



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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Pajama Drive

Pre-K is doing a service project and we need your help! The Pre-K program is collecting new pajamas - sizes ranging from newborn-adult L (size 16 youth) for the national pajama drive. All donations are due by December 13th. For a second year in a row pre-k will join Scholastic Book Club and The Pajama Program to help at-risk children have a loving, good night. Scholastic Book Club will donate 100,000 brand-new books to pajama program at the end of this campaign.

Father and Son Breakfast

Join us for the Father and Son Breakfast on Tuesday, December 4th from 8am-8:30am. Please contact Alenda Noble at anoble@highpointacademy.net to reserve a spot.

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 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes.

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.

Winter Specials' Showcase

Our Winter Specials Showcase is coming up on Tuesday, December 18th from 5-7pm. Come join us for an evening of art, language, activities, and music! K-6 students in Music and Spanish will all be participating in performances on stage, so attendance for these students is crucial to make an awesome show! If your student cannot be at the performance, or if you have any other questions about the event, please reach out to Ms. Lawdan at ilawdan@highpointacademy.net

Pre-K Holiday Program

Preschool is celebrating the holidays with their Holiday Program on December 19, 2018 at 2:30pm.

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.

Carpool Reminders

Please remember when dropping off students each morning that the parking lot is reserved for parents that are parking and walking inside with their students only. Please do not drop off your students in the parking lot. If you wish to drop off your student, please use the carpool lane by the playground. This helps to ensure the safety of all students as well as the smooth flow of vehicles in the morning.

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 HPA Families,

November 30: Student Jean day \$1

December 7: Middle School Dance 5-7pm

December 8: PTO - Craft Fair 10—5pm

December 12: Coffee with Keri at 8am

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December 18: PTO Meeting at 5pm

December 18: Winter Specials Showcase 5pm

December 19: Girls Basketball game vs. Highline Academy at HPA 5pm

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December 20: Half Day—NOON Release

December 20: Governing Board Meeting at 10am.

December 21—January 9: NO SCHOOL—Winter Break

Welcome back! We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I know that the staff returned reenergized and invigorated! While winter break is just around the corner, these next few weeks of school are filled with lots of learning and exciting programming. Don't miss the HPA PTO sponsored Craft Fair on December 8th, and our school-wide International Day on Thursday, December 20th.

One of the aspects that makes High Point Academy an amazing place is our focus on service. My heart is filled with joy by the many service projects students are leading. The week before thanksgiving break, middle school students spent time learning about and discussing the idea of those in need in and around the Denver area. Students themselves determine that a canned food drive was a great way to give back and help out in preparation for the holiday season. Each advisory created a plan for how their group would collect the items and also set a goal around the amount of items they would bring in. Students had a week to collect and bring in items for their group. On Friday the food items were counted to determine the winning advisory group in each grade level. A big shout out to the advisory groups of Mrs. Garcia, Ms. Rendon, and Mrs. DelRoss whose students brought in the most items in their grade. As a whole middle school our students brought in over 450 food items to be donated to the Food Bank of the Rockies! Our students are now going to focus their attention on creating a service learning project that will directly affect our High Point community. Stay tuned for more details about this project in the new year.

The focus on service is not limited to our K-8 students and programming. Preschool is also conducting a service project and teaching, even our youngest students, the power and importance of giving and helping those in need. Preschool is collecting pajamas to donate. Students are encouraged to bring in PJs until December 13th.

If you would like to learn more about High Point's philosophy around service and service learning, please attend the next *Coffee with Keri*, on December 12th at 8AM. We will be discussing Service Learning and sharing the many projects students have done and the ways it supports our students' learning and growth.

Please join me in congratulating and acknowledging our students and their efforts to help make this world a better place. Obviously none of this would be possible without our committed and passionate staff and families who make these experiences possible.

I am inspired by our children and our caring and giving community.

With gratitude,

Keri Melmed
Executive Director/Principal



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Donation Opportunities

Our middle school is in need of decoration donations for the Winter dance. We are looking for white/light blue string lights, snowflake/winter decorations, winter themed photo booth props, white/baby blue/silver balloons, white/baby blue/silver plastic table cloths, cups, napkins.

Like HPA on Facebook

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



Health Office Donations

Our health office is in need of gently used uniforms sizes 10 and up, as well as brand new underclothes for the younger students when they have accidents. Please drop off any donations in the health office.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Third Grade Service Learning

Third Grade is holding a Diaper Drive to benefit the "Families Forward" Resource Center that serves families in our community. We are in need of Newborn thru Size 3 diapers and wet wipes. Please bring all donations to any 3rd grade classroom.

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.

Love and Logic Classes

There are two "Parenting with Love and Logic" sessions that will be held on Saturday January 26th, 2018 and February 23, 2018. 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.

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

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.