



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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Pre-K Teacher Recognition

Pre-K's 8th Annual Teacher recognition event will be held on March 21, 2019. This event is for Pre-K teachers only and seeks to recognize their hard work through parent and administration acknowledgement's. The Early Childhood Partnership of Adams County's Directors' Roundtable wants your help in applauding the many efforts of the Adams County Early Childhood Professionals who have demonstrated excellence by being influential in the lives of the children with whom they work with. If you are a Pre-K parent that would like to submit some kind words of recognition please email: tmobley@highpointacademy.net

Father/Daughter Breakfast

HPA's Father & Daughter Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, March 12th from 8:00-8:30 a.m. Contact anoble@highpointacademy.net for more information

Asthma and Inhalers

Many of our HPA students have been diagnosed with Asthma. This is the time of year we see many severe and life threatening Asthma attacks. If your child *should* have an inhaler in the "health office", please bring one in or call and check that we have one for your student. If your child has an Asthma attack and is having trouble breathing, we are required by law to call 911. The EMS team will respond, administer an inhaler and charge you (the parent) for the 911 call. (It is expensive, I have heard \$1500-\$2000) so, please bring your child's inhaler in or call and let us know they carry one with them.

Please call or stop by the "health office" if you have any questions or need help getting your child an inhaler.

Childcare Available

Are you looking for evening childcare after 5:00pm? Reach out to mpeattaway@highpointacademy.net if interested.

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.

Mother-Son Dance

Don't miss out on the Mother and Son Dance on Thursday, February 28th from 5-7 p.m. There will be a sit down dinner, DJ and dancing, and an evening of fun! 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

Yearbooks on Sale Now

Order your 2018-2019 yearbook before prices go up, Yearbooks are currently \$10 and prices go up March 1st. [Click here](#) for more information.



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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

I hope you had a wonderful President's Day weekend. It was great to reunite with our students yesterday.

As a staff we came together on Tuesday to continue our work around creating the highest quality programming for our students. The English language arts and math teachers received training from PEBC to deepen their understanding and use of 'thinking strategies'. Thinking strategies support students to be strong thinkers and problem solvers. The entire staff participated in a training that focused on creating a safe and caring school. The presenter is an expert that provided valuable information to strengthen our ability to provide trauma informed teaching strategies to the students in our care who may need additional support and care. Our non-contact, teacher training days are always filled with new learning and critical collaboration so that we continue to grow as practitioners. The work we do directly supports teachers' ability to meet the needs of each student in their classroom.

These next few weeks, students in 3rd-8th grade will work on their test taking strategies. With the state assessment scheduled for the beginning of April, we want to be sure that we are supporting students to accurately navigate a traditional test and be able to show what they know and are able to do.

Next week some of our staff members will be participating in another exciting professional learning opportunity through the Colorado League of Charter Schools. Each year the League holds a conference to promote and share best practices in all areas of a charter school – from instructional practices, to budget and finance. School leaders, office managers, and board members attend and participate in the multiple breakout sessions that help us get better at our work.

It is this time each year when we begin to think about our staffing needs for the 2019-2020 school year. Every school year, we have some teachers who are moving out of Colorado or who are taking on new adventures, or venturing into a different career path. With that said, you may notice job postings and employment opportunities posted on our website over the next several months. Our teacher retention rates have drastically increased over the last few years, as well as our staff satisfaction. Over 90% of our staff agree or strongly agree that HPA has a positive school culture, positive work environment, and that their contributions are valued and impact the success of our school. If you are interested in an open position or know of someone who would be an asset to our staff, please encourage them to apply and direct them to our website. In the next few weeks we will begin our robust hiring process to find the most highly qualified applicants for any open positions we may have.

Each candidate that we interview must be highly qualified as determined by No Child Left Behind (NCLB) and must show a passion for working with children as well as working at High Point Academy specifically. As part of the process, prospective teachers spent time at our school, in our classrooms, meeting our students and our staff, so that the hiring committee gets to know each candidate as a teacher, learner, and potential colleague. Teacher candidates also conduct a demonstration lesson. Your son or daughter may share with you that a guest teacher taught a lesson in their classroom. This multiple step and thorough process will ultimately result in the hiring of passionate, knowledgeable, energetic, and caring educators who will join our staff in 2019 2020.

As you can see we are actively working to meet the needs of each and every child at HPA, while thinking and planning for our future as well. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to chat in person.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director/Principal

February 22: Jean Day \$1

February 27: Governing Board Meeting @ 5pm

March 4: Co-Ed Volleyball Tryouts 3:45—5:15pm

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March 11: NO SCHOOL—Teacher PD Day

March 13: Coffee with Keri @ 8am

March 19: PTO Meeting @ 5pm





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Donation Opportunities

Our health office is in need of gently used boys uniforms all sizes.

7th Grade is in need of Clorox wipes and tissues.

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.

Talent and Fashion Show

HPA's Fashion-Talent Show will be on Thursday, April 4th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Contact anoble@highpointacademy.net 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.

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.

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.

