



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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2020—2021 Enrollment

The time has come to plan for the 2020-2021 school year! A Re-Intent to Enroll form has gone home with your student today. If you have more than one child at High Point, this form has gone home with your youngest child. Please indicate on this form if your family is intending on returning to High Point next year. You can place all of your HPA students on one form. This form ONLY applies to currently enrolled High Point students. These forms are due back to the office by Friday, January 17th. Duplicate forms can be picked up at the front desk. If you have questions about the form, please reach out to Jill Fitz at jfitz@highpointacademy.net.

Innovation Learning

Monday January 20th there is no **school** in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Innovation Learning would love to run programming to assist your needs. In order to do so we need at least 8 students signed up no later than 01/15/2020. You can register your student at info@innovationlearning.com. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Shaleena Miller at highpointacademy@innovationlearning.com.

Like HPA on Facebook

If you're on Facebook, [like High Point Academy](#) to receive school updates in your newsfeed.

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

Father and Daughter Dance

Father and Daughter Dance will be held on Thursday, February 27th 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The cost of the dance is \$10.00 per person. This cost includes dinner, music, dancing and many great memories. To purchase tickets, please contact Mrs. Noble at anoble@highpointacademy.net

The Lion King Jr. Production

High Point Academy's first theatrical production, **The Lion King Jr.**, will be presented on Friday, March 6th. But before the show can go on, we need props and costumes to bring the Pride Rock characters to life. If you have any items you would be willing to donate or help create for the show, please e-mail Ms. Lawdan to see what is still needed.

Additionally, we would love to draw experience from our diverse community culture here at High Point for expertise! If you have experience with pan-African dance, language, clothing style/fashion, or drumming and would be willing to help ensure we put on an authentic and culturally-responsive performance, please reach out to Ms. Lawdan at jlawdan@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 tfrazier@highpointacademy.net.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will be going on sale soon. More details to come, so stay tuned!



January 13: Girls Basketball game vs. Omar D. Blair at Omar D. Blair @ 4:30pm

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January 15: Coffee with Keri @ 8am

January 15: Girls Basketball game vs. Montbello Strive at HPA @ 5pm

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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

February 3: 100th Day of School

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Message from the Executive Director/Principal

Dear HPA Families,

Welcome back and happy New Year! On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, we hope that you enjoyed the winter break and that it afforded time with family and friends. We were thrilled to reunite with the beautiful and energetic faces that bounced through our doors on Tuesday morning.

Looking ahead at 2020, we are excited to share an update on the development around the school. We have been in close contact with the developers and are beyond excited to announce that 2020 will see - 150 new homes just west of the school, Dunkirk will expand to a four lane road, 450 homes in the area south of 64th, and High Point Boulevard will connect with Dunkirk.

What we are most excited about is the High Point Field and Park planned adjacent to our school. A full field and playground is underway south of HPA along 67th and Dunkirk. HPA will have full access to the field and park and we are working closely with the developers with the design and construction. Besides providing an additional place for our students to play, the park and field will include an additional parking lot. We know how much we've needed this additional parking space, and we are happy to say that it is coming! Stay tuned... we will continue to share information as it is made available.

On Monday, the staff returned rejuvenated and ready for second semester. Behind the scenes, we engaged in trainings to strengthen our instructional practices, including creating and supporting safe and caring learning environments. As a staff we committed to doing everything in our power to ensure that your child continues to grow both academically and socially in our care.

This semester is filled with opportunities for student learning and community gathering. From student-led conferences, Father & Daughter Dance, Mother & Son Breakfast, Talent and Fashion Shows, to a variety of afterschool activities, just to name a few, please be sure to stay informed and involved.

A few critical reminders:

We appreciate your support by ensuring your child is here on time, each and every day, prepared with their homework and ready to engage productively with their peers. The school day starts at 8AM. Students that are walking through the doors at 8AM are marked tardy. Students are expected to be IN class at 8AM. Please take advantage of the FREE supervision that is provided by the school starting at 7:30AM. This helps alleviate the carpool congestion and ensures your child is on time and ready to learn at 8AM.

We appreciate your support during afternoon carpool pick up. We know that traffic backs up along Dunkirk and we appreciate your patience. Please DO NOT cross the double yellow line and pass other cars that are lined up waiting to turn on 67th. Please DO NOT drive in the direction of ongoing traffic to get to the school parking lot. Please DO NOT make U-Turns on Dunkirk after picking up your student who was walking along Dunkirk. We work hard to ensure student safety during this time and breaking those traffic rules puts our students in danger. We understand the stress and frustration dismissal can cause and we continue to work with the city to find solutions.

As always my door is open, please feel free to swing by, shoot me an email, or give me a call if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

We look forward to a successful second semester and all that 2020 will bring.

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director/Principal