



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.

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Gifted and Talented Testing

From November 5th—9th we will be administering tests for all second and sixth grade students to determine eligibility for gifted and talented services. All other students may be recommended for testing based on specific characteristics, which include but are not limited to advance problem-solving skills, intense interests, motivation to pursue self-selected tasks and test scores above 95th percentile. For a more extensive list, please [click here](#). For more information on HPA's gifted identification process or to refer your child for testing, please contact Katie Vining at kvining@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.

Free and Reduced Lunch

Please remember to fill out your free and Reduced lunch application.

Completing the application ensures your student is charged the correct amount for lunches; and helps the school with program funding. Please [click here](#) to fill out the application.

Colder Weather

We are beginning to experience colder weather. Please ensure that students are dressed accordingly. Students will be expected to be outside before school and during recess if the temperature is above 25 degrees, including wind-chill. If the temperature is 25 degrees or below at lunch time, students will have indoor recess. Unless the weather is extreme and/or dangerous, dismissal will be outside as usual.

PTO Meeting

Join us for our next PTO meeting Tuesday, October 16th at 5:00pm. Light appetizers will be provided and feel free to bring an appetizer to share. PTO will also stream the meeting live on Facebook, so Like our HPA PTO page on Facebook. Childcare will be provided.

Carpool Reminders

When picking up your students in the carpool lane, please remember that the lane on the left is the MIDDLE SCHOOL and MIDDLE SCHOOL/ELEMENTARY STUDENTS only lane. If you have a student in middle school, or if you have students in both middle school and elementary school, please pull into this lane. Starting at 3:30 p.m. your elementary students will be escorted to your car while you wait for middle school to be dismissed at 3:40 p.m.

If you have an ELEMENTARY STUDENT/S ONLY please pull into the right lane. Elementary students will be ready for pickup beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Cultural Potluck

Come and celebrate all of the cultures and traditions that make the HPA community a great place to learn and grow!

When—November 8th 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Who—All High Point Academy students and families

Where—High Point Academy Cafeteria

[Click here](#) and sign up to bring a favorite family dish, dessert, or snack.





October 16: PTO Meeting @ 5pm

October 16: Flag Football Game vs. Denver Language School at HPA @ 5:15.

October 18: NO SCHOOL—Teacher PD Day

October 19: NO SCHOOL

October 21: Cross Country Championship—Time TBD.

October 22: Volleyball Game B Team vs. Denver Language School at HPA @ 5:00pm.

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October 24: Board Meeting @ 5pm

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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

At HPA, we value the academic achievement and character excellence of our students. Through our vision, we understand the importance of both as students develop into responsible citizens and contributors to our local and global community. Throughout the year, we have a variety of informal processes to recognize when students are performing at an accomplished level. This type of recognition often happens within each child's homeroom, advisory or with an individual teacher.

One way we recognize student excellence is through our Husky PRIDE initiative. Husky PRIDE tickets are given to students to recognize their 'participation' – 'responsibility' – 'integrity' – 'determination' – and 'excellence'. All of our Husky PRIDE characteristics support students to become successful adults and citizens. When students receive a husky pride ticket, their ticket is placed in the Husky PRIDE bucket. Each Friday student names are drawn and students are recognized for their positive behavior and receive a prize. In addition, each month there is a school-wide drawing of Husky PRIDE tickets and one student from primary, intermediate, and middle are recognized over the building intercom for their excellence and they are able to choose from a more special prize option.

Another way that we recognize students is through our end of quarter award ceremonies. Over the last several years we have received feedback from families and staff regarding our award ceremonies. For some families scheduling the ceremonies during the school day was difficult, so this year we are holding the ceremonies afterschool in the evening. We hope that this allows for more families to attend. We have also received feedback regarding the rigor of awards given out. Based on that, this year we have adjusted our quarter award ceremonies to celebrate students for their accomplishment in one of four areas. We will recognize **one** student from each grade level (in 4th-8th) and one student from each homeroom (in preK-3) for:

1. Academic achievement with our Husky Scholar Award in English Language Arts, Math, Science/Social Studies
2. Character excellence with our Husky PRIDE Award in Participation, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, Excellence
3. Extracurricular success with our Specials Award in Art, Spanish, Physical Education, Music, Wellness and (in middle school) Technology.
4. Attendance for students who have been present every day (no tardies, no early dismissal) with the Perfect Attendance Award.

Students are selected for each award by their teacher based on their level of academic performance, demonstration of character, and/or perfect attendance for the quarter.

We are excited to celebrate and recognize our Huskies on Thursday, October 25th. If your child is receiving an award you will be notified by email. Please reach out with any questions and feedback regarding award ceremonies for 2018-2019 school year.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed
Executive Director



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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.

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.

Husky Pack

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

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.

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.

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 5th through Wednesday October 24th from 6:30 PM – 8 PM (we skip Wednesday September 26th). 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

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.

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