



# 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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## Craft Fair Vendors

HPA would like to thank the following vendors and sponsors for participating in the craft fair this past Saturday:

Color Street, Crochet-Creative Sensations, Lemon Grass Spa Products, Zya Active, P&K Organic Dried Fruits, GS Troop 62135, Little Flower Hemp Co, The Altered Box, Cottage Food Sales, Usborne Books&More, Scentsy, Mary Kay, Landing Place Church, Coyote Sol Creations, LuLaRoe, Keep Collective, You're Lite Jewelry Box, Kissable Colors, Dot Dot Smile, Monat, Sweet Reality Baking, Bird Monkey Designs, Thirty One Gifts, Oragmi Owl, Randi Marks Originals, Black Eyed Susans, Noora's Shop, Little Z's Gluten Free, Arbonne, Crafted w/ Class, Art of Curiosity, Simply Artistic, Loretta's Creation, Mix General Store, Victoria Grace Air, Faces by Cheryl, Wands and Wishes, Serendipity Studios, Henna, The Cravings Truck, Capital Roofing and Restoration, RN Electric and DARE.

Also, a shout out to all the volunteers that helped make the craft fair a success:

Theresa Cole, Erica Lial, Jermaine Morgan, Jacob Lucero, Robert Evans, Melissa Anderson, Cheri Wilbur, Beth Wilbur, Michelle Brennan, Angela Kirkpatrick and Courtney Bejaran.

## 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.

## Pre-K Holiday Program

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

## 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.

## Winter Specials' Showcase

Our Winter Specials Showcase is coming up on Tuesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:ilawdan@highpointacademy.net)

## Development and Traffic Update:

The Gaylord Rockies will open for business on 12/18/18. We expect this to increase traffic on 64<sup>th</sup>. In addition, over 700 Gaylord Rockies employees will start their training on 12/6/18 at 8AM each morning. We anticipate that this will also increase the traffic on 64<sup>th</sup> and Dunkirk.

High Point Academy will continue to ensure the safety of our students by paying and providing a police officer at that corner each morning and afternoon. That said, we encourage families to use the carpool line to pick up and drop off your students.

## After School Activities

It's time to sign up for Spring After School Clubs. Clubs will begin the week of January 21st. [Click here](#) to sign up!



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## Message from the Executive Director/Principal

**December 13:** Basketball Tournament  
4pm—5:30pm

**December 18:** Winter Specials Showcase  
5pm

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

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**December 20:** International Day 9am—10:30pm

**December 20:** Half Day—NOON Release

**December 20:** Governing Board Meeting at 10am.

**December 21—  
January 7:** NO SCHOOL—Winter Break

**January 16:** Conferences 4pm—8pm

**January 17:** Conferences 4pm—8pm

**January 18:** NO SCHOOL

Dear HPA Families,

It's hard to believe that next week wraps up our first semester of 2018-2019 school year. I would like to thank students, staff, and parents for all you've contributed to HPA. We have had an outstanding semester with many opportunities for our students to learn and grow. As well as many opportunities for our community to come together and celebrate one another and our relationships. From the *Math and Literacy* night in October, the *Cultural Potluck* in November, and the *Specials Showcase* next week; not to mention the Mother/Daughter Tea, Father/Son Breakfast, Holiday Shop, and Craft Fair – we have been busy! Our community is truly blessed with dedicated staff, faculty and families who are committed to the success of our students and made these opportunities possible.

With the holidays and break approaching, the upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and holiday or family traditions and celebrations. Each family deals with the stress and excitement of the holidays in different ways. It's not uncommon for children to experience later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes experience the financial stress that this time of year may bring. With all the excitement that this time of year brings, I want to share strategies that may support your child and family during the holiday break. Vacations, travelling, and being out of school can bring about challenging behaviors, even for the most well behaved child. J Psychology Today suggests four tips:

1. Give Your Kids a Voice and a Holiday Responsibility

Listen to your children's suggestions about holiday activities they would like the family to do together. Make sure kids are a part of the season's activities to increase the likelihood that they will want to participate in the family events.

2. Encourage and Model for Your Children How to Enjoy the Holidays

Be more than a taxi-driver or an events director for your family's holiday and break activities. When parents take the time to enjoy the holiday season, they model to their children the importance of togetherness while encouraging kids to take a part in the new family activity versus being spectators.

3. Praise Is a Powerful Present!

Make a point of praising family members for their ability to cooperate and to participate in holiday activities. It will not be easy to get everyone on the same page, so when it happens, rejoice and praise it!

4. Relax and Regroup Exhaustion

As stress can put a damper on the holiday season. Take some time each day to have the family relax a little and de-stress — especially after energy-zapping holiday activities.

December can be a month to reflect and rejuvenate. Hopefully you can take some time during the winter break to connect or reconnect with people important to you. The holidays provide a great opportunity to teach our children the joy of giving and family. As a staff, we wish everyone in the HPA community a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to the New Year and what 2019 will bring.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director/Principal



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## Donation Opportunities

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.

## Like HPA on Facebook

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

## 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom.

## 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).

## 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.

## 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.

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)

## 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 Pack

You can still register for Husky PACK. Spaces are first come, first serve. [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.

