



# 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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## Fundraiser with the Denver Nuggets

High Point Academy Fundraiser with the Denver Nuggets on Saturday January 26th, 2019 at 7pm. A portion of each ticket sold will go back to support High Point Academy. Go to <https://Nuggets.KSETickets.com/highpoint> to purchase tickets. To guarantee seating with your group, get your tickets by January 19th.

## PTO Meeting

The next PTO meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 27th at 5pm.

## Mom and Me Tea

Join us for Mom and Me Tea on Tuesday, November 13 from 8:00am—8:30am. Contact Mrs. Noble at [anoble@highpointacademy.net](mailto:anoble@highpointacademy.net) for more information.

## Free and Reduced Lunch

Please remember to fill out you 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.

## Health and Wellness

Each newsletter our school nurse from Children's Hospital provides us articles that are helpful for parents and students. [Click here](#) to read on "What You Should Know About Head Lice".

## 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).

## Hat Day

Help Student Council raise money by wearing a hat Friday November 9th for \$1.

## 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](mailto:hpacraft2018@gmail.com).

## Middle School Transition Meeting

Many of you may be wondering what your child's experience will be like as middle school student here at High Point Academy. Our goal at High Point Academy is to make the transition into middle school as exciting and positive as possible for both our students and families.

We invite you to attend one of our middle school transition meetings on December 11, 2018.

Information sessions will be offered from 8:15am-10:00am in the Wellness Room and 5:30pm-6:30pm in the cafeteria. The morning session includes a tour of the middle school and parents will have an opportunity to pop into 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

## Jean Day

Jean Day is the last Friday/school day of every month. We charge \$1 to wear jeans. This helps offset the cost of the yearbook, so that we can offer it to families at a lower price.

## Husky Pack

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





**November 8:** Cultural Potluck 5pm

**November 9:** Hat Day \$1

**November 9:** Girl's Basketball Tryouts @ 4pm

**November 12:** Boy's Basketball Tryouts @ 4pm

**November 14:** Coffee with Keri 8am

**November 19—23:** NO SCHOOL— Thanksgiving Break

**November 27:** PTO Meeting @5pm

**November 28:** Governing Board Meeting @ 5pm.

**November 30:** Student Jean day \$1

**December 7:** Middle School Dance 5-7pm

**December 8:** PTO - Craft Fair



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## Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

Our annual *Cultural Potluck* is this evening from 5-7PM. The event is one of the things we do at High Point to celebrate our diverse student body. While most schools in our country are predominately one race, or one ethnicity, at High Point our classrooms are filled with students from all walks of life – and we think that's pretty darn cool! So, why not celebrate and acknowledge the power of diversity?

For me, the potluck tonight is more important than ever. In a time when our country and our communities are so divided, we are coming together as one High Point. What a powerful message this will give our kids! That regardless of your political views, we all matter – our voices matter, our perspectives matter, our traditions matter, and our safety matters. The potluck provides the time and space to learn about, and from one another. There aren't many rituals, like sharing a meal, that is as powerful in bringing people together. This yearly tradition is an example of what is possible when we embrace our uniqueness and our differences. I hope you will join us and help make this our best cultural potluck ever!

Spending time in our classrooms from preschool through eighth grade, you will see and hear how each one of our students brings unique perspective to the conversations, activities, and work they are doing. Their different learning styles and passions are evident in their assignments and projects. And, each teacher and staff member brings their own enthusiasm and creativity to the lessons they are teaching, the conversations they are facilitating, and the ways they are engaging our students. These observations remind me how much we gain from our diversity.

As with any community, there are times when we experience conflict. When we are not treating one another with kindness and respect. As a community, let's come together and hold ourselves to high standards even in stressful situations like carpool, drop off and pick up, sporting events, as well as difficult conversations with teachers and staff members. It is during those difficult times that our children learn how to manage their anger and frustration. Let's be the model for our kids of respect and kindness.

Together we make HPA a great place for our students to learn and grow. Looking forward to seeing the community come together tonight!

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.

## 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).

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

