



# 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)

## 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)

## 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).

## NFL Day

Students are invited to dress down and wear their favorite NFL sports team top with dress down bottoms on Monday, October 1st to celebrate the Monday Night Football Game Broncos vs. Chiefs.

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

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

## Picture Day

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

## 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)

## Husky Pack

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



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## Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

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

**September 28:** Picture Day

**September 28:** Student Jean Day \$1

**October 2:** Volleyball Game A Team vs. Omar D. Blair at Omar D. Blair @ 4:30pm

**October 2:** Volleyball Game B Team vs. Omar D. Blair at Omar D. Blair @ 5:30pm

**October 3:** Cross Country Meet at Vanguard West @ 5:15pm

**October 4:** Volleyball game A Team vs. Compass at Compass @ 5pm

**October 4:** Volleyball game B Team vs. Compass at Compass @ 6pm

**October 8:** Fall sports pictures @ 4pm

**October 10:** Coffee with Keri @ 8am

Tonight is **Math and Literacy Night** from 5-6PM. I hope that you will join us! The evening will be a lot of fun, with games, activities, and a chance to take home resources to assist you in promoting learning at home. As a parent I know that it can be a challenge to support your child's education at home. It's hard to know what will make a difference. We want our children to grow and to be successful adults. There are a few guidelines and tidbits that have helped me both as a parent and principal.

- Studies regarding students at top tier colleges discovered a common theme among students that crossed, economic, racial, ethnic, and gender lines – it was not IQ, GPA, or SAT score, it was that students grew up in a home where their family discussed the daily news, the adults in their life asked them their opinion about world events, and parents encouraged them to explain their beliefs and values. This type of dialogue developed their analytical and critical thinking skills, not to mention their ability to share their ideas clearly and effectively.
- If you agree with homework or not, research studies have shown that homework helps students with time management, self-discipline, independence, and responsibility. Be sure to support your child with their homework by encouraging them to take ownership and accountability for it.
- Speak positively about school, teachers, and the importance of education, hard work, and learning. Our kids need to hear from us why it is important to pay attention and do their best.
- Success breeds success, is a reality. Research has found that success produces subsequent rates of success in individuals. When your child is successful, praise them each day, and focus on what they are doing well and on their strengths.
- Sleep! Make sure that your child is getting enough rest and sleep each night. With video games, cell phones, and social media students are getting less and less sleep and schools are seeing increasing rates of sleep deprivation and fatigue.
- Share strategies you are using to solve everyday math problems, for example, how you are converting grams to ounces, adding fractions, determining distance, or using percentages. When you are cooking ask your child to help determine quantities, measuring ingredients, and figuring out portion sizes.
- One of the most important things that you can do at home is read aloud to your child, or have your child read to you or themselves at least 5 days a week. Overwhelmingly research has shown that reading at home has the greatest impact on their literacy development.

At High Point we know that it takes a village and we hope that you are able to join us tonight to gain additional ideas and support for your child at home. We know that you are your child's first teacher. Parent involvement is more important than IQ, economic status, or school program for your child's success. Participating in your child's school, staying informed about assignments, and watching for signs of frustration or failure are critical ways that support their development. Please know that your child's teacher, as well as administration is here to support you and your child.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed  
Executive Director  
High Point Academy





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## Donation Opportunities

Mr. Teo 8th grade Science is in need of the following items: Plastic bottles, bottle caps, bubble wrap, pipe cleaners, spoons, small cups, tape, popsicle sticks, glue, sandwich bags, string, yarn, tissue paper and egg cartons.

## Low Cost Immunizations

The program offers low- and no-cost Saturday immunization clinics throughout the year in Aurora, Denver and Arvada with the help of experienced immunization nurses, fire medics, paramedics, health care and community volunteers. Each clinic also offers fun activities and prizes for kids, including fire engine and ambulance tours. Available for children ages 0 to 18 years old. [Click here](#) for more information.

## 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).

## 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. [Click here](#) for more information.

## 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.

## 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).

## 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.

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