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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.

Registration for the 2018-2019 School Year

Your student(s) 2018-2019 registration form will be going home today in Thursday folders. Be on the lookout for the red folders! Please review the registration form and make any necessary changes. The bottom of your student(s) registration form requires a parent/guardian signature and date. If your information has not changed, the registration form still requires a signature and date. These red folders can be returned to your child(s) teacher or to the front office and are due by **Thursday April 12th**. You also have the opportunity to pay for your child(s) 2018-2019 activity fee. The envelopes with the payments slips will also be inside the red folders and will be going home with the youngest and only students. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jill Fitz at jfitz@highpointacademy.net

Current 5th, 6th and 7th grade families-

Inside your student(s) red folder you will also find a locker policy for the 2018-2019 school year. This form must be signed by both the student and a parent/guardian. These forms can be returned with the red folders. Students' who will be entering into 7th and 8th grade next year will also find a specials preference sheet.

HPA Talent Show is Coming

HPA's 9th annual talent show will be on May 17th from 5:00-6:30pm. Talent show auditions will take place Tuesday, April 24th from 4:00-5:00, Wednesday, April 25th from 2:30-4:00 and Thursday April 26th from 4:00-5:00. [Click here](#) for more information and to sign-up for an audition time.

Yard Signs

Need volunteer hours? Stop by the office and grab a High Point Academy yard sign to place in your yard and receive two volunteer hours to do so.

CO Rockies Tickets on Sale NOW!

High Point Academy is hosting a community night at the ballpark on Saturday, May 12th. The Colorado Rockies will be playing the Milwaukee Brewers at 6:10pm at Coors Field. Tickets are \$5 each and can be ordered using the form coming home in Thursday folders today. [Click here](#) to view and print the order form. Please return this form with money (CASH ONLY) to the front office by April 26th at 4:00pm to reserve your tickets (20 ticket maximum per family).

Summer Camp at HPA

Kathy's Camp will be hosting their summer program here at High Point Academy. Summer camp dates are June 11th—July 27th for ages 5—14 years old. [Click here](#) for more information.

LAST CHANCE—Yearbooks On Sale!

Friday, April 13th is the last day to purchase your 2017-2018 school yearbook. [Click here](#) for order information. All forms and money need to be turned into the front office by 4:00pm on 4/13/18.

Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, AT NO COST TO YOU! When you shop at Smile.Amazon.com you'll still get the same price but Amazon will automatically donate 0.5% of the purchase price to your chosen charity organization. Since High Point Academy is a non-profit organization, and is listed on the Amazon site, 0.5% of the value of your purchase will be donated to our school. How exciting! That's money for our school! Please [click here](#) to register High Point Academy for the donation from Amazon.com

Important Dates:

April 6: Pajama Day for \$1

April 9: Girls Soccer Game vs. Lotus at HPA at 5:00pm

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April 12: PTO Meeting at 6:00pm

April 16: Girls Soccer Game vs. Denver Language School at Denver Language School at 4:45pm

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April 23: Girls Soccer Game vs. Aurora Academy at HPA at 5:00pm

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April 24: Co-Ed Volleyball Game vs. Vanguard East B at HPA at 5:00pm

April 25: Board Meeting at 5:00pm

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Message from the Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

Our 3rd – 8th grade students will be participating in the state assessments next week. You may have heard Colorado's state assessments changed from the TCAP (CSAP) to the PARCC and now they are called CMAS.

Let me share with you a brief history and overview of our state mandated assessments. You may remember the CSAP (Colorado Student Assessment Program) that was administered from approximately 2001 to 2010, and then, once the Colorado State Board of Education adopted the Common Core standards, the state has been in transition for quite some time and the test was called CMAS (Colorado Measures of Academic Success).

With the adoption of new state standards, CMAS includes social studies, science, English language arts, and mathematics tests. HPA 3rd -8th graders, will join all other 3rd-8th graders across the state of Colorado over the next two weeks and take the CMAS tests. [Click here](#) for our testing schedule.

As you may know, we are required to administer these assessments under the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001* and more recently with the passing of *Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)*. Every public school in Colorado is required to administer CMAS to 3rd through 10th graders in reading, writing, and math; as well as 5th, 8th, and 10th graders in science each spring. As a school we have decided to use the 'paper/pencil' version of these assessments so that students can show what they know in a familiar format (as opposed to a computerized test).

The CMAS test results are used to measure school and student performance from year to year; and are used to determine a school's annual performance rating (APR). To that end, it is extremely important that your child is at school every day during the duration of the testing sessions; as well as encouraged by you to try hard and do their best.

Our staff have been working hard to prepare students for the content they'll need to know. They have also intentionally planned incentives and activities that will make the testing experience positive and fun. We want our students to know that while we expect them to do their best, CMAS test is just one measure of who they are as a learner.

Yesterday at *Coffee with Keri* we discussed the ways families can support their child(ren) during this time. The most important thing to do is **stay positive, and encourage your child to try their best; help ensure that they get a good night's sleep, and that they are in school and on time.**

Together we can support our kids and ensure a positive testing experience. If you have questions about the state assessments, please feel free to reach out to me by phone, email, or stop by my office.

We wish you all a safe and wonderful week off!

With husky pride,

Ms. Keri Melmed



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Donation and Volunteer Opportunities

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

Mrs. DelRoss is in need of gardening gloves for our school garden.

Dunkirk Street Closure

On Saturday, April 7th, City of Aurora will be closing Dunkirk St. and all sidewalk access along Dunkirk leading to High Point Academy. There will be no access to the building for the day.

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.

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 either room 51 or place in the collection box located across from the receptionist's desk

Middle School Career Fair

Do you have a fun or interesting career that you would be willing to share with our High Point Middle School Students? Great! Because our school counselor, Rachel Bauer, is looking for volunteers to share their careers with our students. We would love for you to come and participate! Our career fair is Friday May 11th from 12:45 PM - 3:30 PM. Our students will have questions ready to ask you! Please reach out to Ms Bauer (303-217-5152; rbauer@highpointacademy.net) if you are interested in participating. Our students would appreciate hearing and learning from you.

Husky Pack

Looking for dependable childcare for the last 2 months of school? Sign up for Husky PACK today! For additional information please contact the PACK Director, Timiya Jackson at tjackson@highpointacademy.net or 303-921-2033.

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.