

University Schools



BULLDOG NEWS

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From the Desk of the Director, Sherry Gerner, (970) 506-7001



MISSION:

University Schools will prepare students emotionally and educationally for learning, leading and caring citizenship in their academic, social and civic communities.

VISION:

University Schools envisions a caring and supportive environment where students become self-directed through personalized experiences. Students, teachers and parents cooperate to develop autonomous learning in a learner-centered school.

Dear University Schools' Families:

I hope you had a wonderful Spring Break and that conferences conducted prior to break provided you with helpful information.

There were three openings for the Board of Governors and three candidates so the Board approved the nominees to the Board; thus there is no need to send election ballots or have a candidate forum. Congratulations go to: Erin Clark, Rodney Constance and Mark Jones who will begin three-year terms on the Board beginning in July.

We are very proud to announce that University Schools has been selected as a Highly Effective School Library Program by the Colorado Department of Education. Our school will be honored at the May meeting of the State Board of Education. Congratulations to our

library staff: Rachel Budzynski, Amanda Haas, Nancy Pedigo, Cindy Reimer and Stephanie Hughes.

Our gratitude goes to Noble Energy for their donation of a new 66 passenger bus and to

Trevor Garrett, Foundation Director, for his efforts in securing the bus. The bus is expected to arrive the end of April. The bus will use natural gas for fuel and provide transportation for field trips and athletics for all of our students K-12.

The USPTO Carnival will take place on April 24. The carnival is a wonderful event for our families. Please set aside the date to attend and watch for more information

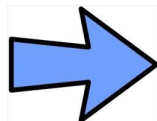
from the Carnival committee.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if I can answer any questions.



NO SCHOOL:

- **April 17
Faculty Inservice/
Workday**



PARENTS OF GRADUATING SENIORS:

If your student receives a scholarship, please submit a copy of the scholarship letter to the Counseling Office. Students who submit information by April 24 will be recognized at the May 11 Awards Ceremony. Information submitted by May 1 will be included in the commencement program. Any information received after that date will be announced at graduation, but will not be included in the commencement program. Thank you for your help!

from the High School Principal, Holly Sample

This newsletter will arrive right after we have completed state testing in Mathematics, Reading and Writing. This year, instead of altering our schedule, students tested in their mathematics and English classes. All tests were computerized. This is a base-line year for the newly developed tests. Student scores will be broken into four levels (as the TCAP scores were) but now they are called: Distinguished Command, Strong Command, Moderate Command and Partial Command. The cut scores to determine each level will be established after all the tests are completed, so we will probably not get results from this round of testing for nine months.

Our students, for the most part, had wonderful attitudes and gave their best effort. We greeted them with breakfast as they returned from Spring Break and showed our appreciation with a "celebration slice" of pizza after most tests were completed on March 27. Thank you Bulldog students and families for helping our school put our best foot forward!

April marks the beginning of a busy schedule of special events and activities that will lead us right up to graduation. On April 3rd, the FCCLA club will put on the Prom Fashion Show during advising. We will have an assembly to see a slide show and choose Prom royalty on April 16. This year, Prom will be held at the Greeley Country Club on April 18 from 9:00 p.m. - 12:00 midnight.

Junior parents, we will hold a meeting for students and parents at 7:00 p.m. in the main gym on April 9 to

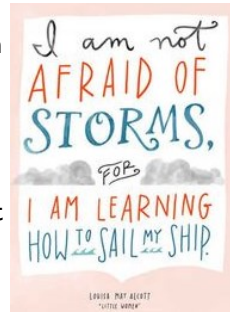
review senior project requirements. After this meeting, students who wish to get an early start on their projects may submit a letter of intent by April 16. Students who do not submit an early letter, will turn in senior project letters of intent in the fall. Another important date for Juniors is the state-wide ACT administration on April 28.

On April 20, we will release school for 9th - 11th grades at 1:00 p.m. Seniors will be dismissed at 10:40 a.m. and will come back in the afternoon to present their projects to boards made up of teachers and community volunteers starting at 1:00 p.m. We are still accepting volunteers to serve on the boards and this is a great opportunity for parents to get a first hand view of what their students will be experiencing. Email Denise Vaardahl at dvaardahl@universitieschools.com if you are interested in volunteering.

Information for seniors about the requirements for presentations can be found on our website under Academics/High School Advising. Select Senior Project Packet on the right side of the page and see pages 24-27 for information about presentation requirements, a speech outline and a rubric. Senior project portfolios are due to advisors on April 10. The portfolio must be submitted in order for seniors to be scheduled for a board presentation. Seniors must score "Acceptable" or higher on their presentation to meet the senior project graduation requirement. Students who miss the boards due to unavoidable circumstances or who do not meet the standard will have an opportunity to make up the presentation at the end of April.

Any student who does not pass a board presentation at that time will have one more opportunity to present to University Schools' administrators (who will have the final say as to whether the project presentation meets requirements) in mid-May.

While this time of year is exciting and heartwarming, it can also be difficult and stressful. Some students have not met their academic goals, or may even be in danger of missing graduation. Even high achieving students can make mistakes or be struck by self doubt. A new and growing source of stress for many students is social networking on the computer. I encourage parents to supervise their young adults' Internet use and talk to students about the importance of treating others with respect (both in person and online). As we get toward the end of the year, it may be helpful for all of us to remember the instructions we got in kindergarten: be nice to each other, hold hands and stay together!



FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) News:

Congratulations to the FBLA members who placed at the District Conference on February 11 at UCCC. Amber Brink, Delaney Morrow and Autumn Moya placed 1st in Social Media; Daniel Buhler, Reach Kiet, Bridger Menlove placed 2nd in Global Business; Nathan Sullivan and Austin Danhoff placed 2nd in Website Design; Brooke Blehm and Tayler Collins placed 5th in Hospitality Management; Brooke Blehm placed 4th in Personal Finance; Nathan Sullivan placed 5th in Computer Applications.

Those attending the State FBLA Conference in Vail in April will be Nathan Sullivan, Austin Danhoff, Brooke Blehm, Amber Brink, Delaney Morrow, Autumn Moya and Tayler Collins. These individuals will also attend several workshops and network with over 2500 students from around the state.

Good job to all FBLA members and good luck at state.



Attendance Concerns

If your student is ill or will be late, please call the appropriate attendance line for your student's level (see below). Should your student need to leave for an appointment after the school day has begun, please provide a note and have your student check in at the main office first thing in the morning. We will provide the student with an Early Dismissal note to give the teacher so s/he can leave class at the appropriate time without the office calling into the classroom.

For Elementary/H.S. students:
(970) 506-7000, extension 1

For Middle School students:
(970) 576-3900, extension 1



from the Middle School Principal, Paul Kirkpatrick

I want to clarify a topic that has been brought to my attention several times in the last few weeks.

The 2014-2015 Middle School Handbook (pg. 9) outlines the expectations for promotion to the next grade. This applies to 6th graders moving to

7th grade, 7th graders moving to 8th grade and 8th graders moving to High School. All students are required to pass at least five of six core classes (Communications, Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies and STEM) to be promoted. Calculations for passing involve examining work from all three trimester grading periods.

Evidence is very clear regarding the success rate of a student being retained and the chances of him/her showing significant improvement repeating the same grade (only 6 percent success rate). It stands to reason that having the same teacher, covering the identical content, working on the same assignments and taking the same tests, would yield approximately the same re-

sults. That being the case, it makes no sense to have a student repeat the same grade level. It is also our contention that we would be doing a huge disservice to a student by promoting her/him to the next grade without evidence of appropriate preparation.

Being a good parent requires knowing when to push & when to back off when to help & when to let them make mistakes & then being strong enough to watch them go.

What options or conditions remain?

1. Complete the rest of the year with a flurry of good grades so that a minimum of five core classes are passed.
2. Complete summer school coursework or register for credit recovery classes (online or Correspondence courses).
3. Register at your neighborhood/boundary school or another school of choice, to enter at the grade level you want to enroll your child.

If your child is in jeopardy of not being promoted to the next grade, you will be contacted very soon for another conference and specific options.

Middle School yearbooks are still available! We only have 30 books left to sell and they are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Once they are sold out, we cannot order any more books. Any books that are still left on the last day of school will be sold at a higher price. If you have already purchased a book, THANK YOU!

From now until the end of May, the books will be on sale for \$45.00. Place your order with Mrs. Miles through the MS main office.

?s: contact Mrs. Miles at mmiles@universityschools.com or call 576-3934.

ATTENTION Parents and Participating Students of the Washington DC Trip:

Please plan to attend the following **MANDATORY** meetings:

THURSDAY, APRIL 9, 7 PM

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 7 PM

Both meetings will be held in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Parents, Kids & Money Matters— Who's Talking to Your Kids About \$?

As a sponsor of Greeley Philharmonic's 5th Grade Concert on April 7th and the Family Concert on April 12th, Thrivent Community-Mountain Plains is also inviting children and parents/grandparents/guardians to attend free informative workshops.

Parents, Kids, and Money Matters is designed for parents and their children. During the workshop, participants will reflect on the values they want their children to learn, and gain practical tools to help make teaching about money fun. The children will learn about sharing, saving, and spending.

Workshop Option #1

When: Tuesday, April 14th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: Chappelow Arts Magnet School
2001 34th Street, Evans, CO

Workshop Option #2

When: Thursday, April 16th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Where: University School
6525 W 18th Street, Greeley, CO

RSVP: For more information on these workshops, call 970-667-7340 or email Renata.Meusch@Thrivent.com by April 10.

These events are sponsored by the Thrivent Community—Mountain Plains, a local group of members from Thrivent. Membership is what makes Thrivent unique, and we want to make your membership even more valuable, meaningful and fun by offering a range of social, educational and charitable activities just for you. No products will be sold.

from the Elementary Principal, Mike Mazurana

Happy Spring! I know I have written about this before, but it rings true every year. Spring is really a time of growth. Our students have blossomed into readers, writers, mathematicians, and maybe more importantly, creative thinkers, problem solvers and kids who have healthy relationships with peers and staff. Thanks for all you do in our partnership in nurturing positive, healthy and academically sound kids.

As you all know by now, behaviors can change this time of year and we encourage families to continue to hold students to the same routines and structures that have made them so successful throughout this year. It is easy to get off schedules with the longer days and warmer weather, but keeping things "normal" helps lessen the impact of the restlessness or "spring fever" here at school. We still have a lot to learn and students need to be at their best to take in another trimester's worth of information

before being truly ready for the adventure of the next grade level.

Thanks for your attendance at our parent/teacher conferences this past trimester. Hopefully you have seen the same growth and maturity in your student(s) that we have been seeing as well. This month we have the next round of state testing (we had the first round of math and language arts for grades 3-5 in March, with the second round coming in May) with 4th and 5th graders testing in science and social studies (please check the calendar for specific dates and times). Despite the interruptions in our schedules, teachers continue to plan and execute quality, creative lessons as there is still a lot to learn.



With the passing of March into April, you would think we would be past the cold weather, but we live in Colorado where the weather can change

at any time. For as many sunny, warm days that we have, we seem to have an equal amount of rainy, cold and windy days as well during the spring. Also, don't be deceived by the high temperature as we often don't reach that until after noon. Please continue to dress students appropriately and check the lost and found on warm days when coats, sweatshirts and other warm items get left outside in the afternoons.

Again, thanks for choosing University Schools and for being such great advocates for our students.

ATTENTION: Parents of Current 5th Grade Students

In order to comply with State of Colorado immunization requirements for school attendance, your child will need to show proof of having received a booster of the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine when s/he registers for the 2015-2016 school year. University Schools' registration will not be complete until this immunization is documented.

Many physicians have been updating children's immunization status and the Tdap may have

already been given to your child. Please contact your physician's office to either update school records or schedule this immunization. Immunizations can also be obtained at the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment. Call 970-304-6420 to schedule an appointment.

Please call Jane Weber, School Nurse, at 970-506-7073 if you have any questions.

Still Need an Elementary Yearbook?

It is not too late to capture the memories of the year with the 2015 UNIVERSITY ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK!!

There are a limited number of yearbooks still available.

Visit jostensyearbooks.com or come into

the main office to pick up an order form. The book is available for \$30.00. Please make all checks payable to University Schools. Call Kellee Nolke at 506-6802 if you should have any questions. Thanks for your support!

Inside or Outside Recess?

Now you can find out by checking the following website:

www.wunderground.com.

There will be inside recess when the temperature is 15 degrees and below (with wind chill).



There is also a free app available so you can check using your cell phone.

Location: Highland Hills Golf Course, CO

After School Care Early Childhood University

Call Melissa Lelm at 970-888-1592.

Microwave Use

Some of our younger students struggle at lunch time to use the microwaves. If you have younger students who want to bring microwavable meals, a few lessons on microwave use at home would be helpful. Our lunch staff is not always available to assist children at the microwaves during the busy lunch period. Thank you!



Latest from the Library

Battle of the Books Dates:

- **April 7:** 5th Grade, 3:45 in the Elementary/High School Library
- **April 8:** 4th Grade, 3:45 in the Elementary/High School Library
- **April 9:** 3rd Grade, 3:45 in the Elementary/High School Library
- **April 13:** Middle School, 3:00 in the Middle School Cafeteria

<http://libraryuniversityschools.blogspot.com/p/battle-of-books.html>

K-12 Earth Day Book Exchange:

Bring new or gently used school appropriate books (no board books please!) to exchange to either library the week of April 20-24. Students will receive one ticket per book (10 books maximum and can exchange for any other available book during the week of the exchange).

Summer Reading:

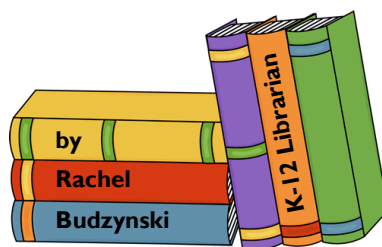
Look for summer reading program information for elementary and middle school students on the library website and coming home with your child in May!

Birthday Book Club:

Do you know about our Birthday Book Club? During the month of your child's birthday, you may choose to have a bookplate with your child's name and school year placed inside a book in the genre of your child's choice. To do this, send in \$15 (cash/check) along with the completed form (found online at <http://libraryuniversityschools.blogspot.com/>).

A book is a gift you can open again and again.

—Garrison Keillor



FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY:

At the end of February we hosted David R. Smith, author of *The Dark Eagles* series. Our middle school students learned about Mr. Smith's writing process, the adventures he has experienced that led to the development of his book, and information about the series.

As students visit the library with their reading classes this spring, they are learning how to search the Internet with search operators, how to determine if information is credible and reliable, and how to use images, videos and sounds without breaking copyright laws.

Lottery Information

Will you have a kindergartner next school year? If so, an enrollment application must be on file with our school for consideration in the drawings. If you are not certain if an application is on file, feel free to check by calling us at 970-576-3900. Sibling applications are drawn first. Please ensure

our office staff is aware your kindergartner-to-be is a sibling of a current University student, if that is the case. We have begun drawing names for kindergarten; however, we will continue to draw names until our kindergarten numbers are finalized.

If your child's name is drawn, we will contact you by calling the contact number on file.



what we found!

On the **last day of each month** the items left in the Lost and Found are donated to a local charity. Please look through the Lost and Found to see if your student has lost:

- ♦ jackets, coats
- ♦ gloves, hats
- ♦ lunch box, water bottle

Valuables are kept in the main office in both buildings. Please check with the office if your student has lost:

- ♦ glasses
- ♦ jewelry item
- ♦ cell phone, electronics
- ♦ money

SIGN CLUB!

University Schools has an ASL Sign Club open to all 4th, 5th & 6th grade students.

When: 3:30 — 4:30 pm
Thurs., April 9 & 23

Where: Main building
Room 1344





Athletics

it's not
whether you
get knocked
down;
it's whether
you get back
up.
-Vince Lombardi

H.S. Spring Sports Are Underway!

Don't miss out on an opportunity to see our athletes in action at one of the home contests:

⇒ **Track and Field:**

April 14 1st Annual University Twilight Invitational 4 p.m.

⇒ **Baseball:**

April 2, 3, and 4 - NoCo Baseball Classic, Times TBA
April 7 vs Valley 4 p.m.
April 14 vs Sterling 4 p.m.
April 16 vs Brush 4 p.m.

April 21 vs Strasburg 4 p.m.
April 25 vs Eaton 11 a.m.
April 28 vs Platte Valley 4 p.m.

⇒ **Girls Tennis:**

(Matches Played at Centennial Courts)

April 13 vs Mead 3:30 p.m.
April 20 vs Windsor 3:30 p.m.

Congratulations to members of the University Boys Basketball Team that were selected to the Patriot All-Conference Team:

Andrew Larson - Honorable Mention
Isaiah Dilka - Honorable Mention
Izak Natividad - Honorable Mention

At the March Board of Governors Meeting, the Board voted in favor of adding softball as a girls sport at University starting in the fall of 2015. Many thanks go out to the Board of Governors. This should be an exciting addition to our existing athlete programs.

General Sports Info: www.universityschools.com, **Activities**, **High School Sports** or **Middle School Sports**
Specific Athletic Event Details (bus departure/arrival times, map to schools, etc.): www.universityschools.com,
School Info, **School Calendar**

USPTO Update

CARNIVAL: Don't miss this!

April 24, 2015

from 6—8 pm*

*Admissions start at 5:30 pm (no activities will be available until 6pm though)

There will be classroom games, inflatables and a silent auction. We will also be hosting a Middle School dance in the auxiliary gym. The silent auction will be held in the cafeteria and we are asking for all teachers to submit a basket to

help raise money for their classrooms. Teachers: as a reminder, your classroom will get 100% of the proceeds from the basket you submit.

ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE SILENT AUCTION: The USPTO is also looking for bigger ticket items to auction off for playground improvements. If you would like to donate, let us know.

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, April 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main building Library

Thank you for all you do!

Contact us at:

Shannon Ceccoli
970-485-4825



ACADEMIC CORNER



HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help is offered for ALL University Schools students.

When: Tuesdays & Thursdays
3:15 — 4:00 p.m.

Where: Main building library

Please note: the library is reserved for these sessions and the computers are reserved for homework only.

Our high school National Honor Society students volunteer their time to assist students.

Questions?
Contact Theresa Bardos at tbardos@universitieschools.com.

**Thank you to our supporter,
Kenny's Steakhouse!**

MA+H HELP

Math assistance is offered for ALL University Schools students.

When: Tuesdays, Wednesdays,
and Thursdays
3:15 — 5:15 p.m.

Where: Main building
Room 1502



We Offer Breakfast Now!

University Schools is offering a breakfast option to all our students.

Where: Main Building Cafeteria

When: 7:15—7:45 am, Monday—Friday

What: Cereal, muffins, breakfast breads, cereal bars, Ultimate Breakfast Rounds, yogurt, cheese sticks, hard-boiled eggs, fresh fruit, fruit smoothies, milk, juice, bottled drinks...and MORE!!!!

Online Menus (Menús en Español en Línea)

Los menús están disponibles ahora en español en línea.

Menus are found online at:

www.universitieschools.com

Hover over the words **School Info** on the top toolbar

Click on **Lunch Menus** from the dropdown

Click on the link that reads **Monthly Lunch Menus**

Click on the button that reads **University Elementary** and click on **Charter** from the dropdown

Then from the side dropdown, click on the appropriate school/ level for your student:

University Elementary

University High

University Middle

Click on **Choose a Menu** and click on **Lunch** or **Breakfast (look under University Elementary)**

To translate into Spanish (**Español**), click on **Select Language** button (found in the top right corner on the calendar webpage).

Click on the printer icon **Print Menu** and **Print This Page**



Volunteers Needed!

We need 30 community volunteers to help with Senior Boards on **April 20 from 12:15 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Although senior projects have been a requirement at University High School for over 20 years, for the first time, senior projects will be evaluated this year by a board of teachers and community volunteers. Seniors will submit a portfolio and give a ten minute presentation about their project. The board will rate the project according to a rubric. Training will be provided and each volunteer will serve on a board made up of two teachers and two volunteers. Parents are welcome to participate. This would be a great opportunity for parents of younger students to get an inside view of what their student will experience when he/she becomes a senior. If you can help, please save the date and email Denise Vaardahl at: dvaardahl@universityschools.com. Put "Senior Boards" in the subject line. Thank you!

A Bit from Booster Club



CHECK THIS OUT: Are you a parent or sibling of a Track athlete for this Spring season, and wanting to support your team and school? Are you a student needing to get your volunteer hours completed? Then we encourage you to work concessions! We're using VolunteerSpot (the leading online signup and reminder tool) to organize our upcoming activities.

Please sign up for University High School Track Concessions!

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1. **Click this link** to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot: <http://vols.pt/JPIDGE>
2. **Enter your email address:** (You will NOT need to register an account on VolunteerSpot)
3. **Sign up!** Choose your spots - VolunteerSpot will send you an automated confirmation and reminders. Easy!

Note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Jennifer Peterson by direct email to be signed up manually.

Email address: tnjpete@msn.com

Host Families Needed

Dreaming of France or learning French or any other language? CCI Greenheart is searching for families with teenagers who would be willing to host French students for 5 to 8 weeks over the **summer**.

Many of these students not only want to learn English, but are language buddies and will teach you French during their stay.

They do what your family is doing over the summer. You choose the student you wish to host.

We are also seeking host families of any shape or size who would be interested in hosting an exchange student for **next school year**. Again you choose the student from 70 different countries.

Host families are volunteer families who provide a caring home environment, meals and some transportation for their student.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Lasha at 970-324-6303 or lseaman@ccigreenheart.org.

A Senior Showcase Theatre Production



The Great Pandemonium, a one act play featuring University High School and Union Colony High School student actors, will be presented on **April 2 & 3 at 7:30 pm in the University Schools Auditorium Theatre.**

Admission is FREE!

This fast-paced comedy about a high school technical rehearsal for Shakespeare's Richard III provides laughs and fun for all ages. For more information, please contact

kbauer@universityschools.com.



Elementary Music Up-Coming Concerts

April 28th - First Grade "Silly Animals" Concert. Dress attire is dress clothes.

April 29th - Fifth Grade "Jazz" Concert. Dress attire is dress clothes.

April 30th - Third Grade "Star Search" Concert. Dress attire is jeans and a red, blue, white or yellow top.

All concerts start at 6:30 pm in our Auditorium. Students are asked to arrive at the Auditorium around 6:15 pm.

BAND & CHOIR CORNER

Come see MusicFest!

Please come out on Friday, May 1, to MusicFest, our annual variety show featuring the top performing ensembles at University as well as auditioned singers, guitar players, bands, and maybe even some special guest artists! There will be a silent auction before the show, as well as an art showcase, which will open at 5:00 p.m. MusicFest will be held in the Auditorium. The show starts at 7:00 p.m.!

Tickets will go on sale two weeks before the show, and will be available at lunches and at the door. Please support our growing music program, watch some great performances, participate in our silent auction, and see some great art all in one fun-filled night!

Band Teacher:

Andrew Holcombe

Choir Teacher:

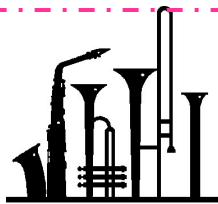
Anne Martinez



BEAUTIFUL GERANIUMS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE! **Bulldog Youth Baseball Club Fundraiser:** "CATCH" your deal early and order 4" Geranium pots for only \$5.75 each while supporting the 10 and 14 year-old Bulldog baseball team!

The geraniums come in Red, Purple, Salmon, White or Pink colors. We will be taking orders in the cafeteria at the Main building after school April 13 - 16. You can also place your order with Wendy Jorgensen at 970-396-2657 or email wgantj@aol.com from now until April 30.

Orders will be in Thursday, May 14, and can to be picked up in the cafeteria at the Main building from 2:30—5 pm. Thank you for your support!



ATTENTION Incoming 6th Graders:

Interested in Band? Be on the look-out for Instrument Placement Night!

If you are a current Fifth Grader and are interested in participating in band in 6th grade at University Middle School, please plan to attend our Instrument Placement Night on **Wednesday, April 8**, at the Middle School. At this event, students will have the opportunity to work with professionals and try out each of the seven instruments available in sixth grade beginning band. Even if your child has an idea what s/he wants to play, it is important to give every instrument a chance.

You can also visit the University Schools band website, university.andrewholcombe.com, and click on "Beginning Band." Here you will find all sorts of information on beginning band, including how to reserve your spot at the Instrument Placement Night. It is imperative that all students interested in being in band in 6th grade attend this event! If you cannot attend this event and are interested in band, please contact Mr. Holcombe at aholcombe@universityschools.com or call 970-576-3921.

ATTENTION: PARENTS OF 2015/16 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The State of Colorado has passed legislation to update school immunization requirements. These changes will impact students in high school for the 2015-2016 school year.

Currently students in grades K—7 have two valid doses of the Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. Beginning July 1, 2015 two (2) doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine will be required for all students Kindergarten through 12th grade.

In a few weeks, you will receive a letter from the Health Office if your child's school immunization record indicates the need for a second dose of Varicella. Many physician offices have already been giving this vaccine. If your child has already had this immunization, please bring documentation to the Health Office.

This immunization can be obtained through your physician's office, other community providers and the Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment (Call 970-304-642 for clinic times and appointments).

Please contact Jane Weber, RN, School Nurse at 970-506-7073 if you have any questions.

Colorado law provides for medical, religious and personal exemptions.

Jr. Bulldogs

Basketball: Congrats to the following University students who are moving on to the next level of the Tri-Star Basketball Skills competition: Kittie Templeman, Jaden Humphrey, Mateos Ramirez and Parker Gonser.

Every other Friday night from 7-8, come join in on our Drillz ball handling clinic led by Nelson Trujillo. The clinic is for K-8th grade University boys and girls. Please bring your own ball (or two!). This clinic is free and is a great resource for all basketball players. Drillz will resume April 3rd.

Summer camps: We should have more information before school is out. Please stay tuned to Facebook and www.universityjuniorbulldogs.com for more information. If anyone would like to help with camps or has prize donations, let us know at:

info@universityjuniorbulldogs.com.

H.S. Students:

Get a yearbook before they are gone!

COST: \$70

ORDER from April 20—May 1 at

www.jostensyearbooks.com or in the front office.

There are about 150 students without yearbooks and only 60 books available to sell!! Order your yearbook before we run out! This year's book is one you don't want to miss.

Thanks for your support! If you have already purchased a yearbook, thank you!

-the yearbook staff



The University Schools Theatre Company would like to thank University patrons for their support of the theatre program and for the success of WATSON. It is truly appreciated!

The University Schools Theatre Company will present the year's final production with **I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY -The Musical** on April 23, 24 & 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the University Auditorium.

TICKETS: \$7.00 for adults*
\$5.00 for students*

*Bring 2 canned goods and receive a \$1 discount

I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY is the true story of children contained in the ghetto of Terezin during the Holocaust. Their memory is kept alive through the artwork and poems produced in Terezin and saved from this era of history. This production is appropriate for all ages. Please contact Mrs. Pamela Wilhelm for details at 506-7051.

Subs Needed

We are in need of subs for our sub pool (K—12).

BS or BA Degree or Substitute License, background check and valid employment verification.

If you are interested, please contact Charlene Baumgartner at 506-7008 or stop by the Main office.

“In learning you will teach, and in teaching you will learn.”
Phil Collins



Contribution Opportunity

University Schools Foundation was formed for the purpose of supporting the financial needs of the school. Many generous donors have contributed to the Foundation for the purpose of furnishing the buildings, exterior landscaping and development of athletic fields.

As we continue to fund school projects and further develop our school site, we need your financial assistance to fill the gap not fully covered by state and district funding. ALL donations to the Foundation go directly to school projects. Any monetary donation to the Foundation is greatly appreciated.

In 2008, the Foundation Board created an endowment fund. Interest earned from the fund will provide perpetual support to our school. There are several ways you can contribute to the University Schools Endowment Fund or make a contribution for direct support.

• Send a check to: University Schools Foundation
P.O. Box 336785
Greeley, CO 80633

• or leave your donation with the Main office designated for the Foundation

• or go to the school website at:

<http://www.universityschools/SupportUs/Foundation>

The PayPal button is at the top of the sidebar.

The members of the Foundation Board greatly appreciate the assistance and support that parents and alumni have provided. We encourage you to continue with your tax-deductible donations.

Our Most Sincere Thanks!

Derrick Anderson, C J Archibeque, Judith Baptiste, Mike Bond, Sherry Gerner, Tarry Harvey, Chris Hughes, Don Janklow, Donna Lakin, Jeanne Lipman, Ryan Mayeda, Tom Roche

Email questions to foundation@universityschools.com.

When small can be BIG

Help our school in a BIG way by collecting the following:

⇒ Clip Box Tops



⇒ Clip Campbell's Soup Labels



⇒ Save Morning Fresh Dairy Milk Caps



These help provide funds for our school to use toward equipment and supplies for our playgrounds and other enrichment opportunities.

Just collect and send these in to the office at either building.

It's as easy as .. **123**

Our thanks to Katie Bonnell for managing this program!

University Schools Foundation Gala

Please join us on April 11th at 6 pm at the Greeley Country Club for the First Annual University Schools Foundation Gala. The cost is \$100.00 per person and/or \$1000 for a table sponsorship which includes 10 seats. Cost will include dinner and two (2) free drink tickets. You will also be entered into a general drawing for cash prizes. There will be live music, live and silent auction as well as guest speakers. Money raised during this

event will go directly to the

University Schools Foundation (a 501c3) and is fully tax deductible. The purpose of the Foundation is to assist University Schools financially with scholarship offers, teachers' grants and any other needs of the school. For further information or to reserve your seat or table, please contact Trevor Garrett at 970.222.9934 or trevorgarrett@universityschools.com.

