



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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Child Care for Winter Break

Innovation Learning is offering child care over Winter Break December 26 through January 6 at High Point Academy. If interested, please contact customer service at info@innovationlearning.com to register and receive rates. Students will have a daily lesson plan/curriculum and enjoy crafts, stem, and science projects. Parents will need to provide lunch each day as we will provide snacks. The program will only run daily **IF THERE IS A MINIMUM** of 8 students signed up. Other sites are available if we do not meet our minimum on any certain day.

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.

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.

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.

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 where you can also complete an interest form and subscribe to email newsletters to stay up to date on progress toward a 2021 opening.

Donation Opportunities

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

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

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.

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
- Lake Bishop

Gold Level:

- Viviana Chavira
- Anonymous

Platinum Level:

- Anonymous

**THANKS FOR YOUR
DONATION!**

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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

It's hard to believe that the first semester of 2019 2020 school year has come to a close. I would like to thank students, staff, and parents for all you've contributed to HPA. We have had an outstanding semester with many opportunities for our students to learn and grow. As well as many opportunities for our community to come together and celebrate one another and our relationships. From the *Math and Literacy* night in October, the *Cultural Potluck* in November, and the *Specials Showcase* this week; not to mention the Mother/Daughter Tea, Grandparents Dance, Father/Son Breakfast, Mother/Son Dance and Grandparents breakfast– we have been busy! Our community is truly blessed with dedicated staff, faculty and families who are committed to the success of our students and made these opportunities possible.

2019 has been a great year for High Point Academy:

- 2019-2020 enrollment exceeded projections and brought over 140 new students to our community.
- Salary increases for faculty brought salaries to market levels and comparable with surrounding districts.
- High Point Academy improved our online presence by upgrading our website, google presence, and Facebook communication so that we are better able to communicate all the great things happening in our school.
- Facility upgrades included interior painting, upgrades to the cafeteria, and parking lot, as well as technology upgrades with robust wifi and more technology in students' hands.
- HPA was awarded external funding sources by winning grants, specifically the Counselor Grant and Connect for Success Grant which will bring over \$350,000 additional dollars to the school over the next few years.
- Continued partnership with the community developers will result in a park and football/soccer field south of the school for students to access that will expand our PE and athletics program.
- Student achievement and growth saw elementary 1.7% points from performance, and middle school 4% from performance on state assessment tests, our "Read by 3" continues to graduate 3rd graders at grade level and proficient, and our preschool Colorado Shines Rating increased from 3 stars to 4 stars.

While we are proud of these accomplishments, we are already thinking of ways we can improve. Our goals for 2020 include even greater increases in our student growth and achievement, as well as enhancements to our programming. We continue to prioritize the needs of every child and ensuring a safe and caring learning environment. We know that together, through a strong school-home partnership, we can accomplish all of our goals!

On behalf of the faculty and staff, we wish everyone in the HPA community a safe and happy holiday season and we look forward to the New Year and what 2020 will bring.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director/Principal



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December 20:
International Day

December 20:
Half Day—NOON
RELEASE

**December 23—
January 6:** NO
SCHOOL—
Winter Break

January 15:
Coffee with Keri
8am

January 17: Hat
Day \$1

January 20: NO
SCHOOL—
Martin Luther
King Day

January 24:
Jean Day \$1

January 29:
Conferences
4pm—8pm

January 30:
Conferences
4pm—8pm

January 31: NO
SCHOOL

