



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.

A Message from Executive Director/Principal, Keri Melmed

Dear HPA Families,

We need your help. As you may have seen in the news there is a TikTok “Devious Licks” (among others) that encourage students to accept challenges, most of which are destructive and antisocial. For example, the first challenge schools were faced with was to destroy school property. Across the country, including Colorado and HPA, students vandalized bathrooms breaking soap dispensers and damaging urinals and toilets. Not only did this impact health and safety, but it also resulted in schools spending money fixing and replacing items students destroyed.



Unfortunately, these challenges continue. In October students are ‘challenged’ to smack a staff or teacher on the backside. Smacking, tapping, slapping, touching a staff or teacher on the backside is considered sexual harassment and will not be tolerated. On Friday, October 1, we read about many students across the country getting suspended, expelled, and ticketed by police for engaging in this type of behavior.

This is where we need your help! Our students at High Point Academy know better. They know that this type of behavior is unacceptable and inappropriate. Our students are caring, thoughtful, and respectful. We also know that the pressures of social media, the pressure to be ‘cool’ and to be seen as a risktaker can outweigh their good judgement. Students can be swayed on their own accord and by peer pressure to exhibit these unwanted behaviors.

We ask that you spend time with your student talking about these TikTok challenges. Reminding them of the ways we expect them to behave at school. Reinforcing our shared values and expectations of respect, empathy, and integrity. Talk with your student (s) about the wasted time and money that these challenges require, let alone the disregard it shows for our building maintenance staff and faculty. Please actively monitor your student’s social media activity. There is a lot of unsafe, inappropriate, and antisocial content they might be engaging or witnessing. We ask that you discuss the consequences they could receive if they participate in these destructive challenges and the devastating effects these challenges can have on our school and their learning experiences.

The upcoming TikTok challenges that we know of are:

- October - Smack a staff member on the backside
- November - Kiss your friends' girlfriend at school
- December - "Deck the halls and show your b*****" (expose your privates)
- January - Jab a breast
- February - Mess up school signs
- March - Make a mess in the courtyard or cafeteria
- April - Grab some "eggz" (theft/steal)
- May - Ditch Day
- June - Flip off front office

At HPA, student and staff safety is our top priority. If students engage in these challenges they will receive consequences that could include suspension, expulsion, and ticket by Aurora Police Department.

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A Message from Executive Director/Principal, Keri Melmed, continued...

As a community we can support our students in navigating these difficult times. Together we can continue to ensure that High Point Academy remains a safe and joyous place to learn, grow and work.

If you have a concern you'd like to discuss, please reach out to me, any administrator, or at info@highpointacademy.net

With husky pride,

Keri Melmed

Executive Director

Additional resources:

High Point Academy Discipline Policy: All students and families of HPA agree to the discipline policies during enrollment. Please review HPA policies to ensure you and your student knows and understands the expectations outlined in the policies. A student who violates or exhibits any of the unwanted behaviors is held accountable for their actions that may include restorative approaches, suspension, law enforcement referral, and/or expulsion. <https://www.highpointacademy.net/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/HPA-Family-Handbook-AY20-21-FINAL.docx-1.pdf>

Safe2Tell: We ensure all students and staff to report any suspicious or concerning behavior. We remind student, "If you see something, say something." This allows us to address concerns with our safety team and respond quickly. Please tell your student (s) to report any potential safety issues to their teacher or administration or through Safe2Tell no matter how insignificant they believe it might be. Students and staff may call the Safe2Tell program to report safety concerns anonymously at 877-542-7233, or report online at <https://safe2tell.org/>.

Mental Health: We know that this has been a difficult time for students and families. The various concerns in the news can be alarming and you or your student may struggle to understand why these issues occur, worry about safety, or may feel overwhelmed with fear or anxiety. If you feel you or your student needs more help, consider using these community resources:

[Agency Resource List - 21-22](#) (includes local food, housing and MH resources)

[Colorado Crisis Services](#) Call 1-844-493-8255, toll-free, to speak to a trained crisis counselor or simply text TALK to 38255.



Fall Important Dates



October 12: Volleyball Game 4:30pm at HPA

October 12: Co-Ed Flag Football Game 4:30pm at Omar D Blair

October 13: 3:30pm release for all students PreK-8th Grade

October 13: Parent Teacher Conferences—ZOOM

October 14: 3:30pm release for all students PreK-8th Grade

October 14: Parent Teacher Conferences—ZOOM

October 15: NO SCHOOL—NO INNOVATION LEARNING

October 18: Quarter 2 Begins

October 18-20: 6th Grade Outdoor Education Field Trip

October 21: NO SCHOOL for 6th Grade Students ONLY

October 19: Co-Ed Flag Football Game 4:45pm at AXL Academy

October 21: Volleyball Game 4:45pm at AXL Academy

October 26: Co-Ed Flag Football Game 4:45pm at HPA

October 28: Volleyball Game 4:45pm at HPA

October 29: Book Character Day **see page 6 for more details*



October Breakfast Menu



11 Monday	12 Tuesday	13 Wednesday	14 Thursday	15 Friday
ENTREE Lemon Bread FRUIT Orange Tangerine Juice Box	ENTREE Cinnamon Chex Cereal FRUIT Apple	ENTREE Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich FRUIT Orange Tangerine Juice Box	ENTREE Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal FRUIT Orange	
18 Monday	19 Tuesday	20 Wednesday	21 Thursday	22 Friday
ENTREE Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal FRUIT Orange Tangerine Juice Box	ENTREE Ultimate Breakfast Round (UBR) FRUIT Apple	ENTREE Cinnamon Chex Cereal FRUIT Orange Tangerine Juice Box	ENTREE Bagel, Egg & Cheese Sandwich FRUIT Orange	ENTREE Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal FRUIT Apple Orange Tangerine Juice Box
25 Monday	26 Tuesday	27 Wednesday	28 Thursday	29 Friday
ENTREE Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal FRUIT Orange Tangerine Juice Box	ENTREE Eggo Waffle Bites FRUIT Apple	ENTREE Cinnamon Chex Cereal FRUIT Orange Tangerine Juice Box	ENTREE Chicken Sausage and Cheese Biscuit Sandwich FRUIT Orange	ENTREE Cinnamon Toast Crunch Cereal FRUIT Apple Orange Tangerine Juice Box

*Due to staff and food shortages the posted menu items may change depending on availability.



October Lunch Menu



11 Monday ENTREE Beef Nachos Cheese Nachos Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich WOW Butter & Jelly Sandwich (peanut-free) VEGETABLE Calabacitas Con Elote Refried Beans FRUIT Apple	12 Tuesday ENTREE Broccoli & Cheese Baked Potato w/ Homemade Dinner Roll Chicken Nuggets & Homemade Dinner Roll Yogurt Basket w/ Blueberry Muffin - Raspberry VEGETABLE Celery w/ Ranch Cup- 1/2 C Sweet Potato Tots FRUIT Strawberries	13 Wednesday ENTREE Cheeseburger (no fries) Grilled Cheese Sandwich Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich WOW Butter & Jelly Sandwich (peanut-free) VEGETABLE Baby Carrots Curly Fries FRUIT Pear	14 Thursday ENTREE Stromboli Pepperoni Stromboli Vegetable Yogurt Basket w/ Blueberry Muffin - Raspberry VEGETABLE Baby Carrots Garden Greens w/ Ranch FRUIT Peaches	15 Friday
18 Monday ENTREE Pancakes and Chicken Sausage Pancakes and Scrambled Eggs Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich WOW Butter & Jelly Sandwich (peanut-free) VEGETABLE Celery w/ Ranch Roasted Baby Baker Potatoes FRUIT Orange	19 Tuesday ENTREE Beef Taco (1) pk-3rd Beef Tacos (2) 4th-12th Charro Beans & Rice w/ Flour Tortilla Yogurt Basket w/ Blueberry Muffin - Raspberry VEGETABLE Spicy Corn Salad Sweet Pepper Strips FRUIT Blueberries	20 Wednesday ENTREE Country Chicken Bowl Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich WOW Butter & Jelly Sandwich (peanut-free) VEGETABLE Broccoli Cucumber Tomato Salad FRUIT Pear	21 Thursday ENTREE Spaghetti Marinara Spaghetti w/ Meat Sauce Yogurt Basket w/ Blueberry Muffin - Raspberry VEGETABLE Baby Carrots Garden Greens w/ Ranch FRUIT Peaches	22 Friday ENTREE Cheese Quesadilla w/ Homemade Salsa Chicken Quesadilla w/ Homemade Salsa Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich WOW Butter & Jelly Sandwich (peanut-free) VEGETABLE Calabacitas Con Elote Refried Beans FRUIT Apple
25 Monday ENTREE All Beef Hotdog Charro Beans & Rice w/ Flour Tortilla Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich WOW Butter & Jelly Sandwich (peanut-free) VEGETABLE Celery w/ Ranch Sweet Potato Tots FRUIT Orange	26 Tuesday ENTREE Grilled Cheese Sandwich Sloppy Joe Yogurt Basket w/ Blueberry Muffin - Raspberry VEGETABLE Coleslaw Curly Fries FRUIT Blueberries	27 Wednesday ENTREE Mac & Cheese Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich WOW Butter & Jelly Sandwich (peanut-free) VEGETABLE Cherry Tomatoes w/ Ranch Peas FRUIT Red Apple	28 Thursday ENTREE Cheesy Bread Stick w/ Marinara Yogurt Basket w/ Blueberry Muffin - Raspberry VEGETABLE Broccoli w/ Ranch Sweet Pepper Strips FRUIT Peaches	29 Friday ENTREE BBQ Chicken Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich Vegetarian Chef Salad WOW Butter & Jelly Sandwich (peanut-free) GRAINS Dinner Roll w/ Fleischmanns Yeast VEGETABLE Baby Carrots Black Beans FRUIT Pear

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Husky Happenings



Parent Teacher Conferences

On October 13 and 14 ALL students prek through eighth grade will be released at 3:30pm.

Book Character Day—Friday, October 29

Students are invited to attend school on Friday, October 29th dressed as their favorite book character ! No weapons nor face masks will be allowed. Also, please limit the amount of face paint. Students will not be allowed to reapply face paint throughout the day. Students will celebrate in the afternoon with a (student only) Fall Festival hosted by middle school students.

We are looking for donations of the following for prizes during the Fall Festival: small prizes (stickers, temp. tattoos, pencils, erasers, etc.), healthy spooky snacks, helium balloons, small water bottles, spooky decorations, small pumpkins, goodie bags, anything to make our festival fun for students!



Carpool—Updates

Indoor Release Update—we are asking that all families stay in their cars and use the carpool lane for the safety of all of our students and staff. Carpool students will be released between 3:15-3:45pm. Any parents wishing to park and pick up their students can do so after 3:45pm. Walkers will be release at 3:45pm.

Please respect the handicap parking spaces. Only clearly marked handicapped vehicles may use these spaces.

We are working hard with the Aurora and Denver Police to hire an off-duty police officer to assist with traffic control on the intersection of 64th and Dunkirk.

Since this summer, we have secured the following coverage:

- We have Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday morning coverage at 64th and Dunkirk (7:15-8:15am). **We are still looking for Tuesday morning carpool coverage.**
- We have Monday and Friday afternoon coverage at 64th and Dunkirk (3:20-4:00pm). **We are still looking for Tuesday through Thursday afternoon carpool coverage.**

We do have staff members in orange vests assisting with crosswalks but not traffic. Per police regulations, only law enforcement can stop/control traffic.

We ask that families continue to follow carpool etiquette, find family, friends, classmates who would like to carpool, allow older students to walk or bike to school.

Student Masks—Donation Needed

We continue to have students come to school without face masks. Currently we only provide N95 masks but students don't like to wear them. Please make sure you are sending your child (ren) to school with extra face masks in their backpacks. If you have masks you are willing to donate we would happily accept.



Husky Happenings Cont.



Student Water Bottles

Please make sure to send all students to school with a see through water bottle with water in it. Right now we only have water bottle fillers available for students to get water, meaning that students are not able to access water fountains for drinks of water if they do not have a water bottle.

HPA Middle School Sports Schedules

[Cross Country](#)

[Co-Ed Flag Football](#)

[Volleyball](#)

Parent Resources

[Conscious Discipline and Power of Resilience](#)

[Child Tax Credit Resources and Useful Tips](#)

Late Pick Up Fee for K-8 Students

Parents, per our Parent Handbook (pg. 15) “Students picked up late will incur a fee.”

Starting Monday, September 20th families will be charged a late pick up fee based on the following:

- 4:00-4:15 (Tues-Fri) 1:30-1:45 (Mon) \$20
- 4:15-4:30 (Tues-Fri) 1:45-2:00 (Mon) \$40
- 4:30-4:45 (Tues-Fri) 2:00-2:15 (Mon) \$60
- 4:45-5:00 (Tues-Fri) 2:15-2:30 (Mon) \$80
- Anything after 5pm (Tues-Fri) & 2:30pm (Mon) we have to call Child Abandonment

Fees will not be incurred until active carpool is over and students have been brought into the front office.

The fee will be applied to your account on Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

As a reminder, Innovation Learning provides child care from T-F 3:30pm-6:00pm and on Mondays 1pm-6pm. <https://highpointacademy.jumbula.com/#/site-info>



Husky Happenings Cont.



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LACE'EM UP SKATING PRESENTS

FRIDAY NIGHT SKATE

A THEMED SKATE NIGHT
WITH DJs AND LIVE BANDS!

UPCOMING DATES:

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[Masks for Kids: What You Need to Know About Face Coverings](#)—Children's Hospital Colorado

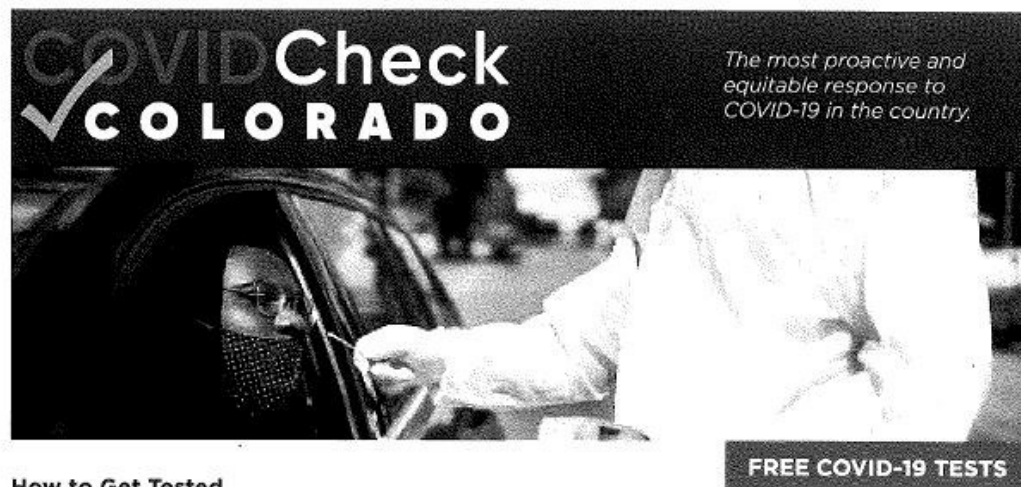
[Masking in Schools](#)—Children's Hospital Colorado

[Mask Guidance for School-Aged Children](#)—American Academy of Pediatrics

[Guidance on Face Masks](#)—American Academy of Pediatrics

[Do Masks Delay Speech and Language Development](#)—HealthyChildren.org

[Mask Myth Busters](#)—HealthyChildren.org



How to Get Tested

In partnership with the State of Colorado, COVIDCheck Colorado, a social benefit enterprise of Gary Community Investments, is providing COVID-19 tests free of charge to all Coloradans. Visit covidcheckcolorado.org and click "Get My Test" to register.

What to Expect

Testing through COVIDCheck Colorado is easy, fast, and convenient. To ensure a smooth and quick visit, book an appointment in advance on our website. COVIDCheck Colorado uses a highly sensitive and reliable nasal mid-turbinate swab PCR test that is administered by licensed medical professionals. Please arrive wearing a mask.

COVIDCheck Colorado Amenities



Mobile-friendly registration, appointment scheduling, and reminders.



Drive-thru test sites across Metro Denver & guidance on setting up employer-based sites.



Non-invasive PCR tests administered by medical staff in less than five minutes.



Test results delivered via email & text within 72 hours of test being administered.



Telehealth appointments provided for those who test positive for COVID-19.

Who Should Get Tested

- Anyone showing symptoms or who has been exposed should test now.
- Anyone working in a public facing job should test regularly.
- Anyone who wants to get tested for any other reason should test as needed.

When & Where to Get Tested

- Operating hours available Monday through Saturday.
- Test sites located throughout the state of Colorado.
- Locations and hours updated at covidcheckcolorado.org/where-to-test.





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.

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