



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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8th Grade Families

Aurora Public Schools choice opened on Wednesday 1/15/2020. However, there has been a significant change to their choice program for the 20-21 school year; Aurora has moved to a first come first served choice program. If you are even considering sending your student to an Aurora Public School and you are NOT in their boundary lines (use this link to check your address: <https://webapps.aps.k12.co.us/SchoolFinder/>) you will want to apply as soon as possible to their choice program. Use this link for more information about APS choice: <https://admissions.aurorak12.org/open-enrollment/>

Denver Public Schools Choice Round one opened 1/15/2020. Remember DPS is a lottery system, and you just need to fill out your student's choice enrollment by 4 PM on February 18th. Follow this link to start your student's process. <http://schoolchoice.dpsk12.org/schoolchoice-round-1/>

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

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are now on sale for \$10. [Click here](#) to order before prices go up!

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

High Point Academy will be hosting a volunteer appreciation breakfast on Tuesday, February 4, 2020. Please RSVP for event by [clicking here](#).

Book Buddies

Book Buddies is designed to help 1st-3rd grade readers build reading confidence and skills by creating a mentoring relationship with a teen from the community. Participants must be in 1st-3rd grade. Space is limited. Apply early. See a librarian for more details or [click here](#) for the application.

Picture Day Volunteers Needed

There's still time to earn volunteer hours for the 2019-2020 school year! Picture day volunteers are needed. [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer.

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.

A Note From Tri-County Health

There have been a number of students diagnosed with Influenza, and a number of students ill with influenza-like illnesses (ILI) at High Point Academy. [Click here](#) for more information from Tri-County Health Department.



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Message from the Executive Director/Principal



January 24: Jean Day \$1

January 27: Girls Basketball game vs. GVR Strive at HPA @ 4:30pm

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January 29: Conferences 4pm—8pm

January 30: Conferences 4pm—8pm

January 31: NO SCHOOL

February 3: 100th Day of School

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

February 4: Boys Basketball game vs. Omar D. Blair at Omar D. Blair @ 5:30pm

February 12: Coffee with Keri @ 8am

February 17: President's—NO SCHOOL

February 18: Teacher PD—NO SCHOOL

Dear HPA Families,

We are doing incredibly important work here at High Point Academy. Caring for each student. Ensuring that their social, emotional, and academic needs are met each and every day. Teachers at HPA are working hard to provide a successful experience for each child. Next week, I'm excited for you to have an opportunity to see the work your child is doing during conferences. If you haven't done so already, please sign up for a time to meet with your child's teacher for our mid-year student-led conference.

While some schools are eliminating conferences, we continue to value this time. Conferences allows families to learn about your child's progress, gain a better understanding of your child's abilities, find out about your child's academic achievement, connect with your child's teacher, and gain a better understand of your child's life here at HPA.

If this is your first student-led conference experience, you can expect exactly that – your child leading the conference. Students will share their work from their different classes, discuss successes and challenges, as well as set goals for the remainder of the year. More than anything student-led conferences are a celebration of their learning and growth.

At HPA we conduct student-led conferences because they prepare students beyond the core content. Students learn important public speaking skills, like introducing themselves, speaking clearly and loudly, and sharing their academic work. Students take responsibility and ownership of their learning. It's amazing to see your child in a leadership role.

This time last year, popping in and walking by student-led conferences, I wasn't sure who was more proud, the students or the parents? That's the power of a student-led conference! It is always wonderful to see students, families, and teachers sitting together and highlighting growth and progress. These celebrations of learning are one of the many attributes that set High Point Academy apart from other schools. Our students prepare to share their learning by reflecting on what they've accomplished as readers, writers, scientists, and mathematicians. For many students this is the first time they have prepared and given a presentation; and for many it is powerful to see how far they have come this school year. Preparing, presenting, and thinking in these ways build skills our students need in our 21st century.

We look forward to seeing you next week!

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed
Executive Director/Principal



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HPA Has Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse

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



Husky Pride Donations

All week students are able to earn Husky Pride tickets by showing PRIDE- Participation, Responsibility, Integrity, Determination, Excellence! We celebrate those students with a husky pride drawing each Friday and we are looking for donations. Things that we are looking for include journals, glow sticks, gel pens, play dough, putty, slime, action figures, athletic balls, coloring books.

Any item in the toy section of Dollar Tree, Family Dollar, Target, Walmart, etc. that is school friendly is welcome! Please, no used toys. Please drop all donations at the front.



Winter After School Activities

After School Activities registration is open! Stop by the front office to sign your child up for these amazing clubs! Click here for a list of activities being offered.

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.

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.