



# Husky Newsletter



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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.*

## Executive Director/Principal Keri Melmed

Dear HPA Families,



As we approach Thanksgiving break, we are reminded to take time and think about the things in our life that we are thankful for. As I reflect on this school year, I see the ways our community has come together during this public health crisis. I am thankful for the ways you have supported your child at home and for the ways you have entrusted us during this challenging time. I am thankful for your continued faith in us. I am thankful for our parent volunteers and PTO that do so much for our school. I am thankful for a community that goes above and beyond to ensure that High Point Academy continues to succeed and thrive.

I am also thankful for the dedicated and passionate teachers and staff we have at HPA. I see the ways that teachers and staff have worked around the clock to create classroom communities that care about one another and that learn together. I see how teachers and staff have reinvented what school looks like. They are teaching our students who have chosen to remain remote and they are teaching our students who have chosen to come in person. I am inspired by their relentless determination to do what is best for each of their students. I marvel at what we have been able to accomplish. In the spirit of “*thanks and giving*”, I hope you will join me in celebrating our teachers and staff over the next two weeks until Thanksgiving break by:

- Sending a thank you email to your child's teacher or staff member
- Writing a note of gratitude to your child's teacher or staff member
- Encouraging your child to write a letter of thanks to their teacher
- Sending a gift or small token of appreciation to school for your child's teacher or staff member

I know that these tokens of appreciation will mean the world to our staff and I think we can all agree they deserve it!

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this special community. I know how important your child's education is and I am grateful that you have chosen High Point Academy.

Keri Melmed, Executive Director

## HPA Governing Board... meet our new members



**Jane Shirley President/Treasurer...**twenty-five years of experience in business, education and the arts, holding a master's degree in education with extensive post-graduate work in systems thinking and structural consulting. Currently, she is a partner with Team Tipton, a consulting firm that works with teams and organizations to design and implement future-focused strategy. Jane and her husband Dave are co-founders of Rattlebrain, the creative team that envisioned and opened a cabaret theater in the historic D & F Clocktower. They have one son who is currently in film school and who sometimes gets roped into running tech for one of their shows.



**Elise Topliss Secretary...** Elise Topliss is a Policy and Performance Manager with the State of Colorado, Office of Economic Security. Elise earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services – High Risk Youth from Metropolitan State University of Denver, and earned a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of Northern Colorado. Elise is passionate about education and ensuring all children have access to safe and quality schooling, which includes minimizing the nutritional disparities among varying populations. Additionally, Elise is committed to ensuring professionals in the education field have resources and supports to be effective in their chosen field as well as have job satisfaction. Elise and her husband Jesse are the proud parents of two High Point Academy students.



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## HPA Governing Board... meet our new members



**Marcus Bratton Director...**is a Denver native with over a decade of experience in K-12 public education. Before joining the Colorado Education Initiative earlier this year as Director of Implementation and Partnerships, Marcus was a school administrator at a K-8 in Denver, and prior to that, a high school teacher in Aurora. His work has always been guided by his belief that public education should give every student the opportunity to create the lives they want for themselves. Marcus has been married for 14 years to his wife Krista, who is a Seventh Grade Teacher, they have a son (7) and a daughter (3).



**Laurie Godwin Director...**has over 30 years experience in public education in Colorado. She began her career teaching in Northwest Aurora and then served as a math coach, AP, and Principal in an Expeditionary Learning School. Laurie was the Head of School of SOAR Charter School in Denver for 4 years and is currently serving as the Interim Principal at Cole Arts and Sciences Academy in Denver. Laurie earned her B.A. in Elementary Education from Metropolitan State College and her M.A. in Educational Administration from the University of Colorado. Laurie is actively involved the educational community in Colorado focused on educational reform, equity, and teacher development. Her work is focused on supporting teachers and leaders in diverse schools to ensure that all students receive an excellent education.



**Mikale Gilbert Director...**is a licensed financial consultant with seven years of experience in the financial services industry. He lives in Green Valley Ranch with his wife and three children, two of whom attend High Point Academy as 4th and 6th graders. Mikale has a strong passion for education with both his parents being teachers and educators. He has spent the last 5 years working closely with Denver nonprofit organizations such as College Track, The Goodwill, Junior Achievement and Special Olympics of Colorado. He is very passionate about promoting financial literacy and has worked with Denver Public Schools to speak in their schools on financial literacy initiatives and fundraising to give back to the local community.



**Mirela Phillips Director...**has been living in the High Point (HP) community since 2014 with her husband and two children. She is a Healthcare IT professional for Cognizant Technology Solutions with over twelve years of consulting experience. Mirela enjoys welcoming new neighbors to HP and loves helping the families settle into their new community including highly recommending High Point Academy for preschool through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.



**Michael Fields Director...**former HPA teacher and basketball coach. He works in public policy and is an adjunct professor of American Politics. He graduated from Valparaiso University and earned his J.D. from University of Colorado – Boulder. He and his wife, Mele, have 3 children.

# Husky PRIDE Focus

## Integrity

The focus of the month for November is Integrity:

- Doing the right thing even when no one is watching
- Being dependable and following through when you say you are going to do something .
- Being open and honest when communicating with others
- Speaking your truth- your thoughts, opinions, and ideas matter.
- Holding yourself accountable and owning up when you make a mistake - we all make them
- Keep your promises even if it takes extra effort
- Do not gossip or talk badly about someone- rather build people up.

How does this work virtually?

- Each month we will highlight the focus and list some ways that students can practice.
- Teachers will be submitting student nominations
- Student can still engage with Husky PRIDE at home and in school



# November Husky Events



Nov. 1: Day-Light Savings, Fall Back 1 Hour

Nov. 2: A Day 6th-8th Graders begin in-person learning

Nov. 3: B Day 6th-8th Graders begin in-person learning

Nov. 3: Voting Day!

Nov.10: PTO ZOOM Meeting @5pm

Nov. 11 and 12: HPA Celebrates Veterans. Wear purple

Nov.12: Cultural Potluck

Nov. 18: Board Meetings @5pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86320778203?pwd=a0p3Y1RFd09oc1pjdkNhMTUzOGt5UT09>

Meeting ID: 863 2077 8203

Passcode: 585958

Nov. 23-27: Thanks giving Break (No Innovation Learning)

Nov. 30 Return to school





# November Breakfast Menu



## High Point Academy Breakfast (Grab n Go Breakfast), November - 2020

2 Monday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday	6 Friday
<b>ENTREE</b> Cinnamon Chex Cereal Ultimate Breakfast Round (UBR)	<b>ENTREE</b> Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Egg and Cheese Biscuit	<b>ENTREE</b> Eggo Waffle Bites Rice Chex Cereal w/ String Cheese	<b>ENTREE</b> Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Red Pepper Frittata w/ Crackers	<b>ENTREE</b> Chicken Sausage & Cheese Bagel Cinnamon Chex Cereal
9 Monday	10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday	12 Thursday	13 Friday
<b>ENTREE</b> Apple Frudel Cinnamon Chex Cereal	<b>ENTREE</b> Chicken Biscuit Sandwich Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal	<b>ENTREE</b> Rice Chex Cereal w/ String Cheese Zucchini Bread	<b>ENTREE</b> Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Egg and Cheese Omelet w/ Crackers	<b>ENTREE</b> Bagel w/ Strawberry Cream Cheese Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal
16 Monday	17 Tuesday	18 Wednesday	19 Thursday	20 Friday
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23 Monday	24 Tuesday	25 Wednesday	26 Thursday	27 Friday
30 Monday				
<b>ENTREE</b> Apple Frudel Cinnamon Chex Cereal				





# November Lunch Menu



## High Point Academy Lunch (Traditional Lunch), November - 2020

<b>2</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Friday</b>
<b>ENTREE</b> Bean & Cheese Burrito w/ Baby Carrots Chicken Sandwich w/ Curly Fries Meal	<b>ENTREE</b> Beef Nachos w/ Re-fried Beans Meal Cheese Nachos w/ Re-fried Beans Meal	<b>ENTREE</b> Country Chicken Bowl Green Chili Cheese Tamale & Baby Carrots Meal	<b>ENTREE</b> Cheesy Bread Stick w/ Marinara & Fresh Broccoli Florets Meal Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce & Fresh Broccoli Florets Meal	<b>ENTREE</b> Breaded Bone-in Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Meal Cheese Quesadilla & Re-fried Beans w/ Homemade Salsa Meal
<b>9</b> <b>Monday</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Thursday</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Friday</b>
<b>ENTREE</b> Broccoli Cheese Baked Potato w/ Baby Carrots Meal Chicken Nuggets & Fresh Broccoli Florets Meal	<b>ENTREE</b> Cheeseburger & Curly Fries Meal Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich w/ Celery Sticks Meal Wow Butter & Jelly Sandwich w/ Celery Sticks Meal (Peanut-Free Option)	<b>ENTREE</b> Breakfast Pizza Meal w/ Baby Carrots Yogurt w/ Blueberry Muffin, Cheese Stick & Baby Carrots Meal	<b>ENTREE</b> All Beef Hot dog w/ Sweet Potato Tots Meal Mac & Cheese w/ Sweet Peas & Dinner Roll Meal	<b>ENTREE</b> Chicken Alfredo & Broccoli Florets Meal Grilled Cheese & Baby Carrots Meal Meal
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# Husky Community



## 2020 Cool School Recipient



Congratulations to the entire HPA community!

HPA is being recognized by 9news as November Cool School of the Month!

We are receiving this recognition for all we've done through the COVID-19 pandemic for our students and families. For the ways we have worked with families to ensure they have the ability to make the right choice for their child - either in-person or remote learning. The creative ways we have figured out how to make both options work. 9news reporter Byron Reed spent time on campus to capture our programming and talk to some of our parents and students. Mr. Reed was blown away by all we are doing to support in-person and online students. The story will most likely air on the morning of Friday, November 20th at 6:15AM and then again on 7AM or 8AM. None of this would be possible without the hard work and dedication of our staff and families. Way to go huskies!

Thank you!

Keri Melmed, Executive Director



# Husky PTO Fundraiser



High Point Academy Winter Wonderland Fundraiser starts today, and we need your help. Our goal is to raise \$15,000.00 for essential programs not currently funded through traditional means.

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

1. Register NOW at <https://www.shopfund.com/>
2. Share custom student support links with family & friends.
3. Student Goal: 5 Online Supporters.

REGISTER-SHARE-WIN: Sharing gets you tickets for chances to win over \$100,000 in instant prizes.

Fundraiser Links:

- \* How To Videos - (<https://bit.ly/3lc2Fh6>)
- \* Kick-Off Videos - (<https://bit.ly/2CyM0KX>)
- \* Parent Letter - (<https://bit.ly/35DB5Kn>)
- \* Prize Program - (<https://bit.ly/2BnoqQS>)





# Husky Community



**Building Community...**

*Together*



## We Have Partnered with American Furniture Warehouse!

When you make a purchase at American Furniture Warehouse, mention High Point Academy and a portion of the sale is donated to our school.



## The Partnership That Keeps on Giving!



King Soopers Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to our school based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to High Point Academy, all you have to do is shop at King Soopers and swipe your Shopper's Card. Here's how it works:

1. Create a digital account- A digital account is needed to participate in King Soopers Community Rewards. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so that all transactions apply toward the organization you choose
2. Link your card to "High Point Academy PTO" and click save <https://www.kingsoopers.com/i/community/community-rewards>
3. King Soopers will send HPA PTO a check at the end of the school year with any funds earned.

## Amazon Smile

Shop at [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and select High Point Academy. Amazon will donate to our school!



## Box Tops for Education

Download the Box Tops app to scan your store receipt, find participating products and instantly add cash to our school's earnings online. 10 cents for each Box Top. Sign up today by selecting The Academy at High Point.



**BOX TOPS LABELS**



## Milk Caps for Moola

MILK CAPS for MOOOLA is a program sponsored by Longmont Dairy that helps students earn money for their school and students. Longmont Dairy milk caps are worth 5¢ each and are redeemable for cash by participating schools only. Drink Longmont Dairy Milk, save the bottle caps, bring them to the front office.

