

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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After School Activities

The fall session of after school activities starts today, Thursday, October 16 and will run for eight weeks every Thursday through December 11. Sign-ups will be accepted until Thursday, October 23 at 12:00pm. This round of activities features Arts and Crafts, Exercise Club, and 3D Design and Printing.

Middle School Washington DC Trip

Please join us tonight (10-16) at 5:30pm to hear all about our middle school Washington DC trip. Previously, we were only taking 8th grade students, but we have been able to open it up to ALL middle school students. The trip will take place in May of this school year and we want your child to attend! We will not plan another DC trip until 2017, so do not miss out on this opportunity of a lifetime. For any family that attends and signs up, the student will receive an I-tunes gift card!

Power Hour

There will be **NO Power Hour on Tuesday, October 21**. We will start back up again the following Tuesday.

Printed Newsletter

Do you want to continue to receive a printed newsletter? Please let your child's teacher know as this will be the last newsletter that is printed out for everyone in the school.

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.

Mark Your Calendar

Fall Fest Is Back

Date: November 4, 2014 (please note the date change)

Time: 6:00-8:00 pm

Please join us as we kick off the fall season and share our diverse backgrounds with a potluck, fashion show, and arts and crafts for the kids. There will also be raffle prizes; must be present to win.

Make your favorite dish that is representative of your background and culture to share with others. Don't worry if you are not a cook. Come enjoy the food and the company!

Dress in clothing that also represents you and your heritage. Don't be shy. You will not have to walk down a runway.

Kids will make some arts and crafts! The first is traditionally made for the Mexican Day of the Dead and the second is typically made for American fall season.

Lastly, there will be an altar. This is a typical decoration used during the Mexican Day of the Dead. Learn more about this at the Fall Festival.

If you have any questions or would like to help out please contact Cindy Ford at cford@highpointacademy.net

Awards Ceremonies

The quarter one awards ceremonies take place next Thursday and Friday in the gymnasium.

Thursday, October 23, 2014

6th grade—10:50-11:20

7th&8th Grade—11:40-12:10

Friday, October 24, 2014

Kindergarten&1st—12:30-1:15

2nd&3rd—1:30-2:15

4th&5th—2:30-3:15

Important Dates:

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

October 16: Washington DC Parent Meeting 5:30pm

October 17: End of Quarter 1

October 17: Volunteer Training 8:15am

October 18: Governing Board Meeting 12-2pm

October 20: NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Development

October 21: Beginning of Quarter 2

October 21: Middle School basketball Parent Meeting 4:00pm

October 22: Flag Football Game at 5:30pm at HPA

October 23: Middle School Quarter 1 Awards Ceremony (see pg. 1 for times)

October 23: Volleyball Game at 5:00pm at HPA

October 23: PTO Meeting (see page 3 for details)

October 24: Jean Day \$1

October 24: K-5 Quarter 1 Awards Ceremony (see pg. 1 for times)

October 28: Power Hour 3:45-5:00pm

October 28: Wellness Committee Meeting 4-5pm

October 31: Book Character Dress Day

November 4: International Fall Festival



Husky Talk Newsletter

Message from the Principal

Dear HPA families,

As the first quarter draws to an end tomorrow, I would like to encourage us all to take time to reflect. As a staff we are reflecting by asking ourselves - what worked well this quarter and how can we do more of that? What can we do better next quarter? And, what can we do differently? As the caretakers of our students, I'd like to persuade you to reflect on those same questions to ensure that we are doing the very best to support our students to achieve and grow – like getting them to school on time, providing quiet workspace for them to complete homework, and ensuring a good night's sleep. These same questions can be used to guide conversations with your children about their academic performance as well as their habits of learning during first quarter and to establish goals for second quarter.

First quarter report cards will be sent home next week, and how we respond to our child's progress can impact their attitude about learning and school. To support families in having meaningful conversations about report cards, we encourage you to take the time to go over the report card with your child by asking them two simple questions: 'how do you feel about your report card?' and 'what's your plan for next quarter?'

When you ask your child how they feel about their report card, often the responses they give are more telling than the actual grades. It also helps students take 'ownership' of their learning. By asking, "How do you feel about your report card?" we send the message that this is their report card – not yours, and therefore, you want to know how it makes *them* feel. As you know, the report card doesn't tell us the complete story of their learning and their assessment of how they did can shed light on any issues that might be interfering with their growth and learning.

While we want students to take their progress seriously, we don't want students to think it determines their worth. If your student did poorly, this can lead to feelings of despair and that doesn't motivate a student to do a better job at school. What is more supportive and motivating is creating a plan to move forward. Discuss the obstacles that got in their way, and how they can move past them. Asking, "What worked well and how can you do more of that? What can you do better? And, what can you do differently- are all productive, solution oriented questions.

So, while we use the report card to provide valuable feedback to our students and families, it is simply one measure of success. Continuing to monitor homework, discuss how things are going at school, and checking PowerSchool are all important ways to keep informed about your child's progress and can give you a more holistic picture of their progress.

If you have any questions about your child's progress, please feel free to reach out by email or stop by my office.

With Husky Pride,
Keri Melmed
Chief Academic Officer/Principal

Volunteer and Donation Opportunities

- **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.

3rd Annual Candy Buy Back Program

Help your children prevent tooth decay – donate your Halloween candy to HPA! We will be taking donations from Monday, October 27th through Friday, November 7th in the Wellness Room. Through a partnership with Green Valley Kids Pediatric Dentistry, HPA will earn \$2 per pound of candy and all of the candy will then be shipped to deployed service men and women through [Operation Gratitude](#). All types of candy are accepted. Last year we turned in 43 pounds of candy and in 2012 we turned in 90 pounds of candy... can we turn in more this year?? Only with your help! Contact [Mrs. Kuzneski](#) for more information or to volunteer with this project.



Wellness Reminder

Halloween is just around the corner! That means candy galore for most kids. Just as a friendly reminder, we do not allow students to have or eat candy during the school day. Please refrain from sending your child to school with candy in their lunch or bringing candy as a class treat. Also, all of our celebrations focus on activities, not food. Thank you for your partnership in raising healthy children! For healthy celebration ideas please email Mrs. Kuzneski at skuzneski@highpointacademy.net or speak with your child's homeroom teacher.

Save the Date-HPA Gives Day

High Point Academy's first annual HPA Gives Day is on Friday, December 5. Get ready to be a part of our giving campaign to support programs for our students. Watch out for more details!

Volunteer Trainings

Volunteer trainings are scheduled as needed. If you need to attend a volunteer training please contact Erica Konieczny at ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net to put in a request for a specific day and time.

High Point PTO Meeting

The next PTO meeting is 10/23/14 at the First Creek Farm Clubhouse, 5701 N. Genoa Way from 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Our time together will start with a meet and greet followed by our regularly scheduled meeting ([click here for a meeting agenda](#)). Light refreshments will be served. We hope you can make it out to hear how HPA PTO is supporting your child.

Join a Committee

Interested in getting involved and contributing your input and ideas? Consider joining...

Wellness Committee – if you have expertise or interest in supporting our health and wellness initiatives, contact Stacey Kuzneski at SKuzneski@HighpointAcademy.net

Accountability Committee – if you have expertise or interest in reviewing and analyzing HPA achievement data to make recommendations for school-wide goals, contact Keri Melmed at kmelmed@HighPointAcademy.net

Equity Committee – if you value and celebrate the diversity we have at High Point Academy, contact Cindy Ford at cford@highpointacademy.net

Yearbook Committee—if you are artistic, enjoy design, take good pictures, or just want to be involved, contact Erica Konieczny at ekonieczny@highpointacademy.net

Technology Committee—if you are interested in the many facets of technology and how it will be used at High Point Academy, contact Francisco Martinez at fmartinez@highpointacademy.net

Save the Date

The first Applebee's Pancake Fundraiser will be Saturday, November 15 from 7:30am-10:00am. Tickets will be available soon. This fundraiser helps provide financial assistance to our 6th grade students for their outdoor education trip in the spring.

Flu/Cold Season Approaching

HPA Illness Policy-How sick is too sick?

When to keep your child at home from school or child care:

- Fever- A fever of 100 or above with behavior change
- Flu-like symptoms- fever over 100 with a cough or sore throat. Other flu symptoms can include tiredness, body aches, vomiting, and diarrhea.
- Coughing- if severe, uncontrolled coughing or wheezing, rapid or difficulty breathing, medical attention is necessary
- Vomiting-throwing up two or more times in the past 24hrs

If your child doesn't feel well enough to participate in school activities and requires more care than teachers and staff can give, staying at home is recommended.

Regis Jesuit Open House

8th grade parents, are you interested in learning more about Regis Jesuit High School? [Click here](#) for a flyer about an open house they are hosting at the end of the month.

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.

Come Join Girl Scouts

Girl Scouting is about belonging to a big sisterhood. It's about leadership, family involvement, skill-building, celebrating traditions, and taking action to make the world a better place. Girl Scouting is girl-led, and we learn by doing.

Below is the contact information for the three Girl Scout troops that meet here at HPA; **email the troop you are interested in to see when their next meeting is:**

- Troop 4370 (grade 2 thru 8) email: hpags4370@gmail.com
Meets every other Monday night at 6:30pm
- Troop 4011 (grades 2, 3, and 4) email: troop54011@gmail.com
Meets every other Monday after school
- Troop 1434 (grades K, 1, 2, and 3) email: gstroop1434hp@yahoo.com
Meets every other Wednesday night

Popcorn Time

HPA cub scout Pack 501 is selling popcorn to pay for the activities for the year. We will do site sales at places like Dick's Sporting Goods and King Soopers so look for us there. You can also buy from your favorite scout. We have wonderful sweet items and perfectly salty items. We will sell from now until October 22nd so be sure to get yours.

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.



The poster features a central illustration of a car trunk filled with candy, labeled 'TRUNK OR TREAT' with 'TCC' on the license plate. The background is decorated with stars, a witch flying on a broom, and a bare tree branch. The text is in a playful, hand-drawn style.

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!
Call 303-307-3240 for information or go to www.gvrmetrodistrict.com

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