



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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Cultural Potluck

HPA Cultural Potluck is on Thursday, November 7th. Bring a meal, side dish, dessert or snack to share with the HPA family. [Click here](#) to sign up!

Winter Musical

“The Parent Meeting for the Winter Musical will take place on **November 5th** in the cafeteria. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to learn more about what being in the school musical will entail, such as the audition process and rehearsal schedule, before registration closes on **November 22nd**. Parents, if you’re looking for a great extracurricular opportunity for your 5th-8th grade student this winter, don’t miss this meeting! If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ms. Lawdan at jlawdan@highpointacademy.net.”

Mother and Son Dance

Mother/Son Dance is on November 21st from 5pm—7pm. Don’t miss out on this evening of dinner, music, dancing and many great memories. To purchase tickets, please contact Mrs. Noble anoble@highpointacademy.net.

Middle School Dance

We are looking for parent chaperones to help out at the middle school dance on December 6th from 5:00-7:00 PM. If you cannot stay for the dance but could help set up instead we are looking for help from 4:00-5:00 PM. Please email Timiya Jackson at tjackson@highpointacademy.net if you are interested.

Gifted and Talented Services

The week of November 11th, we will be administering tests for all second and sixth grade students to determine eligibility for gifted and talented services. All other students may be recommended for testing based on specific characteristics, which include but are not limited to advanced problem-solving skills, intense interests, motivation to pursue self-selected tasks and test scores above the 95th percentile. For a more extensive list, please visit <http://www.coloradogifted.org/>. For more information on HPA’s gifted identification process or to refer your child for testing, please contact Katie Vining, kvining@highpointacademy.net.

Father and Son Breakfast

Father/Son Breakfast is just around the corner on Tuesday November 5th from 8am-8:30am. To reserve seats, please email Mrs. Noble Noble@highpointacademy.net.

High School Night

The middle school will be hosting our annual high school night on Thursday November 14th from 5 PM – 7 PM. This is a time to come and identify a high school that will fit your family best. It is put together for our 8th grade families that will have students transitioning, but it is open to all 6th – 8th grade families. If you have any questions, please reach out to our middle school counselor rbauer@highpointacademy.net



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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

Help me give a hearty welcome our new receptionist Catalina Alaniz. Ms. Alaniz comes to us with lots of experience and expertise. You may have already seen her at the front desk or spoken to her on the phone. Ms. Alaniz plays a critical role on our staff and is instructed to follow our safety and security systems, policies, and procedures to ensure a safe and secure campus.

As a reminder, here are a few of our entry and exit procedures:

- We secure our building by locking all exterior doors. During the school day, to access the building, enter through the front door. The receptionist will identify each visitor and provide access.
- Parents, guardians, family members must show an ID, even if we know you, when you are picking up your student or requesting to visit the classroom, lunchroom, or spend time in the building.
- Every visitor, even if we know you, is issued and required to wear a name badge when you are spending time in the building, visiting a classroom or lunchroom.
- The school day starts at 8AM, students that arrive after 8AM will need a tardy pass from the reception desk. As required by the state of Colorado, HPA monitors the attendance of each child (tardies and absences).
- Student cellphones are kept in their lockers or given to their teacher. To support your child in following the cell phone policy, please call the main office if you need to contact your student. The office will share the message with your child.
- In the event that you need to pick your child up early from school, the following guidelines apply: students are not called down to the office after 1:45 on Wednesday and after 3:15 on other days.
- Carpool dismissal typically ends at 3:45. Students who have not been picked up will be brought to the reception desk. At 4:00 any remaining students will be brought to Innovation Learning. Innovation Learning has the right to charge the family a drop off fee.

We know that ensuring a safe environment takes more than locking our exterior doors. We also have to pay close attention to what is happening inside our building. That said, each year we train every staff member in emergency response, teachers meet weekly to discuss any student concerns, students have a trusted adult to speak to if an issue arises, we have a dedicated mental health team on staff that includes a middle school and elementary school counselor and a therapist team that support our students in times of need.

One of the most important aspects of any school's safety plan is encouraging and reinforcing students to report anything they hear or see that makes them uncomfortable. Students can talk with a teacher or they can call our anonymous hotline: Safe2Tell at 1-877-524-7233.

In addition to these precautions, we take time to practice emergency drills so that staff and students know what to do if there is an emergency. In fact, each year we invite Aurora Police Department to observe our safety drills. Their input and partnership has been instrumental in ensuring that our policies are up to date and incorporate current best practice. We have a School Safety Committee that is made up of administrators, faculty, staff, and families. The committee is dedicated to making HPA safer for our children and staff. If you are interested in joining our safety efforts, please attend our next Safety Committee meeting (contact Mrs. Frasier at tfrazier@highpointacademy.net).

If there is an emergency, these are the ways that we will communicate with you:

1. If there is a threat, the school will immediately attend to the safety of the students.
2. The school will communicate through an email blast, text message, and phone call to update the parents as soon as possible.
3. The school has different safety protocols that we follow based on each situation. For example, if there is a tornado, we follow the Tornado procedures.

At HPA, we understand the importance of our work – and that we are trusted each and every day to care for your child. We appreciate your support and partnership. Please reach out to me with any questions or concerns, my door is always open.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed
Executive Director/Principal

November 5: PTO Meeting @ 5:30pm

November 6: Make Up Picture Day

November 7: Cultural Potluck @ 5pm

November 13: Coffee with Keri @ 8am

November 14: High School Night 5pm—7pm

November 22: Jean Day \$1

November 25—29: NO SCHOOL - THANKSGIVING BREAK

December 6: PJ Day \$1

December 6: Middle School Dance 5pm—7pm





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DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

Wellness is in need of poster boards and magazines.

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

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.

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.

HPA Has Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse

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

