



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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Book Character Dress Day

On October 31, students can dress up as their favorite book character. Students must have their costume idea pre-approved through their teacher and have the book in hand on Character Dress Day.

Book Fair

The book fair is here until October 29th. Please stop by Room 20 and check out all the books. It is open throughout the day as well as after school.

Cross Country

Congratulations to Jenasis Kramer for placing 3rd and April Rosales for placing 4th in yesterday's Cross Country Meet. Way to go!

Winter Craft Fair

PTO sponsored craft fair will be held at High Point Academy on Saturday December 8th from 10am—5pm. If you have any questions or would like to have a booth email hpacraft2018@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

October 25: Quarter 1 Award Ceremony

October 26: Student Jean Day \$1

October 29: Flag Football Game vs. Vanguard West at HPA @ 5:30pm.

October 31: Book Character Dress Day

November 3: A-Team Volleyball Playoffs at Global Village Academy @ 8am

November 3: B-Team Volleyball Playoffs at Global Village Academy @ 2pm

November 3: Flag Football Playoffs TBD

November 8: Class pictures

November 8: Cultural Potluck @ 5pm

November 9: Picture Retakes

November 14: Coffee with Keri 8am

November 19—23: NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Break

Dear HPA Families,

Tonight we recognize our 1st quarter award recipients. 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. This year our award ceremonies look different.

- We are holding the award ceremonies afterschool, in the evening, to allow for greater parent and family participation.
- We are recognizing only *one* student per category.
- We are acknowledging student achievement in the following categories:
English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and/or Social Studies
- We are recognizing students' character excellence in the following PRIDE categories:
Participation, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, Excellence
- We are celebrating students' extracurricular performance in each Specials class:
Music, Art, Wellness, Physical Education, and Spanish
- We are distinguishing students with perfect attendance – (no tardies and no early outs), students who have been at school, on time, each and every day of 1st quarter.

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.

While we are excited with our new structure, we want your feedback and input as the year progresses. If your child did not receive an award this quarter, please know that they have an opportunity to receive one 2nd, 3rd, or 4th quarter. With the number of student recipients decreased each quarter, when students *do* receive an award they will be proud of their accomplishment.

Award ceremonies are not the only way that we celebrate and recognize students. 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 and 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 even more special prize options.

We are excited to celebrate and recognize our Huskies tonight. If your child is receiving an award you were notified with a letter that was sent home and by text. Please reach out with any questions and feedback regarding award ceremonies for 2018-2019 school year.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed
Executive Director
High Point Academy





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Donation Opportunities

Mr. Teo 8th grade is in need of different colored duct tape .
Please bring these items to the front office if you have some to donate.

Like HPA on Facebook

If you're on Facebook, like High Point Academy to receive school updates in your newsfeed.

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.

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.

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.

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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.

Husky Pack

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

