



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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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

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.

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.

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.



Important Dates:

February 22: Boys Basketball game at Omar D. Blair at 4:30pm

February 23: Student Jean Day \$1

February 28: Governing Board Meeting 5pm

February 28: Hat Day \$1

March 14: Coffee with Keri 8am

March 16: NO SCHOOL—Teacher Professional Development

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.

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

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

We are deeply saddened by the recent horrific events in Parkland, Florida and our thoughts and prayers go out to the Parkland community as they face this tragedy. As a parent and school principal, I cannot even begin to imagine the terror of that day. As such, I wanted to share with you on behalf of the entire faculty and staff at HPA, that our focus is always on our students and their well-being. We understand that there are few things that scare a parent more than a crisis at their child's school. I want to assure you that our first priority is protecting our students and ensuring their safety.

At High Point Academy, we implement a number of safety measures to create a safe and caring campus. Each year we train every staff member in emergency response, we secure our building by locking all exterior doors, our receptionist controls access to the building and identifies each visitor through an instant screening system, teachers meet weekly to discuss any student concerns, students have a trusted adult to speak to if an issue arises, we have a dedicated mental health team on staff that includes a middle school counselor and family therapist that support our students in times of need. While these measures are all a part of our safety procedures, we know that it is also important to remind students that if they hear or see anything, they must say something. Students can talk with a teacher or they can call our anonymous hotline: Safe2Tell at 1-877-524-7233.

In addition to these precautions, we take time to practice emergency drills so that staff and students know what to do if there is an emergency. In fact, each year we invite Aurora Police Department to observe our safety drills. Their input and partnership has been instrumental in ensuring that our policies are up to date and incorporate current best practice. We have a School Safety Committee that is made up of administrators, faculty, staff, and families. The committee is dedicated to making HPA safer for our children and staff. If you are interested in joining our safety efforts, please attend our next Safety Committee meeting (contact Mrs. Frasier at tfrasier@highpointacademy.net).

If there is an emergency, these are the ways that we will communicate with you:

If there is a threat, the school will immediately attend to the safety of the students.

The school will communicate through an email blast, text message, and phone call to update the parents as soon as possible.

The school has different safety protocols that we follow based on each situation. For example, if there is a tornado, we follow the Tornado procedures.

At HPA, we understand the importance of our work – and that we are trusted each and every day to care for your child. We appreciate your support and partnership. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed