

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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## Lunch Service

Thank you for your patience as we continue to sort out the kinks with our new lunch service provider. We want to assure you that we are working with DPS to ensure that students are served food that aligns to our wellness standards and that students have enough time to eat. We are seeing improvement each day and are confident that we are moving in the right direction.

## School Accountability Committee

Parents are welcome to join HPA's School Accountability Committee (SAC). The SAC is comprised of parents and staff that come together to review HPA's achievement data. Analysis and feedback influences the Accountability Committee and the development of our school's Unified Improvement Plan (UIP) that is submitted each year to the Colorado Department of Education and provides valuable guidance to our school-wide goals and professional development. The Accountability Committee will meet for the first time this school year on Monday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.

## HPA 2014 TCAP Results

Click here for a PowerPoint that shares our TCAP data from 2013-2014 school year.

Each year every school in Colorado receives a School Performance Rating based on student growth and performance on state standardized tests. As a Charter School Institute (CSI) school, HPA also receives a rating from CSI. Please use this link to access a PowerPoint presentation that shares the performance ratings for High Point Academy based on 2013 2014 TCAP results.

## PTO Meeting Tonight

Click here or visit the PTO page on the website for a meeting agenda. We also currently have two positions open on the PTO board. If you are interested in serving on the board please attend the meeting tonight.

## HPA School Garden

HPA's garden has been included in the upcoming garden tour by "The Slow Food Denver" organization at 3:15pm on September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Everybody who is interested in attending only the HPA portion of the tour are welcome and it is free. Please contact Jogita Auzina at [jogitaa@hotmail.com](mailto:jogitaa@hotmail.com) if you have questions.

## Carpool Help

A family is looking for help getting their child to and from school. If you can pick-up/drop-off a student please contact the Director of Student Services, Erica Konieczny, at [ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net](mailto:ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net)

## Kindergarten Enrollment Campaign

High Point Academy is now accepting applications for **kindergarten enrollment**.

We offer:

- Tuition Assistance
- Small Class Size
- Instructional Assistants in Each Class

**DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO TELL OTHERS!**

## SAVE THE DATE

Our next Prospective Family Information Tour is on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> from Noon - 1:00pm. Please encourage interested families to attend to learn more about who we are.

## Important Dates:

**September 4:** PTO Meeting 5:30pm

**September 5:** High Point Academy Community Night at the Rockies Game

**September 7:** HPA School Garden Tour 2:30pm

**September 8:** HPA Accountability Meeting 4pm

**September 8:** Volleyball game at Omar D Blair 4:30pm

**September 9:** Flag Football game at HPA at 5:00pm

**September 11:** Flag Football Game at HPA at 5:00pm

**September 15:** Volleyball Game at Evie Dennis Campus at 4:30pm

**September 16:** Flag Football Game at Omar D. Blair at 4:30pm

**September 16:** Colorguard Information Meeting 5-6pm

**September 17:** Conferences 4-8pm

**September 18:** Conferences 4-8pm

**September 19:** NO SCHOOL

Have you seen our new website??

We also have a new app that can be downloaded at the app store.

# Husky Talk Newsletter

## Message from the Principal

Dear HPA Families,

The 2014-2015 school year is off to a wonderful start! The buzz and excitement in the building these last three weeks has been palpable. Thank you for helping your child transition from the ease of summer vacation to the structure of the school day. We know it's not easy getting to bed early and we appreciate you getting your child to school on time and ready to learn!

Now that we are back in school, and children spend much of their day at school, you may wonder how to keep informed about the things they are doing and learning. At HPA, we make great efforts to keep the door of communication open between you and the school. To help keep our families informed about classroom and school happenings, teachers will email, blog, or send home newsletters that highlight what students are learning, and in some cases important upcoming assignments. Please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher if you haven't received any communication. Student grades are tracked on Power School, which is another avenue that can keep you informed about your child's progress. Every other week, you should be receiving the Husky Newsletter with important messages from the office, both online and in Thursday Folders.

We also want to encourage parents to talk with your child about their school day. Talking about school and how they are feeling about school can be supportive and help your child navigate their growing independence. Many parents wonder how to talk to their child about their school day. When they ask their child how their day was, student responses can be very limited, "fine" or "good" which doesn't tell you a whole lot. Here are some of our favorite questions that parents can ask their child to provoke a more meaningful conversation about school. These open-ended, yet specific, questions are a great way to support your child in sharing about their day.

### TOP TEN QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD ABOUT THEIR DAY:

10. What was the most interesting thing someone said at school today?
9. How did you help someone today? Or, how did someone help you today?
8. If you were able to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you do?
7. Who in your class do you think you could be nicer to? Or, who in your class would you like to spend more time with?
6. Where do you play the most at recess? Or, what do you play with at recess? Or, who do you play with at recess?
5. When were you happiest today? Why?
4. What was the funniest thing that happened at school today?
3. What's the biggest difference between last year and this year, so far?
2. Can you teach me one thing you learned today in school?
1. What was the best thing that happened at school today?

If you have any questions about what your child is communicating about school, we strongly encourage you to reach out to your child's homeroom teacher or advisor. At HPA we believe that the better we understand each child, the better we can meet their learning and academic needs. We welcome this type of exchange, so that we can support your child's growth. Communicating through email typically generates the most timely responses. As you may know, we ask HPA staff to return emails or phone calls within a 36 hour time frame.

We hope these first few weeks have gone well for you and your child.  
With Husky Pride,  
Keri Melmed

### Save the Date

Picture Day will be Tuesday, September 30. If possible plan appointments for other dates so all students can be included. We will be looking for volunteers to help throughout the day.

### Colorguard Parent Meeting

Is your 2nd-8th grader interested in joining High Point Academy's Colorguard team? Join Coach Kathy Frazier for an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 5:00pm in the library.