



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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Mother-Son Dance

Student Council is hosting a Mother-Son dance on Thursday, February 28th from 5-7 p.m. The will include a sit down dinner along with 2 hours of fun and dancing. For more information, please contact: anoble@highpointacademy.net.

Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run starts the week of March 4th. Girls on the Run inspires girls to a lifetime of self-respect and a healthy lifestyle through an innovative program that combines training for a 3.1 mile run/walk race with a fun, health education lesson plan. We will meet Mondays and Thursdays after school from 3:45-5:00 pm. Open to all HPA 3rd through 5th grade girls. Registration is now open at www.girlsontherunrockies.org

Thank You!

Thanks to all the parents who donated dinner for parent/teacher conferences. We appreciate all you do for our school!

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

100th Day of School

February 1st is the 100th day of school. To celebrate the 100th day of school we are inviting all students to dress like a 100 year old on the 100th day of school. This is a fun way to celebrate this milestone in the school year.

Career Fair

Middle School is looking for parents who are willing to share their careers with our students. We are looking for 90 minutes of your time to share your career with our 7th and 8th grade students. During this event, you will have a table for you and anyone else you'd like to bring to showcase your career, and our students will roam around the tables asking questions about your career, education level, average pay for your career and questions about your daily life in your career. Our career fair this year will be on Tuesday April 30th from 2 PM – 3:30 PM. Please reach out to Ms. Rachel Bauer our middle school counselor if you are excited to share your career with our students! rbauer@highpointacademy.net 303-217-5152.

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.

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.



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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

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January 25: Jean Day \$1

January 28: Girls Basketball game vs. AXL @ HPA at 5pm

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January 30: Governing Board Meeting 5pm

February 1st: 100th Day of School

February 12th: Spelling Bee at 2:15pm

February 13: Coffee with Keri 8am

Dear HPA Families,

As you may have seen in the news, on Tuesday, January 22, Denver Public School's teachers' union was unable to reach an agreement with the district and voted to go on strike. While the district and union continue to negotiate to reach a solution, there is a chance that DPS teachers will strike on Monday, January 28th. We will continue to watch developments between the district, union, and state.

Regardless, we wanted to ensure that our families knew that while we serve a large population of students from Denver Public Schools, we are NOT a DPS charter school. High Point Academy is an independent charter authorized by the Charter School Institute. That said, **HPA is not involved and our school will remain open and our programming will continue.**

As an educational institution our focus is always on students and their success. And, we know that without bright, caring, passionate teachers our students do not succeed. At High Point, we continuously look for ways to support our teachers, to ensure solid compensation packages, to provide opportunities for growth, so that we can attract and retain high quality teachers. Our goal is to show our teachers how much we value them, as professionals and as human beings. Yet, we are faced with similar budget constraints from the state and we understand the complexity of the situation DPS now faces.

We know that DPS values their teachers, just as we do, and we hope that their hard work to reach an agreement will conclude before the strike. We hope that teachers will be able to continue their important work in their classrooms alongside their students.

As with many difficult conversations, if we are open to hearing the perspective of others, we learn ways to be better for one another. We hope that the conversation between DPS and Denver teacher's union, extends beyond their community and that collectively we can grow and find ways to ensure that we are fairly compensating our educators and our educational institutions.

As a state, we must continue to encourage our local and state officials to increase the total amount the government invests in education. We must continue to advocate for K-12 education so that all of our students receive the quality education they deserve.

If you have any questions about the strike, or any topics regarding educational funding, please reach out to me by email, phone, or stop by my office. Thank you for your continued support of our teachers and our school.

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.

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.

Like HPA on Facebook

If you're on Facebook, [like High Point Academy](#) to receive school updates in your newsfeed.

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.

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.

