



# 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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## Middle School Dance

We are looking for parent chaperones to help out at the middle school dance on December 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:tjackson@highpointacademy.net) if you are interested.

## Colder Weather

We are beginning to experience colder weather. Please ensure that students are dressed accordingly. Students will be expected to be outside before school and during recess if the temperature is above 25 degrees, including wind-chill. If the temperature is 25 degrees or below at lunch time, students will have indoor recess. Unless the weather is extreme and/or dangerous, dismissal will be outside as usual.

## Do You Own A Business?

Do you own a business that the school should know about? HPA would like to use local businesses when we obtain bids for services. Types of businesses we are looking for are: Electrical, Fencing, Landscaping, Snow Removal and Janitorial Services. Please contact Teresa Frasier with business name and contact information at [tfrasier@highpointacademy.net](mailto:tfrasier@highpointacademy.net).

## Sack Lunches for Noon Release

On 12/20 DPS will have sack lunches available for purchase before the noon release. Students can pick them up in the cafeteria.

## Grandparent's Breakfast

Grandparent's Breakfast is just around the corner on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 8:00am—8:30am. To reserve seats, please email Mrs. Noble at [anoble@highpointacademy.net](mailto:anoble@highpointacademy.net).

## Winter Specials Showcase

We need several parent volunteers to help make our concert run smoothly for the Specials Showcase on Tuesday December 17<sup>th</sup>. Parent volunteers will get to enter the concert before doors open and have first choice of seats. If you are able to make the time commitments, we would love to find the following:

- **2 Ushers** (in charge of handing out programs as families enter both doors and helping clean up programs after the performance). Time commitment: 4:45pm-7:15pm
- **2 Stage Managers** (in charge of helping rearrange instruments and other materials on/off stage in between acts). Time commitment: 4:45-7:15pm
- **2-4 Decorating Committee** (in charge of helping set the stage with lights and other winter themed décor. High Point will provide some decorations, but if you have extra lights or other non-holiday themed decorations contribute it would be greatly appreciated!). Time commitment: 4:00-4:45pm

If interested, please email Ms. Lawdan at [jlawdan@highpointacademy.net](mailto:jlawdan@highpointacademy.net).

## PTO Minutes

Missed the PTO Meeting? [Click here](#) for the PTO minutes.

## **HPA GIVES CAMPAIGN**

### **Husky Level:**

- Tom Zehnder
- Betelhem Wonedemeneh
- Brian Fonseca
- Jorge Zavala
- Joseph Yeboah

### **Silver Level:**

- Scott Phillips
- Ken Haynes Jr.
- Kelle Bongard
- Barrett Lucero
- David Collins
- Phazaria Koonce
- Keri Melmed
- Christi Julian
- Nya Cooper
- Merid Seifu
- Luis Alaniz
- Jeff & Brenda Martinez
- Lauren Broussard
- Sara & Jay Bland
- Anonymous

### **Gold Level:**

- Viviana Chavira
- Anonymous

### **Platinum Level:**

- Anonymous

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YOUR DONATION!**

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## Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

At High Point Academy an important part of our programming is our specials offerings. 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. At HPA we offer students visual arts, performing arts, music, physical education, technology, and wellness. These course offerings greatly enhance our students' day as well as expose them to thinking and learning they may not experience through the core content.

Research shows that specials classes often help kids identify skills, passions, and strengths that they might not be aware of. Specials give students a unique variety to their school day and specials play an important role in helping students develop their creative thinking and problem solving skills.

For many schools across the nation budget cuts have eliminated special offerings and student are not exposed to the variety we have here at HPA. In some cases schools are focused solely on state mandated tests and remove specials from the course offerings so that students spend their entire day in core content. At HPA, specials is an integral part of our students' lives and we believe each specials class has unique benefits and helps students to focus and learn.

Before we head off for our winter break, we will highlight and celebrate the work students have produced and accomplished in our annual Specials Showcase. On Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 5PM we hope you will join us in celebrating your child's accomplishments this past semester in their specials class.

The program includes a variety of work including:

Wellness class will exhibit student work outside and inside the wellness class room. Students have created food options for tasting at the showcase and families can practice various wellness skills by following the instructions posted inside the classroom.

Art class will turn the building into an art gallery. Student work will be displayed throughout the building. Students are encouraged to view the work students have created throughout the semester.

Performing arts class will have a few different displays. Students in Kinder, 1<sup>st</sup>, and 2<sup>nd</sup> will showcase their masks and show how to use their bodies to create tableaus. If your child is in 4<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, or 8<sup>th</sup> grade they have created short plays which will be displayed.

Technology class will display work from PowerPoint projects, coding projects, student created websites, and 3D printed models and photoshop photos.

Physical education class will showcase carnival games that students have created and have been selected by a panel of judges.

Music class will be performing songs that they have learned throughout the semester on the stage in the gym. Each grade has a specific performance time, so please be sure to arrive on time for your child to perform and for you to see them on stage and in the spotlight.

As you can see, it is going to be a wonderful night filled with celebration and accomplishment. We look forward to seeing you there!

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director



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## December 6:

PJ Day \$1

## December 6:

Middle School Dance 5pm—7pm

## December 11:

Coffee with Keri @ 8am

## December 12:

Middle School Information Night 5:30pm

## December 17:

Winter Specials Showcase 5pm

## December 18:

Governing Board Meeting 5pm

## December 20:

International Day

## December 20:

Half Day—NOON RELEASE

## December 23—

January 6: NO SCHOOL— Winter Break

### Donation Opportunities

The clinic is in need of sandwich Ziploc bags, feminine hygiene products, small boys underwear and small plastic cups.

### Like HPA on Facebook

If you're on Facebook, like High Point Academy to receive school updates in your newsfeed.

### New Brighton 27J High School

The 27J Board of Education has approved the charter application of The STEAD School, a new high school available to all 27J students and set to open in the Reunion community of Commerce City in 2021. You can find out more about The STEAD School at their website [www.thesteadschool.org](http://www.thesteadschool.org) where you can also complete an interest form and subscribe to email newsletters to stay up to date on progress toward a 2021 opening.

### HPA Has Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse

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

### 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](mailto:tfrasier@highpointacademy.net)

