



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,

I hope this letter finds you and your family safe and well. We are happy to share that our first week back with preschool through 3rd grade students was a success. Thank you so much for all your support with this transition. Thanks for your patience during carpool drop off and pick up, each day it gets faster. We look forward to welcoming our 4th-8th grade students on Monday, February 1st.

We continue to watch the COVID rates in the area and they remain higher than we'd like to see. When rates are high it makes it harder for schools to remain open. When COVID is detected on campus – either from a staff member or student – we will need to follow quarantine guidelines and regulations. This means we may need to pivot back to remote learning for short periods of time.

I encourage all of us to do our part. We must all continue to be responsible for keeping COVID out of HPA by:

Keeping your child at home if they are not feeling well

Keeping your child at home if someone in the household tests positive for covid-19

Keeping your child at home if you are a close contact of someone who tested positive for covid-19

We know that it has been a challenging year and we are so grateful for your partnership, grace, and support.

Keri Melmed, Executive Director

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HPA Governing Board...meet our board 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 board 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 8th 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.

Upcoming Governing Board Meetings—Wednesday January 27th @5:00pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89139885662?pwd=Y3ljL1pHanVpS0cyWnMvOUUpuODM4UT09>

Meeting ID: 891 3988 5662

Passcode: 317487

Husky PRIDE Focus

Excellence

The focus of the month for January is Excellence:

- I can ask questions to challenge my thinking
- I can ask for help when I am stuck on a problem
- I can help my peers when they need help
- I can share my ideas and thoughts in a helpful way
- I can motivate others to lead by example
- I can reduce screen time and balance my classwork
- I can problem solve and communicate my needs
- I see challenges as opportunities to grow
- I make choices to be the best Husky I can be both in and out of the classroom.



January/February Important Dates



January 27: Governing Board Meeting @5pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89139885662?pwd=Y3ljL1pHanVpS0cyWnMvOUpuODM4UT09>

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January 27 & 28: Virtual Parent Conferences

January 29: NO SCHOOL—NO Innovation Learning Child-care

February 1: 4th-8th graders begin in-person learning

February 9: Class Picture Day and Individual Re-takes for students who missed them in September (Students MUST be in uniform)

February 11: Kids Heart Challenge Fundraiser Ends

February 15: NO SCHOOL—Holiday—President's Day

February 16: NO SCHOOL—Teacher Planning Day

February 18: Spring Individual Pictures for in-person students (Students can dress up)

February 19: Spring Individual Pictures for remote students

February 24: Governing Board Meeting @5pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81397211005?pwd=cUVjVU8xaHhOWUk5K0R0dlZhcjIPQT09>

Meeting ID: 813 9721 1005

Passcode: 276061



January Breakfast Menu



	25 Jan		26 Jan		27 Jan		28 Jan		29 Jan
	Cinnamon Chex Cereal Ultimate Breakfast Round (UBR) Orange Tangerine Juice Box True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag		Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Egg and Cheese Biscuit Orange True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag		Eggo Waffle Bites Rice Chex Cereal w/ String Cheese Orange Tangerine Juice Box True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag		Cherry Frudel Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Red Apple True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag		Chicken Sausage & Cheese Bagel Cinnamon Chex Cereal Orange Tangerine Juice Box True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag
	1 Feb		2 Feb		3 Feb		4 Feb		5 Feb
	Apple Frudel Cinnamon Chex Cereal Orange Tangerine Juice Box True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag		Chicken Biscuit Sandwich Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Orange True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag		Rice Chex Cereal w/ String Cheese Zucchini Bread Orange Tangerine Juice Box True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag		Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Egg and Cheese Omelet w/ Cinnamon Roll Red Apple True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag		Bagel w/ Strawberry Cream Cheese Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal Orange Tangerine Juice Box True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free White Milk Lunch bag



January Lunch Menu



25 Jan	26 Jan	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan
Bean & Cheese Burrito w/ Baby Carrots Chicken Hot Wings w/ Curly Fries & Dinner Roll Orange True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk	Beef Nachos w/ Re-fried Beans Meal Cheese Nachos w/ Re-fried Beans Meal Applesauce IW Cup Peaches True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk	Country Chicken Bowl Grilled Cheese & Baby Carrots Meal Meal Red Apple True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk	Cheesy Bread Stick w/ Marinara & Fresh Broccoli Florets Meal Meat Lasagna & Broccoli Florets Meal Strawberries Mandarin Oranges True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk	Breaded Bone-in Chicken w/ Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Meal Cheese Quesadilla & Re-fried Beans w/ Homemade Salsa Meal Applesauce IW Cup Peaches True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk
1 Feb	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb
Broccoli Cheese Baked Potato w/ Baby Carrots Meal Chicken Nuggets & Fresh Broccoli Florets Meal Red Apple True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk	Cheeseburger & Curly Fries Meal PBJ Uncrustable & Baby Carrots Meal Wow Butter & Jelly Sandwich w/ Celery Sticks Meal (Peanut-Free Option) Applesauce IW Cup Peaches True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk	Grilled Mediterranean Sandwich Meal w/ Homemade Tzatziki Sauce Meatloaf, Green Beans and Dinner Roll Orange True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk	All Beef Hot dog w/ Sweet Potato Tots Meal Mac & Cheese w/ Sweet Peas & Dinner Roll Meal Blueberries Mandarin Oranges True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk	Chicken Alfredo & Broccoli Florets Meal Grilled Cheese & Baby Carrots Meal Meal Peaches Strawberries True Moo 1 % White Milk True Moo Fat Free Strawberry Milk





Carpool



Carpool Suggestions:

- Encourage walking! Avoid using the carpool lane, drop off on neighboring streets and allow students to use the sidewalk along Dunkirk Street to walk to school.
- Share the ride! Connect with other parents and coordinate a carpool schedule. See page 8 for more details.
- Bike to school! We have bike racks for students who would like to bike it to school.

Carpool Safety:

- Do not park along Dunkirk Street.
- Do not make U-Turns along Dunkirk Street.
- Use caution when entering Dunkirk Street.



Morning Carpool

Afternoon Carpool





Carpool Cont.



We are pleased to partner with Schoolpool, a program to help parents get their students to/from school. It's free and there is no obligation to participate. Schoolpool is a service of Way to Go, a federally funded program of the Denver Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG).

How Does Schoolpool Work?

1. Create an account and register your household address or intersection here: <https://mywaytogo.org/s/schoolpool-high-poiefb14> (To maintain the highest level of privacy and security, this link is the only way for High Point Academy participants to register.)
2. Add comments to indicate special requests or preferences, such as “can provide morning rides in exchange for afternoon rides,” “student is in after-school activities,” or “looking for a walk buddy in the mornings.”
3. Find and contact interested High Point Academy families in your neighborhood or along your drive to/from school.

High Point Academy has partnered with Way to Go to offer this program to our parents as a free service with the goal of reducing traffic congestion and minimizing the stress of getting children to and from school. Rest assured, your information will only be shared with participating High Point Academy families. No one else will ever see your information, unless you elect to share your information with families at other schools.

The Schoolpool secure mapping service can be used for trip planning, or emergency trips and is a great resource to meet nearby families for other reasons such as play-dates and baby sitters.

The more families that register, the more likely you are to find good matches. Contact Way to Go at 303-458-7665 or waytogo@drcog.org for assistance.

Information is provided for your use only. High Point Academy and Way to Go do not run background checks, confirm valid driver's licenses or assess insurance coverage on participants. Potential users are advised to screen participants to their personal satisfaction and check their own insurance coverage for carpooling to ensure that they are covered under these voluntary arrangements. No drivers, vehicles or insurance are provided.



Husky Happenings



Upcoming Picture Days

Order Pictures at <https://my.lifetouch.com/mylifetouch/#/>

- Tuesday, February 9—Class Pictures AND Fall Re-takes for students who missed it in September (Students need to be in UNIFORM)
- Thursday, February 18—Spring Pictures for in-person students (kids can dress up)

Picture Day ID **EVTXZQ6W4**

- Friday, February 19—Spring Pictures for remote students—Picture Day ID **EVTXZQ6W4**



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ATTENTION 5TH & 6TH GRADE FAMILIES!!!

COLORADO SKI COUNTRY USA

5TH & 6TH GRADE PASSPORT PROGRAM

The Passport Program is the best way to get students on the slopes. With 3-4 days of skiing at 21 participating ski areas, the Passport is dedicated to getting Colorado's kids on the slopes.

While weekends and holidays are not available with the Passport this season, we believe the Passport is a great product for students to enjoy on teacher in-service days and over Spring Break.

CLICK THE LINK FOR MORE INFORMATION!!

<https://www.coloradoski.com/passport?>

[idU=1&utm_source=newsletter_1656&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mdr-01-21](https://www.coloradoski.com/passport?idU=1&utm_source=newsletter_1656&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=mdr-01-21)

FAQs: For FAQ's and answers to most questions about the 5th and 6th Grade Program, [click here](#).





COVID Corner



Do you have...

- Loss of taste or smell?
- Fever of 100.4 or higher?
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing?
- Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea?
- Fatigue?
- Sore throat and congestion?

Coronavirus self-checker:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/coronavirus-self-checker.html>

Find a testing site near you:

<https://covidtest.colorado.gov/map>



Healthy Heart Challenge



Hello High Point Academy Families,

It has been wonderful to see so many of our students and their families engaged in Kids Heart Challenge and learning about how they can take care of their hearts and help others, thank you! We are crushing it!

MISSION: *Complete Finn's Mission and be entered in the drawing for a mystery prize!*



BONUS MISSION: *Any Heart Hero Recruit who goes above and beyond by raising \$150 online by 2/1/2021 at 7am will earn their own Agent KHC!*

Access the KHC Mission Experience [here](#) to complete all the Dailey Missions.

Action to Complete the Mission: Visit our school's Kids Heart Challenge page: http://www2.heart.org/site/TR?fr_id=5551&pg=company&company_id=282227 OR download the **Kids Heart Challenge app** and register!

Students who raise \$75 will get SLIME Ms. Rendon and students who raise \$100 will get to SLIME a MYSTERY Admin! Who will it be?!

OFFICIAL SLIMERS: Keiani F, Rey H, Macy W, Aiden C, Pearce K

YOU'RE SO CLOSE: Lacy C, Lisa C, Madeline E, Zander E, Santana D

Thank you!!

*One way your donations to the AHA are hard at work is through the **Community Impact program**. While healthcare and food access can be top-notch in America, access to it is one of the important ways the AHA helps make sure all Americans get the care they need.*



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.

