



# 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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## PowerSchool Parent Portal

Going home in Thursday folders today are your student(s) Web ID and Password letters to create a Parent Portal through PowerSchool. If you are a returning parent and you created a Parent Portal last year, your username and password have not changed and you can log in using the same credentials. If you have a new student attending High Point this year but have an existing Parent Portal from last year, please use the Web ID and Password letter that is going home to add your student(s) to your account. If your family is new to High Point this year, you will need to create a new account with Parent Portal. It will ask you for your students Web ID and Password. Both of these items can be found on the sheet that is going home. You will also find the web address that will take you to the portal homepage. If you are an existing family and you do not remember your username and password, please send an e-mail to Jill Fitz at [jfitz@highpointacademy.net](mailto:jfitz@highpointacademy.net). The parent portal is used to access your student's grade and attendance at any time. Also, parents must create a parent portal account if they want to change how they are contacted for text, email and phone call blasts that we send out. The school cannot make these changes for them.

## Medical Forms

Allergy and asthma action plans, medication administration forms and meal modifications forms need to be turned into the clinic as soon as possible. The forms DO NOT roll over from last school year. If you would like the forms emailed to you, please email [lreyes@highpointacademy.net](mailto:lreyes@highpointacademy.net).

## 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 Teresa Frasier at [tfrazier@highpointacademy.net](mailto:tfrazier@highpointacademy.net)

## Counseling Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself! My name is Natalie Callahan and I am the new PK-4 Elementary School Counselor. This is my 18<sup>th</sup> year in education and 3<sup>rd</sup> year in counseling. I have a Masters in Counseling/School Counseling and I hold a Grief and Loss Certification. I am so excited to be part of the High Point Academy family; already it is so apparent how close-knit and welcoming the HPA community is, I feel very lucky to be part of it! As an Elementary School Counselor, my primary responsibility is to promote the academic, career, and social/emotional development of all students. I will be meeting with students individually and in small groups, conducting classroom counseling lessons, meeting with parents, collaborating with teachers and staff, and consulting with community organizations to benefit and meet the needs of all High Point Academy students. Please feel free to reach by email or phone. I am so excited to work with your children and get to know you throughout the school year!

## NFL Day

Students are invited to wear their favorite NFL sports team top with jeans on Monday, September 9th to celebrate the Monday Night Football Game Broncos vs. Raiders.

## Girls on the Run

Girls on the Run starts the week of September 9th. 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. [Click here](#) to join!



**August 23:** PJ Day for \$1

**September 2:** NO SCHOOL—Labor Day

**September 9:** NFL Day—NFL top with jeans

**September 11:** Coffee w/ Keri @ 8am

**September 16—  
September 19:** Book Fair

**September 17:** Mother/Daughter Tea @ 8am

**September 18:** Conferences 4pm—8pm

**September 19:** Conferences 4pm—8pm

### 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

Need home furnishings? If so, support our school at the same time. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear High Point Academy Families,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I speak on behalf of the entire staff when I say we are thrilled to have your child at HPA! This year we are home to approximately 700 huskies, with over 140 new students joining our community. We know that you have many choices for your child's education and we thank you for choosing High Point Academy.

For new and returning families, I'd like to share our staff and faculty norms with you and point out how they support you and your child for a successful year of learning and growth.

**Open, honest, respectful, balanced communication** – we all value our children and their education, when issues, concerns or problems arise, please engage in open, honest and respectful ways.

**Be present** – teachers plan for every minute of the day, student success is tied to their daily presence.

**Be humble** – at High Point we know there's always more to learn and ways to improve, as a community we promote a growth mindset with ourselves and our students.

**Ask questions to clarify and challenge** – when you and/or your child are unsure, seek to understand by reaching out to your child's teacher, the main office, or administration.

**Have fun** – attend the many fun and joyful school-wide events that are planned by the school and by PTO. Events are scheduled throughout the year.

**Open eyes, ears, and mind** – there's so much happening at our school, from exciting curriculum to athletics and afterschool programming, reading each email, text, and newsletter keeps you informed.

**Acknowledge and deal with the facts of our current reality, balance muck & momentum** – the school year will have ups and downs, your child will have good days and bad days, staying positive and reinforce school as a priority to impact your child's success.

**Be grateful**- High Point teachers give of themselves tirelessly, thank and appreciate them daily.

**Hold a preK-8 perspective**- the school is here to support 4 year olds through 14 year olds, each age requires special consideration, help us grow respectful and responsible citizens.

**Trust each other and assume positive intent** - we are one HPA, we share the same value – a strong education for our children – know that we are all doing this to the best of our ability.

**Keep students at the heart**- we keep your student at the heart of each decision, what is best for kids drives our policies, systems, and structures.

**Take care of yourself**- students need 8-10 hours of sleep each night, ensuring consistent bedtime routines is essential as their minds are growing and developing.

HPA staff and faculty commit to these norms and we hope you will too. Adhering to them will help us all reach our goals and dreams for this school year. For new and returning families, please know that my door is always open. Call, email, or swing by anytime. Here's to an amazing school year!

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director/Principal