



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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King Soopers New Rewards Program

We wanted to let everyone know about King Soopers new Community Rewards program. We no longer have to use gift cards. You can now link your King Soopers loyalty card to High Point Academy and the school will receive a percentage of your purchases. All you have to do is go into your on-line account, click on Community Rewards (under My Account), and select High Point Academy. You only have to do this once and all future purchases will help to benefit the school! This is a great way to help our school earn money without spending anything extra.

MTSS News

Hey HPA families! Did you know that high-performing schools are often associated with high levels of family engagement? [Click here](#) for a few simple ideas from HPA's MTSS Team that may help promote your child's success.

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.

HPA Has Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse

Need 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.

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.

Book Fair Volunteers

PTO is looking for parent volunteers for our Book Fair September 16—19. [Click here](#) to sign up!

Picture Day

Picture Day is September 27th. All students will need to wear a uniform shirt to be photographed.

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.

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!



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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families:

We are excited to share with you that we are piloting a new specials class this school year. The new class is Performing Arts/Drama. As you may know, the purpose of our specials programming is to provide opportunities for students to explore different types of thinking, movement, and expression; to expose students to a variety of genres, enable them to be creative, and to learn about, and try new things. Performing Arts/Drama will enhance our programming even more and give your child a rich extracurricular experience beyond their core content classes. Your child will now have an opportunity to take Performing Arts, in addition to Art, Wellness, Music, Technology, and Physical Education.

In a performing arts/drama class, students engage in a variety of activities that enable them to collaborate, communicate, and participate in creative ways to push them to think critically, and reflect in an innovative and safe space. In developmentally appropriate ways, students work to create and perform original theatrical pieces. Through improvisation and ensemble building, students collaborate to learn more about theatre as a platform to express themselves. Our performing arts teacher, Yvonne Goutman, comes to us with extensive experience and passion for drama and theatre arts. We are happy to share her introduction:

My name is Yvonne Goutman, and I am beyond excited to be joining the High Point Academy community as the performing arts/drama teacher! I am a graduate from New York University: Steinhardt, receiving a Master of Arts in Educational Theatre. I concentrated on various pedagogical and theatrical approaches that can be used in the classroom and beyond. I believe theatre can change the world and teach young people various skills that they can carry with them for the rest of their lives. I hope I can bring the same joy that theatre has brought to my life into the High Point Academy community. Please do not hesitate to stop by and say hello during Parent-Teacher conferences.

As you know, our specials classes have included Spanish in years prior. While HPA continues to value foreign language, and specifically Spanish, we were unable to find a Spanish teacher with the experience and expertise we were looking for to work with our students. Therefore, we explored all options for our specials offerings, which also included other foreign languages. In the end, the Performing Arts/Drama class and teacher stood out as the best option for our students. As we pilot the new Performing Arts/Drama class this year, we will continue to evaluate our specials offerings. Our goal is to provide students with rich learning experiences so that they are prepared for high school and beyond. We know that foreign language is an important part of that goal, and we will continue to pursue it as an option in the future.

Ms. Goutman will be available to meet you during conferences in September. Please feel free to visit *all* of our specials teachers during parent teacher conferences on September 18th and 19th to learn more about our specials programming and to meet the specials them.

With Husky Pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director

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

September 20:
NO SCHOOL

September 27:
Jean Day \$1

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Picture Day





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Donation Opportunities

Our clinic is looking for the following donations:

New boys underwear sizes 4-6, new girls underwear size 4-6, new childrens socks, small wash cloths, leggings.

Bullying Prevention Program

High Point Academy is excited to share that we are rolling out a new school wide bullying prevention program, Olweus (pronounced Ol-vey-us) over the next two years. During the 19/20 school year we will be introducing the program to our middle school students, and we will implement in the primary and elementary levels during the 20/21 school year.

Every Monday our middle school students will engage in circle meetings that will help them address how to understand the roles that can be present during a bullying situation; which are: A. student who bullies, B Follower, C. Supporter, D. Passive Supporter, E. Disengaged Onlooker, F. Possible Defender, G. Defender, H. The Student Who is Bullied. As the year goes on, we will look at each of these roles in our newsletter as well.

We will also share the four rules of bullying prevention that HPA has adopted: 1. We will not bully others, 2. We will try to help students who are bullied, 3. We will try to include students who are left out, and 4. If we know that somebody is being bullied, we will tell an adult at school AND an adult at home. Since our last rule impresses that students tell an adult at school AND at home, it is important for families to understand the definition of bullying that Olweus has set out: A person is bullied when he or she is exposed, repeatedly, and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more other persons, and he or she has difficulty defending himself or herself. The rules will be posted in each middle school classroom, and in spaces that have been identified as Hot Spots in our school, such as our cafeteria, and near our playground.

We will have our kickoff event with our students on Friday September 6th, and students will be starting their circle meetings on Monday September 9th. The program may have events where parent involvement is encouraged. We are excited to partner with families as we roll out this exciting program! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our co-facilitators of the program: Emily Del Ross, 8th grade ELA teacher or Rachel Bauer, middle school counselor.

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 tfrasier@highpointacademy.net

Middle School Ala Carte Lunch Items

Middle School can now purchase Ala Carte items in the lunch room. Items available for purchase are Fruit Snacks \$.75, Izze Sparkling Water \$1.25 and Naked Juice \$2.00. They can purchase these items with cash or their lunch account.

Husky Pride Reward Donations

Each week students have a chance to earn Husky Pride tickets. These tickets are collected in each student's classroom. Every Friday names are drawn from each grade level from the collected Husky Pride Tickets and prizes are handed out to those who have their names drawn. Grand prizes are given out monthly. Prize donations are greatly appreciated. Anything from small prizes to grand prizes such as gift cards, headphones, small toys, coloring books etc. Bring any donations to the front office.

PTO Meeting Minutes

Couldn't make the PTO meeting? [Click here](#) to see what you missed!

