

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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Spirit Cup Fundraiser

The PTO Spirit Cup Fundraiser is DUE by tomorrow. Please turn in order forms and money to the front desk or your child's teacher. If you sold 10 items please be sure to make your selection for your FREE pack of Spirit Cups on the bottom of your order form.

After School Activities

The fall session of after school activities starts on Thursday, October 16 and will run for eight weeks every Thursday through December 11. Sign-up forms went home in Thursday folders, but you can view and print the form on the HPA website under Current Families-Activities. This round of activities features Arts and Crafts, Exercise Club, and 3D Design and Printing.

3rd Grade Gifted and Talented Testing

As part of our identification process for gifted and talented students, High Point Academy screens **all third grade students** through a standardized testing process to determine their cognitive ability and possible giftedness. Letters explaining the process and permission to test forms have been sent home to all third graders. **Please return these forms by next Friday October 10th.** Testing will take place the week of October 13th.

Middle School Basketball Meeting

Middle school basketball starts in November. If your child is interested in playing, please plan to attend the parent informational meeting on Tuesday, October 21 at 4:00pm at the school.

Hearing and Vision Testing

HPA's school nurse will be conducting hearing and vision testing beginning on Monday, October 6.

Mark Your Calendar

Fall Fest Is Back

Join us October 30, 2014 from 6-8 to celebrate our HPA community and the changing season. There will be a potluck, fashion show, arts and crafts, an altar (for Day of the Dead), and door prizes! More details to come so make sure to check the website and keep an eye out for an informational email and flyer in Thursday folders.

Book Character Dress Day

On October 31, students can dress up as their favorite book character. Students must have their costume idea pre-approved through their teacher and have the book in hand on Character Dress Day.

Costa Rica Spanish Immersion Trip

Our second annual Costa Rica Spanish Immersion trip will take place in June of 2015. All HPA families with children in 5th-8th grade are invited to join Mr. Macip for an informational meeting on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00pm to learn more about this great opportunity available to students.

Food Service and Lunch Prices

You may have noticed that lunch prices are slightly higher than we originally stated last spring. Over the summer the DPS school board voted to raise prices to accommodate for increased food service costs. Lunch prices are now \$1.60 (Preschool-5) and \$1.85 (6-8). Please reach out to the office with any questions.

Bikes and Scooters on Campus

Students riding their bike or scooter/skateboard to and/or from school need to walk/carry their bike/scooter/skateboard on HPA property (the crosswalk at 67th and Dunkirk up to the school). Thank you for helping us to keep all students safe.

Important Dates:

October 2: Volleyball
Game at HPA at 5:00pm

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Game at HPA at 5:00pm

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Family Meeting and In-
formation Tour 5:30pm

October 7: Power Hour
3:50-5:00pm

October 7: Volleyball
Game at Vanguard at
5:00pm

October 7: Flag Football
Game at AXL Academy at
5:00pm

October 10: Parent Love
and Logic Class 6-7:30pm

October 11: Cross Coun-
try Meet at Vanguard at
9:00am

October 14: Power Hour
3:50-5:00pm

October 14: Flag Football
Game at HPA at 5:00pm

October 14: Costa Rica
Trip Informational Meet-
ing for 5th-8th grade fam-
ilies at 6:00pm

October 15: Volleyball
Game at DSST: Cole at
5:30 & 6:30pm

October 16: After School
Activities Start 3:45-
4:45pm

October 20: NO SCHOOL
Teacher Professional De-
velopment

October 21: Middle School
basketball Parent Meet-
ing 4:00pm

October 24: Jean Day \$1

October 30: International
Fall Festival

October 31: Book Charac-
ter Dress Day

Husky Talk Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear HPA Families,

As you may know, we are in the midst of October Count which determines our school funding for the year. This funding is allocated based on our student count. Please ensure that your child is at school during this window. While attendance is critical during October Count for funding purposes, student attendance is essential every day for their academic growth and learning. If you are arriving at school after 8:00am, please make adjustments to your morning routines so that your child is at school on time. Students can be dropped off as early as 7:30. Please take advantage of this opportunity. At HPA we believe that every minute counts!

Now that we've completed our sixth week of school and we are in high gear, you may be wondering how to support your child academically. Families often find themselves unsure or unable to provide assistance with the work that is being asked of their child to complete at home. Homework may also be a source of stress or frustration for your student, or in many cases, the family members trying to help. At this month's, "Coffee with Keri" we discussed strategies that may help avoid some of the battles we face when it's homework time.

Location, location, location... make sure your child has a quiet place to work (NO: TV, computer, iPad, cell phone, or other electronic). As simple as this sounds, when asked, most children say they are completing their homework in their living rooms in front of the TV. Too many distractions result in incomplete or inaccurate work. It's also important that your child has the appropriate materials to complete the work. This may be a calculator, computer, graph paper, etc. If you do not have the supplies your child needs, please reach out to the office so that we can arrange for you to borrow what you need.

90% of success is attitude... homework historically may have been a source of conflict between students and families which has resulted in a negative attitude around homework. As much as possible, even if you have to 'fake it', have a positive attitude about homework. If you are positive about the work your child needs to complete, they are more likely to be positive about it. When your child is working on their homework model 'homework' behaviors such reading a book, balancing your checkbook, writing an email, or researching a question you have or something you've heard on the news.

It takes a village...you are your child's first teacher and you know them best, communicate with your child's teacher about what you are noticing during homework time or any concerns you may have. Research shows that parent involvement is more important to a child's academic success than IQ, economic status, or school programming.

Helping hands, means...the best ways to support your child with homework are around organization, and pacing. Help them do the 'hard' work first before fatigue sets in and the 'easy' homework last. Make sure they take a break, or get started at a reasonable hour. And most importantly, and usually the most difficult for parents, provide guidance, *not* answers, when your child asks for help.

While the scientific research regarding homework is inconclusive as to whether or not it increases academic achievement, we do believe that homework is a worthwhile practice that has significant benefits. Homework helps students develop time management and research skills, build self-discipline and independence, grow responsibility and ownership of their learning, as well as improve thinking and memory.

If you have any questions about the work your child is doing, please feel free to reach out by email or stop by my office.

With Husky Pride,
Keri Melmed
Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Have you heard? PTO is sponsoring a tutoring program here at HPA!

What: Power Hour

Purpose: To provide academic support to 4th-8th grade students in completing and understanding current course work and homework.

When: Tuesdays after school from 3:50-5:00pm

Where: HPA Library

Star Wars Reads Day

Mark your calendar and join the Denver Public Library for fun intergalactic games and crafts on Saturday, October 11 at 10am. This event is free and open to the public. No registration required. Costumes are encouraged!



Zumba is Back

Come join Kathy Frazier for Zumba classes on Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8 pm in the High Point Academy gym. Classes cost \$5 each and a discounted punch card is available.

The HPA Colorguard Team is Looking for New Members to Join!

Through October 31 the HPA Colorguard team will be recruiting new members. If you are in second through eighth grade and interested in learning more, please contact Coach Frazier at katfrazi77@msn.com.

Colorguard Practice is Cancelled Tonight! The next practice will be Tuesday, October 7 from 5-7pm.

Volunteer and Donation Opportunities

Thank you to all the parents who donated food items for the teachers during conferences. Everything was delicious.

- **Donations Needed:** The clinic is in need of uniform pants, in particular, sizes 5, 6, and 7. If you are able to help please bring donations to the office.
- **Donations Needed:** Save The Date for an HPA coat drive during the month of October. Please begin collecting gently worn coats and gloves.



WHEN: Saturday, Oct. 25, 2014
TIME: 3:00 - 5:00pm
WHERE: GVR Metro District
18650 E. 45 Avenue

Candy, games, bounce house, haunted bus and more!!!

A small fee will be charged for some items

Vendor space: \$20.00!

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