will be discussing Service Learning and sharing the many projects students have done and the ways it supports our students' learning and growth.

Please join me in congratulating and acknowledging our students and their efforts to help make this world a better place. Obviously none of this would be possible without our committed and passionate staff and families who make these experiences possible.

I am grateful to work alongside such a caring and giving community.

With gratitude,

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

None at this time.