



# 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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## Vision and Hearing

Volunteers needed to help with hearing and vision screening on October 8th, 9th and 10th from 8:00am to 3:30pm. Please [click here](#) to sign up or contact Amanda Delgado at [Adelgado@highpointacademy.net](mailto:Adelgado@highpointacademy.net) if you are available for any part of these days.

## Still Enrolling

Help spread the word, we are still enrolling for this school year. Space limited to select grades. Contact Jill Fitz at [jfitz@highpointacademy.net](mailto:jfitz@highpointacademy.net)

## Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to assist with picture day on Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. [Click here](#) to sign up.

## Love and Logic Classes

"Parenting with Love and Logic" will begin on Wednesday evenings! The class is six weeks long and will run from Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 PM – 8 PM (we skip Wednesday September 26<sup>th</sup>). The class focuses on using natural consequences for actions, while strengthening your loving relationship with your child or children. Please [click here](#) to sign up.

We will have food and child care for the evening. If you have attended one, some, or all of the "Parenting with Love and Logic" classes, you are invited back for another round, we'd love to have you and hear how the tools are working.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Rachel Bauer in the counseling

Office at 303-217-5152 or [rbauer@highpointacademy.net](mailto:rbauer@highpointacademy.net)

## Husky Pack

You can still register for Husky PACK. Spaces are first come, first serve. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Volunteer Training

We have the following volunteer trainings coming up. Remember you must complete the volunteer training as well as a background check in order to volunteer in the classroom.

September 18<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-10:30am

September 21<sup>st</sup> 1:00pm-1:30pm

September 25<sup>th</sup> 2:30pm-3:00pm

September 28<sup>th</sup> 9:30am-10:00pm

October 4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am-9:00am

## Picture Day

Picture Day is September 28<sup>th</sup>. All students will need to wear a uniform shirt to be photographed.

## Facility Rental

Besides working hard to provide an individualized learning plan for your child, we are committed to partnering with the local community. During the year, we are willing to host events at our school. Please contact Timiya Jackson at [tjackson@highpointacademy.net](mailto:tjackson@highpointacademy.net).

## Quarter One Music Concert

Please join us for HPA's first Music Concert of the year! Our Quarter 1 concert will feature 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders sharing what they've learned in music class so far. The concert will be held on **Thursday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>** on the stage from 6-7pm. We are in need of handful of volunteers to make this concert work, so if you are interested in helping out as an usher or stage manager, please contact Ms. Lawdan at [jlawdan@highpointacademy.net](mailto:jlawdan@highpointacademy.net) or Theresa Cole at [cole.theresa.j@gmail.com](mailto:cole.theresa.j@gmail.com)

## Health Office Reminders

School has started and so have the illnesses. [Click here](#) for a great resource to help you decide if it is best to keep your children home from school.



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## Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

The school year is off to a great start at High Point Academy. It is hard to believe that we are already halfway through 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. This week we had our first *Coffee with Keri*, which is a monthly gathering of parents and administrators where we discuss topics related to the school, students, and our programming. This month we discussed the vision for the 2018-2019 school year. Click here for the link to the PowerPoint. Here are a few highlights of our improved programming and goals for the year.

**Teacher quality!** The single greatest impact on student achievement is the effectiveness of their teacher. At HPA, the majority of our teaching staff has returned for another great year at HPA. Our teachers are highly qualified, committed, and passionate about students and supporting their growth and success. Our small class sizes also support student growth and achievement.

**The HPA Family!** This year events that bring us together as a community are a major focus. We started the year off with our Back to School Night Bash and we will continue to hold community events throughout the year. Our next event, Math and Literacy Night, is scheduled for September 27<sup>th</sup>. It will be a festive night of games, resources, and refreshments to support literacy, math, and health in the home.

**Curriculum!** We have implemented new curriculum in middle school math and improved our reading and math programs in elementary school.

**Music!** We've added a music class to our specials programming. Students now have exposure to music, song, instruments, and performance.

**Technology!** Students have greater access to technology in their content classes, including new laptop and tablet computer. We are moving to a full technology integration plan.

**Personalized learning!** Students are receiving personalized learning opportunities through our enrichment courses that support our most advanced students as well as provide more targeted instruction for all students.

**Restorative Practices!** We have added a Restorative Justice Coordinator to our leadership team to enhance the supports and services we provide students when they have exhibited unwanted behavior.

**PTO!** We are working in partnership with PTO to enhance our fundraising efforts so that we can expand our programming and provide unique and exciting extracurricular opportunities for each and every student. The first PTO meeting is scheduled for September 18.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding any of our programming, please reach out to me directly at (303) 217-5152 or by email at [kmelmed@highpointacademy.net](mailto:kmelmed@highpointacademy.net).

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed  
Executive Director

**September 13:** Flag Football game vs. Vanguard East at HPA @ 5pm

**September 17:** Flag Football game vs. Lotus at HPA @ 5pm

**September 18:** Volleyball game A Team vs. Vanguard East at HPA @ 5pm and

**September 18:** Volleyball game B Team vs. Vanguard East at HPA @ 6pm

**September 18:** PTO Meeting in Rm 24 @ 5pm

**September 19:** Cross Country Meet at Vanguard West @ 5pm

**September 27:** Math and Literacy Night 5pm—7pm

**September 28:** Picture Day

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## Donation Opportunities

Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade advisory groups are looking for a donation of unused plastic straws.

7<sup>th</sup> grade advisors are looking for a donation of 6 packs of toothpicks.

Please bring these items to the front office if you have some to donate.

## 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.

## Like HPA on Facebook

If you're on Facebook, [like High Point Academy](#) to receive school updates in your newsfeed.

## Husky Pride Donations

Every day at HPA, students can earn Husky PRIDE tickets for Participation, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination and Excellence. At the end of each week, a ticket from each class or advisory gets pulled and the winner can choose a small prize. All of the tickets then get put into a monthly drawing to win one of three grand prizes. We are in need of donations for prizes to reward positive behavior. Some of the items we are looking for include gift cards, movie passes, Bronco, Rockies, Avalanche, Nuggets, Rapids gear (hats, beanies, key chains, lanyards, bags), books, new or gently used scooters or bikes, slime or putty, play dough, sketch books, soccer balls, basketballs, gel pens, journals, colored pencils, or markers. If you are interested in making a donation, please reach out to Katie Vining at [kvining@highpointacademy.net](mailto:kvining@highpointacademy.net).

## Preschool Tuition Assistance

If your student is 4 years old and you live in Denver, please fill out a DPP application for tuition assistance by going to [dpp.org](http://dpp.org).

## HPA Has Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse

Are you thinking of home furnishings? If so, support our school at the same time. [Click here](#) for more information.

## HPA Night with the Colorado Rapids

Colorado Rapids vs LAFC on Saturday, October 6th @ 7pm at DICK'S Sporting Goods Park. To purchase tickets please [click here](#). Please contact Bianca Velez with the Colorado Rapids at [Bianca.Velez@teamkse.com](mailto:Bianca.Velez@teamkse.com) or 303-727-3590 with questions or orders of 10 or 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.

