



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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Yearbooks are on Sale NOW!

The 2017-2018 school yearbook is now on sale. Order forms are coming home in Thursday folders today. [Click here](#) for more information. Order your discounted yearbook today before the price goes up.

Lunch Payments

Lunch balance letters are sent home in Thursday folders each week. If your student has a negative balance you can make a payment online at www.myschoolbucks.com or in the lunchroom. Please contact the kitchen manager Maribel Garcia at MARIBEL_GARCIA@dpsk12.org with questions about your student's lunch account.

Reduced Cost Individual, Couple, and Family Therapy

Regis University's Division of Counseling and Family Therapy provides progressive, experiential learning in a state-of-the-art counseling center. At the Thornton campus, our clients will have access to designated Child and Adolescent Play Therapy rooms. This campus has earned the esteemed designation as an Approved Center of Play Therapy Education by the Association for Play Therapy (APT). Please visit <http://www.regiscounseling.com> or call [303-964-5786](tel:303-964-5786), or email macplab@regis.edu for more information.

Husky Wear

Did you see HPA's Husky Wear items? Visit <http://denver.educationalfitters.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. If you or someone you know orders milk from the Longmont Dairy please bring the milk caps to room 51.

Attention 8th Grade Parents

If you are an 8th grade parent with a student who is going to Choice into a DPS school, round one of Choice opens on February 1st and closes on February 28th. There is no paperwork this year, all applications are to be completed on-line:

<http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/>. If your student is transitioning into APS, you can find information about registration at this website: <http://admissions.aurorak12.org/>, admissions for APS will open on March 1st for the new school year. If you have any questions about transitioning to high school, please feel free to reach out to the counseling office! rbauer@highpointacademy.net or 303-217-5152.

Changes to Preschool

It is amazing to see all the growth within our High Point Community and all the new families. As the community continues to grow, the needs of our families change. With the 2018-2019 school year on the horizon, High Point Academy Preschool is excited to announce that we will be adding a third 4 year old full day classroom. With the addition of the third full day program, High Point Academy will no longer be offering the half day program nor will Highpoint be accepting 3 year olds. We understand that this might pose some challenges to our current / incoming families, but we are confident that with the additional 4 year old program, we will be able to offer more opportunities for our growing families. If you have any questions please contact Debbie Miller at dmiller@highpointacademy.net.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is overflowing! Please remember to check the lost and found for items you student may have misplaced.

Important Dates:

January 26: Student Jean Day \$1

February 1: Girls Basketball Game vs. Lotus at High Point Academy at 5:00pm

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February 6: Girls Basketball Game vs. Wyatt Academy at High Point Academy at 5:30pm

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February 7: Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

February 7: Middle School Exhibition Night 6-7:30pm

February 8: Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

February 9: NO SCHOOL

February 14: Coffee with Keri 8:00am

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

As stated in our mission, a unique attribute of our school is our commitment to working closely with our families to support each and every student's achievement. While some schools are removing conferences from their schedule, we intentionally devote time in our school calendar to meet with families at the beginning, middle, and end of each year. We remain committed to conferences so that you learn about your child's progress, you gain a better understanding of their ability, and find out about their academic achievement. Additionally, it's a time to connect with your child's teacher and helps you to better understand what your student's life is like at school.

This year we are excited to launch a conference structure that supports these values and provides students a unique opportunity to take ownership of their learning and hone in on their communication and presentation skills – attributes that are critical to success in the 21st century. At our next conference cycle, January 25th and 26th, your child will lead their conference in what is called a **student-led conference**.

Student-led conferences are exactly what they imply; students take the lead on sharing examples of their learning and work. The role of the parent in the conference is to celebrate their child's learning and growth as well as ask questions to push their child's thinking. The role of the teacher happens largely prior to the actual conference by helping the student prepare for the work and reflections they'll be sharing. The teacher is also present at the conference to answer any questions, support the student if they get stuck, and most importantly to celebrate your child's growth and success.

I'm sure it goes without saying that your child must be present at the conference. Your child is working hard over the next few weeks to prepare for this conference and we are expecting 100% of families to attend.

Report cards will be given to families after the conference. If you have any questions about your child's grades, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher. While grades are not the primary focus of the conference, your child may discuss their grades with you. Students often share steps they will take to improve any poor grades, or goals they have for the next quarter. We find when students discuss their grades with their families they take more ownership and accountability for their progress. Student STAR Reading and Math scores will be shared during the conference. Some grade levels may have multiple student-led conferences occurring at the same time. This structure allows families more time to look at their child's work. Some grade levels will have one student-led conference at a time. All student-led conferences will be scheduled back-to-back so please be mindful of your scheduled start and end time.

As always please reach out with any questions. We look forward to celebrating your child's growth and learning at conferences.

Sincerely,

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Jump Rope For Heart

First of all, the wellness committee wants to thank all the families that have helped raise funds for the Jump Rope For Heart Foundation. We're nearly half way through our fundraiser and have already raised a staggering \$2,500 towards the American Heart Association. It's amazing to see the High Point community come together for such a great cause. Leading up to the end of our fundraiser, we will be celebrating with all classes from the 21st-23rd of February. The Specials team will combine their classes on Monday January 29th to further students awareness and the importance of having a healthy heart. These classes will include activities that will increase their heart rate, exploring a 3D heart and being able to meet Eloiza, who suffers first hand with heart disease. Please note that these activities will be during student's specials classes and will not affect their Monday class schedule. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to reach out to either Mrs. Rendon, Mr. Vigil or Mr. Tuck.

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

Donation of gardening gloves for students to work in our school garden are needed.

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.

Celebrating HPA Alumni

Did you know that 3 star players on East High School basketball team are former HPA students? We congratulate Clayton Finley-Ponds, Kwane Marble, and Ja'Shawn Chisel for their efforts supporting East's success this season.

