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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.

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.

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.

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.

Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed for Picture Day on February 16.

Wellness classroom needs to stock the pantries! Ms. Rendon is in need of baking ingredients, cupcake pans, cupcake liners, vinegar, cooking spray, extra virgin olive oil, spices and seasonings, flax and chia seeds, granola and almond butter.

Spring Picture Day

On Friday, February 16th we will be having our spring picture day. This year we will be utilizing our photography company's online program. With this program all students will get their photo taken with a variety of different poses & backgrounds available. Parents will receive a picture proof after pictures are taken and can order pictures online. All pictures are shipped directly to your home. For spring pictures students do not have to be in their uniform, but must be in clothes that are appropriate.

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, or email macplab@regis.edu for more information.

Important Dates:

February 8: Student Led Conferences 4-8pm

February 9: NO SCHOOL

February 14: Coffee with Keri 8:00am

February 16: Picture Day

February 19: NO SCHOOL—Presidents Day

February 20: NO SCHOOL—Teacher PD Day

February 28: Governing Board Meeting 5pm

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.

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.

Husky Talk Newsletter

Message from the Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

Popping in and walking by conferences last night, I'm not sure who was more proud, the students or the parents? That's the power of a student-led conference! It was wonderful to see so many of you last night at student-led conferences, and we look forward to seeing many of you this evening for the second night of conferences. These celebrations of learning are one of the many attributes that set High Point Academy apart from other schools. Our students prepare to share their learning by reflecting on what they've accomplished as readers, writers, scientists, and mathematicians. For many students this is the first time they have prepared and given a presentation; and for many it is powerful to see how far they have come this school year. Preparing, presenting, and thinking in these ways build skills our students need in the 21st century.

As you may remember, at *Back to School Night*, we shared many of our values and initiatives that set us apart from the other schools in Far Northeast Denver. We know that families have a choice in where they send their students each day, and at HPA we are proud of our programming and we are thankful that you entrust us with your children. Our values and initiatives continue to be at the heart of our work this school year.

Our values and initiatives are:

Culturally responsive classrooms and pedagogy that ensures an inclusive learning environment.

Employing restorative practices when handling miss behavior and discipline.

Grading and reporting that communicates what students know and are able to do toward the Colorado state standards.

Instructional techniques that maximize student learning.

Each value is aligned with what we know kids need and great schools do – establish strong relationships with students, provide personalized instruction that is driven by what we know about them, discipline with dignity and respect, and teach students to be creative, critical thinkers, problem-solvers, and collaborators. We know that these are the skills our students need in order to be successful when they move on to high school and beyond.

On Saturday, January 27 we had an Open House information session for prospective families. During the Open House we highlight the aspects of our programming that make us unique as well as our student successes. We shared with families that our students engage in rich curriculum and extracurricular specials offerings that include: Art, Spanish, PE, technology, and wellness. That we provide opportunities for student leadership through student council, peacekeepers, just to name a few highlights. If you have neighbors or friends that are looking for a school for their child, please invite them to attend a school tour offered every Wednesday at 9:30am or our next Open House on March 6th at 6pm.

Through the dedication of our teachers, the hard work students put in each day, and our partnership with families, we are making great strides this year. If you have not signed up for a conference, I encourage you to reach out to your child's teacher or advisor to schedule one and experience the power of a student-led conference!

With Husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed