

University Schools

BULLDOG NEWS

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(970) 506-7000 Main building

(970) 576-3900 Middle School building

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.

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

Dear University Schools' Families and Friends:
Happy Autumn!

As you may know, our school District is placing a mill levy override question on the November ballot. We have placed a fact sheet on the University website for your review. The fact sheet gives details about how the mill levy dollars will be allocated as well as general information.

Last May, a parent engagement survey, conducted by the Research Lab at the University of Northern Colorado, was distributed to parents. The results were compiled by UNC and sent to University Schools and the Board of Governors. We reviewed the comments and determined that most of the feedback was very positive, but there are some ways in which we can improve parent/teacher conferences; specifically at the secondary level.

After each conference window, parents will receive a feedback form asking if you need

further clarification from your teacher/advisor or other teachers. We hope this helps to improve the process so that our parent/teacher conferences provide the information you need about our students.

This past summer, we were able to continue using capital outlay dollars for improvements to our school. These improvements include:

- 28 flat panels (similar to Smart Boards) for our elementary classrooms
- 7 chrome labs for secondary departments and elementary grade levels
- 2 iPad labs for first and second grades
- Carpet for 22 classrooms
- Concrete upgrades
- New furniture for the parent/student waiting area in the main building

Thank you for the tremendous support you give to our school and please contact me if I can answer any questions.

No School

October 14
Faculty Inservice

October 17
Fall Break,
School Closed

Fall is Here!

OCTOBER COUNT DAY

This year our official count day is **Wednesday, October 5, 2016**. Your student's attendance is important. Our funding from the state is tied directly to the number of students in school that day. It is important to schedule (if possible) all appointments after school, especially on October 5, 2016.

From the High School Principal, Holly Sample

Welcome back to University High School. We have had a very positive start to the new school year. Student Leadership kicked off the school year with an interactive assembly that got students and faculty moving, talking and laughing together. In advising and other classes, teachers are focusing on building positive connections with and between students through conversations and activities.

As you know, our mission is to prepare students emotionally and academically for learning, leading and caring citizenship. Teachers at University High School have high expectations for students and engage them in challenging and relevant learning experiences. And, we know the old adage is true that "students don't care what you know until they know that you care."

Parents are key partners in this journey and I want to emphasize how important your involvement with school and your child's education is to his/her success. One way we encourage this partnership between home and school is through student-led conferences with parents and advisors at least twice each school year. Our goals for conferences are to empower students to develop a sense of independence and take responsibility for their own learning. Students share their progress toward academic and experiential graduation requirements and our hope is that parents and advisors will help them make plans to either continue

their success or make improvements where needed. The first conference window is September 21 until October 5.

This year, we will send out a brief survey after the conference window to ask for parent feedback about conference effectiveness and to give you a chance to ask additional questions from teachers if needed. While the Advisor is a key facilitator of communication, there is no need to "go through" the advisor or wait for conferences if you want to communicate with your child's teacher. Please feel free to reach out to teachers by phone or email at any time. We ask teachers to return messages within 24 hours.

We have several staff changes this school year. We welcome Ms. Rachel Brug who is teaching Visual Arts and Yearbook, Ms. Dana Kettlewell who is our new Instrumental Music teacher and new Mathematics teachers are Ms. Stephanie Wilhelm and Mr. Jonathan Hatfield. We have a new counselor, Melissa Stapleton, working with both elementary and high school students. Mr. Devin Moses has changed assignments from Social Studies to Visual Arts and Mr. Robert Kirby has been hired to teach Social Studies.

Our Fall activities and sports have gotten off to a great start and we have lots of school spirit. Homecoming week activities will begin October 3, culminating in the football game on Friday night, October 7, and the dance on Saturday night in the main gym. I hope you will take the opportunity to attend some of the upcoming school events. Thank you for choosing to be a part of the University Schools' Bulldog Family.

Junior Achievement Rocky Mountain, Inc. is seeking volunteers to present our fun, hands-on curriculum to classrooms in University Schools! JA provides all of the materials, a step-by-step plan for each lesson, and training. As a volunteer, you would present sessions on budgeting, options after high school, teamwork skills, problem solving skills, wants vs. needs, and so much more! We would love to have you share your expertise in these areas if you are a business owner, work in a business or just want to help prepare Kindergarten through High School students in these areas. If you can help, please contact Kelsey Ransom at kransom@jacolorado.org or 970-490-1035 with any questions. Thanks!

From the HS Counselor

Did you know that we have an online publication called "FYI: From the High School Counselor"? Every two weeks during the school year this publication is updated by Donna Gonzalez, High School Counselor, with information on scholarships, leadership and educational opportunities, and college admission officer visits. This publication may be viewed on our website (www.universityschools.com) under Academics/High School Advising. Parents and students may also receive it directly through email by sending a request to Donna at dgonzales@universityschools.com. Please include "Request for FYI" in the subject line and your name in the message.

MS Medley

From the Middle School Principal, Paul Kirkpatrick

Going from 5th grade to 6th grade is quite a bit more involved than just going to a new building. This will be the first really big change since starting kindergarten. For some students who have been Bulldogs for years, the transition can still be daunting, not to mention for new middle school students to University from other schools. I will try to help you and your child prepare for what is ahead.

Most elementary students are used to the familiarity of their homeroom teacher and the comfort of their own classroom. Middle school days are full of changing classrooms, facing different teachers, lockers, etc. Expectations for organization and planning are stepped up and required to stay on top of the day 1 and day 2 routine. Any difficulties your child may have with simple organization will be compounded by more rigorous academic expectations.

Bringing in 6th graders before school starts has been very helpful for 'test runs' of the schedule, locating all of the rooms in the building, and for making some new friends. We spent several hours with advisors the first few days to go over routines, individual schedules, and practicing opening locker combinations to help students become comfortable with the new environment. The less anxious a student is about the basic operations of a day, allows them to focus more on the essentials of lessons.

Navigating the social aspects of middle school is a challenge in itself. Fifth graders are used to being the head of the pack

in elementary, and now they are the new, nervous, and youngest in the new fish pond. It is not at all uncommon to see new insecurities demonstrated. The biggest boy, is now the smallest in the group. The most popular girl is now an unknown among a new crowd. Believe it or not, all of these scenarios seem to level out very quickly - within days or weeks. Suddenly, new cliques of friends form, new best friendships happen, and once again; confidence soars!

We encourage all middle schoolers to participate in extra-curricular activities. Sixth graders are already participating in cross country. Junior Bulldogs offers numerous choices of football, basketball, volleyball, etc., for students to play and enjoy friendly competition while learning basic skills. Seventh and eighth graders can play football, volleyball, cross country, basketball, wrestling, and track throughout the school year with our athletics program. In addition, we have excellent choir, band, and drama offerings, plus, Brain Bowl, Spelling Bee, Lego Robotics and several other high-interest club-like activities for all students.

Advisors will be your best contact to initiate conversations about opportunities and to ask specific questions. Your relationship with the advisor for three years will be most helpful to support the social and academic needs of your child. We look forward to working with you as partners in the growth and success of your student!



to the new **National Junior Honor Society** members at UMS! These students met the criteria needed to join NJHS! We will have our induction ceremony on Monday, October 10, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the University Auditorium. We would love to have you join us!

Thank You!

High Plains Library District

In September, High Plains Library brought Christian Parrish, aka Supaman, to University Middle School as part of their 2016 Teen Tour.

Every year High Plains Library brings an inspiring, creative, awesome person to the area middle and high schools. Christian Parrish is a Native American hip-hop artist who brought some powerful messages to his performance, such as anti-bullying and anti-drug-use. He wore traditional Native American dance regalia and talked about the culture surrounding Native American fancy dancing.

Thank you

**THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
LITTLER YOUTH FUND TEACHER MINI-GRANT**

Awarded the middle school library a grant to purchase close to 100 multicultural books. These books will provide more Hispanic/Latino main characters written by authentic authors.

Elementary Essentials

From the Elementary Principal, Mike Mazurana

Welcome back! As we look forward to another great year at University Schools, it is important to take a look back at our school survey to see what we are doing well and what our community feels we could do to make US even better. If you have feedback on ways to improve or would like to tell people why you think University is great, our doors are always open or you can log on to www.greatschools.org to share your positive story.

Below are some of the findings from the 2016 Elementary School survey:

- K-5 parents on whether conferences accurately assessed the progress of their student: **89%** agreed and strongly agreed with 8% having a neutral stance and only 3% feeling otherwise.
- K-5 parents on whether conferences were an effective use of their time: **87%** agreed or strongly agreed. Neutral answers accounted for 10%, while only 3% felt like it was not a good use of their time.
- K-5 parents on whether the teacher communicates with them about their child's progress at least every few months or more: **88%**
- K-5 parents when asked about whether they and their teacher work as a team to help their student grow and be successful: **91%** felt this to be true.
- K-5 parents on whether the amount of homework was appropriate for their student: **88%** felt that we had a good mixture of homework and classwork.
- K-5 parents on whether parents were

aware of volunteer opportunities at our school: **81%** either were volunteering or were aware of the opportunity to do so.

K-5 parents on whether they felt valued by University Schools: **94%** felt their role in their students' lives is valued by University Schools.

Things we will continue to improve upon from parent feedback:

- Parent/teacher communication, before, during and after scheduled conferences
- Specific comments from specials for students who are above or below grade level expectations
- Strengthening the PLP process

As we sift through state results from our PARCC and CMAS scores for grades 3-5, our local data was again evaluated this year for areas of strength, need and overall percentile of students performing at grade level or above in STAR literacy (grades K-5) and math (grades 2-5). Below are some of the findings from the 2015-16 school year. To help you read it, fall would be the percent of students in the grade level who came into that grade level proficient or advanced according to STAR and spring would be the percentage that left the grade level proficient or advanced according to STAR.

Kindergarten: Literacy at or above grade level proficiency: **Fall 2015 54% to spring 2016 87%**

1st Grade: Literacy at or above grade level proficiency: **Fall 2015 37% to spring 2016 67%**

2nd Grade: Literacy: **Fall 44% to**

spring 73% Math: Fall 58% to spring 84%

3rd Grade: Literacy: **Fall 54% to spring 74% Math: Fall 70% to spring 77%**

4th Grade: Literacy: **Fall 70% to spring 85% Math: Fall 72% to spring 88%**

5th Grade: Literacy: **Fall 65% to spring 76% Math: Fall 79% to spring 78%**

In conjunction with STAR we also give the DRA2 in grades 1-3 to help us identify strengths and needs in literacy grade levels, classrooms and even individual students. Here are some of those findings:

1st grade teachers need to grow students at least **13** points from a 3-16 by the time they leave 1st grade to be on grade level. Their grade level average was **13.2 levels on average.**

2nd grade teachers needed to grow their students from a 16-28 or **12** points for the year. 2nd grade grew **11.64 levels on average.**

3rd grade needed to grow from a 28-38 or **10** points on average over the course of the year. 3rd grade grew **11.54 levels on average.**

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



With cooler weather approaching, please remember to put your child's name in his/her jackets and coats!

Early Monday Dismissal

As you are well aware, the Elementary School dismisses at 2:00 on Mondays. The High and Middle schools do not dismiss until 2:35. Because the safety of students is important, we will hold all students who are meeting siblings at the Main building until 2:35. At which time, students meeting siblings or rides at the Middle School, will be released and sent to the Middle School parking area. High School students can pick up their siblings at the Main building. If you typically pick your child up in the Middle School parking lot, we would ask that on Mondays, you come to the Main building to pick up your child. We know each of you wants all of our children safe with supervision and this plan will be able to provide such.

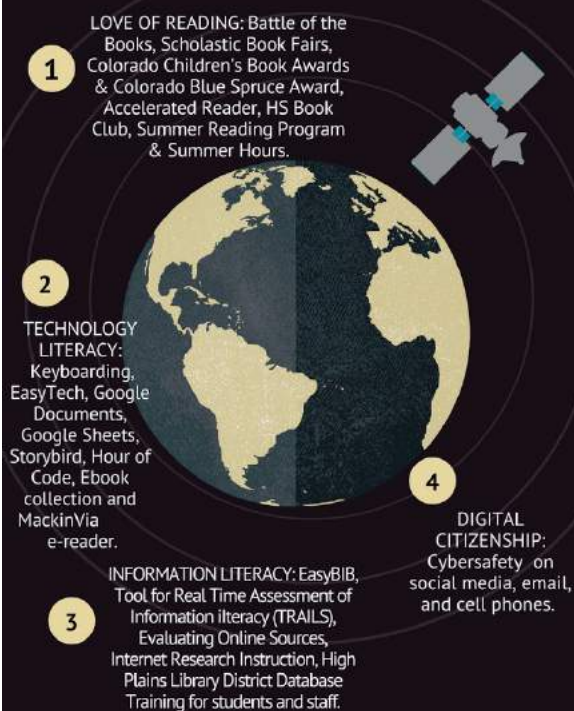
did you know?

FACTS ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY/HS LIBRARY

40,953

books checked out at the Elementary/
High School Library 2015-2016

**CURRICULUM
LOVE OF READING
TECHNOLOGY LITERACY
INFORMATION LITERACY
DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP**



And MORE: Makerspace, Newspapers in Education, Virtual Field Trips via Skype, K-12 Staff Instructional Technology.

Mondays 7:15-3:00, Tuesdays-Fridays 7:15-4:00

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Library Associates

Thank you University families for all your support and help with the book fair this year! All book fair profit is taken in new books for the library.

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Mondays

7:30-3:00

Tuesdays-Fridays

7:30-4:00

HOURS

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- LOVE OF READING LESSONS
- DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP LESSONS
- RESEARCH SKILLS LESSONS
- INFORMATION LITERACY SKILLS
- 21ST CENTURY SKILLS
- 6TH GRADE BOOK CLUB
- INTERACTIVE MAKERSPACE
- BATTLE OF THE BOOKS
- BOOK FAIR
- GUEST SPEAKERS/AUTHORS
- MYSTERY SKYPE
- NEWSPAPERS IN EDUCATION
- 30 CHROMEBOOKS

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University families and staff who purchased books from the book fair this year donated over \$150 toward new books for the Greeley Transitional House. This is a new program for us and it was funded by families rounding up their purchases to the nearest dollar. The director of the Greeley Transitional House said there was a need for chapter books for upper elementary ages, middle school and high school.

Thank you for all your support of the book fair!

Discounted Internet: Did you know that Comcast and CenturyLink offer discounted Internet for families on the National School Lunch Program? To see if your family qualifies or for more information, go to Comcast at <https://internetessentials.com/> or CenturyLink at <http://www.centurylink.com/home/internetbasics/?rid=int>



AT A GLANCE

Breakfast and Lunch - Menus can be found online at www.universityschools.com, School Info, Lunch Menus—click on the link for District Lunch Menus to view menus in Spanish (**en Español**) or to view dietary information (**special diets and carb counts**).

⇒ Breakfast in Main Building Cafeteria	M—F	7:15—7:45 am
⇒ Breakfast in M.S. Cafeteria	M—F	7:00—7:30 am

\$ Full Breakfast:	Elementary \$1.60	M.S. & H.S. \$1.70
Lunch:	Elementary \$2.65	M.S. & H.S. \$2.90



On Sale Now! Order Here!

Yearbooks are on sale through Jostens at www.jostens.com for High School, Middle School, and Elementary. Please order directly through Jostens or contact your student's school office for more information on ordering.

High School:	\$65
Middle School:	\$35
Elementary:	\$27

Yearbook prices will increase after Winter Break so order your yearbook now!

8th Grade Parents: The UMS yearbook is creating a page of baby pictures for the 8th graders to show how much they have grown. You can send Mrs. Miles a scanned baby picture by email to mmiles@universityschools.com or bring one to the front office in the Middle School. This is a free service to you so make sure that you get them in by **December 16**. All baby pictures will be returned to the family. Please let Mrs. Miles know if you do not want us to give them to your child. **Please make sure that your student's name and advisor is on the back of the picture.** Thank you!

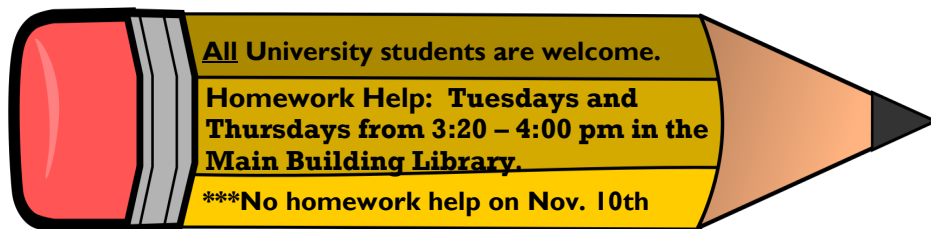


High School Parents: Did you know that you can upload photos for the H.S. yearbook online at www.universityschools.com, Academics, High School Curriculum (Replay It link).

Information about **Senior Photos and Quotes** and **Senior Baby/Recognition Ads** can be found on the HS Hangout page of this newsletter (page 8).

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MATH HELP: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:10 – 5:10 pm in the Main Building, Room 1502. **All University Schools students are welcome.**

University Schools on Facebook to receive current information.

INCLEMENT WEATHER—Announcements of school closings, delayed opening or early closing due to extenuating circumstances or weather conditions are made on KFKA radio and TV channels 4, 7, 9 and 13. A message will be placed on the school voice messaging (506-7000, option 3 for elementary/high school or 576-3900, option 3 for middle school) and also on the website (www.universityschools.com) informing of the closure or delayed opening.

When District 6 is in session, University Schools will follow the District's decision about school closure. When District 6 is not in session and University Schools is in session, University makes the decision about the closure.

Attendance

Please remember to call our attendance line if your student will not be in school.

Elementary & H.S. Students:	970-506-7000, x1
M.S. Students:	970-576-3900, x1

BULLDOG NEWS

MUSIC + ARTS



All About Band



Make a note of our band concerts next month.

We look forward to seeing you then!

When: Wednesday, October 26

Times: Sixth Grade—5:30 pm

Advanced Band & Concert Band—6:15 pm

Where: Auditorium

Performing Arts/Theatre Program

UPCOMING PERFORMANCE:

UHS Presents: ***IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE***

When: November 10—12 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Auditorium (located north of the Main building at 6519 W. 18th Street—off of 65th Ave.)

FUNDRAISING: There is a lot of fundraising being done at University and with that the University High Theatre Company is selling buckets of Eileen's Cookie dough for \$15.00. Please contact Mrs. Pamela Wilhelm at pwilhelm@universitieschools.com or 970-506-7051 to order.



Elementary Music Concerts:

Kindergarten	December 13	6:30 pm
2nd Grade	December 14	6:30 pm
4th grade	December 15	6:30 pm

Music concerts are held in the Auditorium.

Dates and times may change. For the latest and greatest information, check our website at www.universitieschools.com, Academics, Fine Arts.

M.S. & H.S. Music Concerts:

Fall Choir Concerts, "Songs of Peace":

When: Tuesday, October 25

Where: Auditorium

Times: 5:30 pm—6th Grade Choir &
Elementary Bulldog Choir
6:15 pm—7th & 8th Grade Choirs
7:30 pm—High School Choirs

SnowShow! December 12 5 & 7 pm

*M.S. & H.S. will have two performances this year. Elementary Bulldog Choir will carol in the lobby between performances (6:15—6:45).

Bulldog Organizations

Hello Bulldog Families from the USPTO!

Welcome back to school from USPTO! If you are unfamiliar with USPTO (University Student Parent Teacher Organization), we exist to bridge the gap in communication between teachers, parents and the school community. Secondly, we assist in raising funds to provide financial support to our teachers for educational materials and technology, as well as general projects to benefit our students.

With that said, a huge THANK YOU for all your support in this fall's fundraiser!!

- ⇒ **Fundraiser Pick-up:** October 21
Where: Small gym in Main building
All orders need to be picked up that day.

We are so thankful for the hard working teachers and staff here! We will be having a "teacher appreciation" meal three times this school year.

- * **Teacher Appreciation Meal:** November 4
- * Be on the lookout for a Sign Up Genius for food donations. Feel free to contact me directly with questions.

Annual Chili Cook-off: Tentatively set for November 11

This event is family friendly with food, dancing, as well as the new addition of a cinnamon roll bake off category! Mark your calendar and stay tuned.

This year brings several changes to the USPTO board, including myself as the new President, as well as Jennifer Widener as Vice President, Jessica Guzman as Secretary, and our returning treasurer Jennifer Lenz. Please do not hesitate to reach out to any of us with questions, concerns or new ideas. We would love to hear from you and see you at our next meeting.

USPTO Meetings: Every fourth Thursday of the month
6:30pm in the Main building library

We look forward to serving you and our school this year!

Thank you! Stephanie Lucero, uspto@universitieschools.com

BOOSTER CLUB

Are you interested in purchasing some **Bulldog apparel** (shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, socks, etc.)? To order, go to www.universitieschools.com, Activities, High School Sports and click on Bulldog Apparel on the top bar. Also, here is a direct link to the merchandise: <https://uhspiritwear16.itemorder.com/sale>.

Concessions sign ups are at <http://signup.com/go/KEu7R8>.
Thank you to all our concessions volunteers—we appreciate you!
You can email us at UHboosterclub@Gmail.com with any questions. Thanks! Tamara Strang



JUNIOR BULLDOGS

Basketball registration (Evans Recreation Center):

3rd-6th grade is going on now; register by October 23.
{K-2nd grade registration begins November 14.}

If you are interested in coaching, please contact the rec center and the Junior Bulldogs on Facebook or email bas-ketball@universityjuniorbulldogs.com

We are planning a wrestling clinic for the end of October. Updates, including date and time, will be posted on our website and Facebook as we get them finalized.

If you are interested in coaching a sport, being a sports director or volunteer, please contact Jessica Meeker at info@universityjuniorbulldogs.com or come to a meeting. Our meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 pm in the conference room in the Elementary/High School building. We hope to see you there!

Stay up to date with sports registrations, events and camps at www.universityjuniorbulldogs.com or on Facebook!

Senior Photos — Monday, October 31, is the **LAST** day to turn in **Senior Photos and Quotes**. There will be a \$15 late fee for pictures submitted after this date. You must submit a vertical headshot image. Please provide images in JPG format with at least 300dpi (no cell phone pictures). Or you can submit a hard copy to Ms. Brug. We reserve the right to refuse your images if they are inappropriate, so please use good judgment with your submissions. We will accept your image in the following ways:

- A high quality print of the photograph in an envelope with your first and last name and home phone number printed on the outside.
- For digital submission, email your image to: rbrug@universitieschools.com.

The senior pages are sent off to print in early December and cannot be altered. If you do not provide a senior photo and your student didn't take an ID photo with Studio 5, there will be *no image for him/her in the yearbook!*

Senior Baby/Recognition Ads—Senior Recognition Ads (aka Baby Ads) are contracted out and made by The Yearbook Company. Information was emailed recently with specifics and pricing. You can find more information at: www.theyearbookcompany.com. **DO NOT DROP OFF MATERIALS AT THE SCHOOL.**

Early Bird Deadline: October 18

Final Deadline: November 15

For more information about Senior Photos and Senior Baby/Recognition Ads, please go to www.universitieschools.com, Academics, High School Curriculum.

Purchase Your Yearbook at www.jostens.com! October 8 is the last day you can purchase your book for **\$65**.

⇒ In the winter the price will go up to **\$68**.



Bulldog Athletics

High School Sports

From the Athletic/Activities Director, Ryan Wehrman



Congratulations to Coach Byrd and the University High School Softball Team on recording the first varsity victory in school history on Saturday, August 27, with a 19 – 3 victory over Peak to Peak. Both JV and Varsity Softball Teams have had success this year. The Varsity Softball Team is aiming to qualify for the Class 3A Regional Tournament on October 15.



Coach Doss and the University High School Football Team are off to a great start to the 2016 football season. Confidence and teamwork are being stressed this season by the coaches and players. With new conference alignment only in football this year, the Bulldogs will be facing a familiar opponent and some new opponents in what is being called the Patriot League West Football Conference. Eaton will be the one familiar team, however Resurrection Christian, The Academy, The Pinnacle and Prospect Ridge Academy are all new teams in University's football conference.



University Volleyball has begun their season with a very challenging early season schedule. In the first three weeks of the season, they will have played the defending state champions in class 2A and 3A and state powerhouse in class 4A. Coach Brown and the team are adapting to some new roles and positions. Come state tournament time in early November, we all know our Bulldog Volleyball team will be as strong as any team.



Coach Eberhard and the Bulldog Cross Country team have been putting in the miles around town. Both the boys' and girls' teams have had quality finishes at their early season meets. Five of the Bulldogs' last six meets are in the Greeley area. On October 11 the Bulldogs will be hosting their very own "Break Your Pace" meet at the Youth Sports Complex across the street from University Schools.



Boys Tennis has started the year off with some early season success that they hope carries into the regional meet on October 6 & 7 at Centennial Courts in Greeley. Coach Kravig's team has a unique look to it as there is an exchange student and players from two other high schools that are contributing to the team's success. Senior night for the boy's tennis team will be Sept 29th against Frederick at Centennial Courts. Play will begin at 3:30pm.



Both the University Cheer and Poms teams will be starting their competitive seasons in the upcoming weeks. The University Cheer team will be defending their State Title from 2015, while the Poms team gets back into competition after taking a year off.



All University Bulldog Athletic Information can be found at www.universityschoolathletics.com.

Middle School Sports

From the MS Athletic Director, Nick Kintz

Middle School Parents/Students:

We will have M.S. Boys' Basketball Tryouts October 18 - 20 from 3:30 - 5:30 pm. 8th grade will try out in the Main gym and 7th grade will try out in the Auxiliary gym in the Main building.

Parent Meeting: There will be a parent meeting for Boys' Basketball on Wednesday, October 26, at 5:30 pm in the M.S. Cafeteria.



BUSINESS OWNERS:

Learn how your business can support University Schools Athletics at:
www.universityschoolathletics.com/grow

Subs Needed

Are you interested in becoming a Certified Substitute Teacher at University Schools?

If you already have a current teacher's license from CDE, you do not need a Substitute Authorization.

If you have a four year college degree, apply at the Colorado Department of Education to obtain a 3 or 5 year Substitute Authorization license.

You may pick up a sub information packet to be completed and returned at the Main office from Charlene Baumgartner. Questions? - Call 506.7008.

"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, Judith Baptiste, Sherry Gerner, Chris Hughes,
Don Janklow, Paul Knapp, Donna Lakin, Jeanne Lipman,
Ryan Mayeda, Tom Roche, Michael Vaardahl, Tina Whitcomb

Email questions to foundation@universityschools.com.

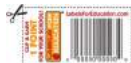
When small can be BIG

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 playground 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 Nina Rivera for managing this program!

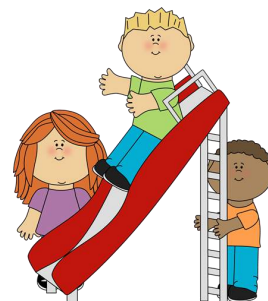
Lunchroom/Playground Monitors Needed

Love kids? Have some time on your hands? Looking for a little extra money?

Hours are 7:30—8 am and 10:40—1:15, M—F.

Our Lunchroom/Playground Monitors are paid positions. You must fill out a background check and turn it in prior to starting this position.

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



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- Remember, gift cards can be ordered through Shop-WithScrip. ShopWithScrip.com is the online ordering system that our organization will use to gather orders for gift cards. It's convenient and easy to use. Log onto ShopWithScrip.com and enter the code CEA94FB55L335.
- You can sponsor a classroom or use the Buy the Brick program to donate to the Foundation. The Foundation helps purchase technology, teacher grants and scholarships.
- We are going to host an Alumni breakfast in November (date yet to be determined). Please let me know if you would like to help. We will need help with breakfast items, plates, cups, etc.
- Our next event will be the Gala. This will be a spring event. Look for information about this in the Bulldog News and around the school after the first of the year.



Thank you!
Shannon Ceccoli
Development Director
970-485-4825

ASL (SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB) IS BACK!!

Lisa McCorkle (elementary sign language teacher) will be offering a sign language club for all 4th, 5th, and Middle School students.

Dates: October 6th, October 20th,
November 3rd, November 17th,
December 1st and December 15th

Location: Main Building, Room 1344 (Ms. Jeffrey's room)

Time: 3:30-4:00

I will send a parent letter with permission slip to all students that would like to have one. If you have any questions please contact me at

lmccorkle@universityschools.com or call

970-506-7051.



Greetings from FCCLA! We are proud to announce that we **sold over 300 boxes of peaches** in a little under a week during the month of August. We would like to say **thank you** to everyone who purchased a box, and are looking forward to next year's sales. We urge everyone to continue to spread the word, as the money made from this is used to help our club and its members. Our officers are currently working on a Facebook page to keep everyone informed and will be posting our club's events, so make sure to check for any updates. Happy Fall!!!

Elementary Halloween Celebrations

As we looked ahead to where Halloween fell on this year's calendar, we noticed it was a Monday. Because that is our early release day the staff took this opportunity to try something new. We have decided we will not try to do a parade as in past years. Rather, **students will wear their costumes to school for the day.** This will remove the need for changing and give students more opportunity to view others' costumes. When choosing costumes, students should keep in mind they will be following their class schedules including things like specials, recess, PE, lunch etc. Each level will be having its own class celebration and **you will receive details of the class celebration from your child's teacher.** Parents will be invited to share that time with their students and help with materials and food items. If you have any questions, feel free to call Ms. Riggs at 506-6912. I am excited about trying something new and getting to see costumes all day!



2017 UMS Washington DC Trip Informational Meeting

For: Parents of this year's current 5th graders through current 8th graders

When: Tuesday, October 4th, 2016, 7:00 PM

Where: University Middle School, Room 214, Mrs. Van Beber's Room (upstairs)

Why: To reserve your seat ~ Just \$99 reserves your seat on the trip, monthly payments are available after initial registration.

Please contact Tonya Van Beber (576-3935 or tvanbeber@universityschools.com) OR Maggie Miles (576-3934 or mmiles@universityschools.com) if you cannot make it to the meeting, but would like your student to bring home a registration packet, or should you need any other information.

****IF YOU ARE ALREADY REGISTERED FOR THE TRIP, YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND!****