

# 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.

### NO SCHOOL:

- **May 8, No School K-5 Elementary Workday**
- **May 25 Memorial Day**



Dear University Schools' Families:

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support of University Schools. Even though this is the last newsletter for the school year, you will still be able to find updates on the website during the summer. A registration packet for the 15/16 school year will be mailed to all families mid-July. Please contact the office if you do not receive a packet.

Our new student representative to the Board of Governors will be Esai Sanchez for the 15/16 school year and Devin Moses, faculty rep, will begin the second year of his three year term. Outgoing Board members are: Mark Gonzales, Chuck Olmsted and Dick Wood. Our thanks go to these dedicated individuals for their service to University Schools.

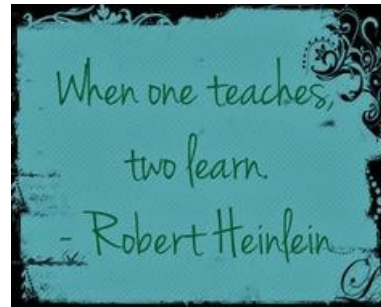
I had reported in our last newsletter that our new bus would arrive at the end of April,

however, that delivery date will likely be this summer and the bus will be ready for use this coming fall.

The first Foundation Gala was held April 11, at the Greeley Country Club. Thank you to Trevor Garrett, Foundation Development Director, for organizing and planning the event.

As many of you know, there is an area on the Elementary playground that is empty and in need of equipment. The cost is about \$95,000. If you would like to donate, please contact me. Any donation is sincerely appreciated.

There are many activities for everyone to look forward to before the end of May. Please check page 8 of this newsletter for dates and times. We've had a wonderful school year thanks to our outstanding staff, students and parents.



## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

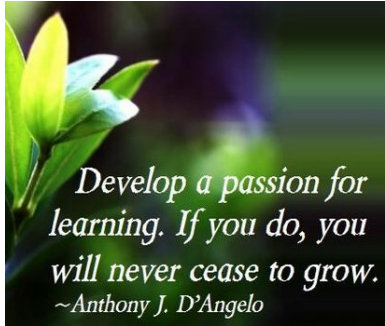
The enclosed calendar has been updated to include the registration dates and times. You can expect to receive your registration packet in the mail by July 17. If unable to make your scheduled time, please call the office to make other arrangements at 506-7000.

# from the High School Principal, Holly Sample

This is always an exhilarating and rewarding time. While the end of the school year is rapidly approaching, students should recognize they still have major assignments, projects and tests to complete that will significantly impact grades. Now is the time to buckle down and commit to finishing strong scholastically.

On April 20, we held our first annual Senior Project Presentation Day. Seniors were well prepared with visual aids, physical evidence of their projects and, in some cases, even costumes. I want to thank the community volunteers who joined teachers in evaluating the presenta-

tions. Seniors and parents have told me that it was a challenging, but fun and worthwhile learning experience.



More important academic events approaching include the AP tests beginning early in May. National Honor Society will induct new members on May 4 and the High School Academic Awards will be presented on May 11. Yearbooks will be distributed and

signed at an afternoon celebration on May 22, which will also be seniors' last day of classes. The graduation ceremony takes place at the Union Colony Civic Center on May 29 at 6:00 p.m.

While this time of year is exciting and heartwarming, it can also be difficult and stressful. As I enjoy the celebrations and deal with the difficulties, I want you to know how grateful and honored I am to be a part of this caring community of learners known as the University Bulldog family. Thank you for letting us teach your teenagers and best wishes for a relaxing and rejuvenating summer.



## Snapshot of H.S. Upcoming Events

- May 1 Scholarships due to Donna Gonzales
- May 1 MusicFest/Art Show
- May 4 NHS Induction 6pm
- May 5-15 AP Exams
- May 11 Academic Awards Ceremony – Middle School Gym, 6:30 p.m.
- May 22 Seniors' last day of classes, final Assembly, 12:05 -1:30 p.m.  
Yearbook signing, School Picnic
- May 28 Cap and gown pick up – Main Office, 8:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
- May 29 Graduation Rehearsal - Union Colony Civic Center, 10:00 a.m.
- May 29 Graduation Ceremony - Union Colony Civic Center, 6:00 p.m.



### 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

Spring break seems so long ago! I was recently enjoying a leisurely drive to Jackson Hole, WY, and had time to read an article on my iPad and play some Solitaire since the traffic was light. (I hope you realize the irresponsible mess I just described -reading my iPad and playing solitaire while driving because the traffic was light). Well, I can multi-task! Many of us believe we are the exceptions to brain research, and are gifted with the ability to do two or more different things at a time. I am willing to bet, your middle school child has repeatedly told you he/she can watch TV or listen to his/her MP3 while doing homework. According to current research, multitasking is a myth! Quite simply, the brain cannot perform two tasks that require high level brain function at the same time. At best, 2% of the population are able to measurably multi-task. The odds are not in your favor.

An example of multitasking could be taking a walk while listening to music. Problem is, walking isn't a task one has to think to complete; it is automatic. So the brain is actually just doing one thing. In lab tests, it is noted that when a person is doing one high level brain

task, like reading an unfamiliar set of detailed instructions and tries to do another similar task at the same time, the brain switches focus from one activity to another in rapid succession. The switches are almost instantaneous, maybe a tenth of a second, so they are not even noticed. But continued engagement of the two activities begins to add up the delays and the focus on either task. Bottom line - productivity is reduced in both efforts.

So why am I even writing about this? As a parent, you can help your child understand that while it may seem like studying and watching a movie can easily be accomplished, neither activity really gets a fair shake at being successfully completed. If you need backup support of your claim, have your child spell aloud, letter by letter, the sentence, "A glossary helps me learn word meaning" while at the same time writing his/her full name and address. You can check for accuracy, or time the two events alone and compare to the time of doing each together. There will be a considerable difference!



THERE IS ONE LAST OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK! **From now until the end of May, the books will be on sale for \$45.00.** There are only 45 books left!

Once the books are sold out, we cannot order any more. If you have already purchased a book, **THANK YOU!**

Place your order with Mrs. Miles through the MS main office.

?s: contact Mrs. Miles at [mmiles@universitieschools.com](mailto:mmiles@universitieschools.com) or call 576-3934.

**ATTENTION Parents and Participating Students of the Washington DC Trip:**

**MANDATORY MEETING!**

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 7 PM

If you cannot attend for ANY reason, please call 970-576-3935 or email

[tvanbeber@universitieschools.com](mailto:tvanbeber@universitieschools.com).

Luggage fees are due ON OR BEFORE May 14th! Final travel information and schedules will be distributed! It is ESSENTIAL that all travelers attend this meeting!

This meeting will be held in the Middle School Cafeteria.

### REMINDER:



If you ordered geraniums from the Bulldog Youth Baseball Club Fundraiser, the orders will be in

**Thursday, May 14.**

You can pick up your order in the cafeteria at the Main building from 2:30—5 p.m. on May 14th.

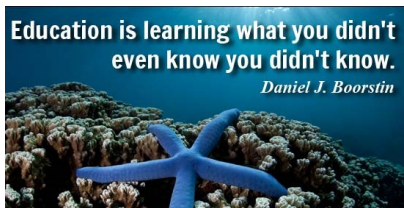
Thank you for your support!

# from the Elementary Principal, Mike Mazurana

Summer choices and all that comes along with 2 1/2 months off, are just around the corner. Places to see, people to meet and fun to be had are certainly things I hope for each and every student this summer. I

also wish something else for all our students ... the end of "summer slide." This summer I hope all parents will help students make the choice to continue reading and learning over the summer. Just 20 minutes a day of reading this summer can be the difference between maintaining their current levels or coming back in August three months behind and frustrated. "Taking the summer off" over the course of 12 years, can add up to being 4 years behind by the time your student's senior year rolls around. In Summer Reading by Richard Allington, he talks about evidence to support the idea that when students are in school working with teachers in reading they are growing. Once summer starts and some students stop reading, learning and thinking there is a big difference. I don't want you to think this means that your students need to spend hours

indoors, grinding on rigorous topics every day this summer, certainly not. But, we are strongly urging parents to help students keep up



with their reading and learning 20 minutes a day this summer. According to Allington,

there is 30+ years of proof of "summer slide" and we as educators think this is something that working together we can help mitigate here at University Schools Elementary. Teachers this year are being asked to help work with students as they head into summer and to come up with creative ways of keeping kids mentally active and reading over the summer. At home, this could come in many different forms and there are lots of creative ways to fit this into any day during the summer. From the numerous ideas that staff will be sharing with kids, to the summer programs at our US library and the Farr Library to all the websites and ideas on Pinterest, I am sure you can find the right balance to keep your student(s) engaged and on the path to success over the long summer. In this case, a little bit every day does go a long,

long way! Thanks for your continued support and feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

2015-16 classroom placement conversations are underway and will continue to be finalized throughout the summer. Students will get their class placements in their summer registration packets.

When we come back in the fall, students will bring their school supplies to school on the first day, August 20th. There will be a Back to School Night on August 26th for grades K-2 and on August 27th for grades 3-5. Back to School Night is an opportunity to meet teachers and learn about classroom procedures and expectations.

As a final note we hope you'll join us for a few activities and events as May rolls along. See the school calendar for dates and times for Field Days and check with your student's teacher for field trip information. 5th graders will be gone for their big trip starting on the 18th and we wish them a safe and HEALTHY trip!

## Inside or Outside Recess?

Now you can find out by checking the following website:

[www.wunderground.com](http://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

## Still Need a 2015 Elementary Yearbook?

There are a limited number of yearbooks still available. Visit [josten-yearbooks.com](http://josten-yearbooks.com). The book is available for \$30.00.

Call Kellee Nolke at 506-6802 if you should have any questions. Thanks for your support!



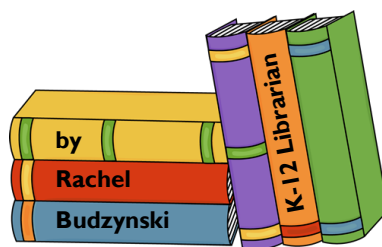
## Microwave Use

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



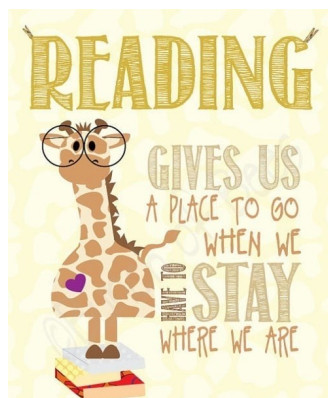
**Battle of the Books:** Congratulations to the University Schools teams who competed at district battles at the end of April. These teams represented University Schools at district battles:

**Middle School: 1st Place:** coach Shelby Ratzlaff and team Tina Brewer, Madeline Seivley, Lea Anderson, Caitlyn Pillard, Caitlin Harr. **2nd Place:** coach Brooke Hollingshead and team Dylann Torres, Annie Blehm, Hope Garcia, Kaydra Walker and Rylee Reeve.

**Fifth Grade: 1st Place:** coaches Denise Vaardahl & Wendy Call and team Matt Vaardahl, Jack Hughes, Grace Call, Tyler Call and Daryn Whitmoyer. **2nd Place:** coach Danie Soucek and team Logan Conlin, Jack Naber, Brenden Folsom and Liliana Wilson.

**Fourth Grade: 1st Place:** coach Lynne Parrish and team Maylea Parrish, Makoy Lucero, Mikyla Arguello and Brooke Crosser. **2nd Place:** coach Loree Crow and team

Zoe Gantois-Cole, Kate Harvey, Rhianon Hampton and Elizabeth Gomez.



**Third Grade: 1st Place:** coaches Amanda Lindenmayer & Jenny Getting and team Claire Lindenmayer, Halle Getting, Akam Chahal and Rosie Kamerzell. **2nd Place:** coach Kim McClain and team Tessa McClain, Alyssa Hobbs, Gabe Hollingshead and Samara Sanchez.

Thank you to all the coaches and judges and all who helped with Battle of the Books. There were 102 kids involved in Battle of the Books this year!

**End of the Year:** All books are due back to the University Schools Libraries Thursday, May 7, (Elementary) and Friday, May 8, (Middle School and High School).

All books need to be returned by these dates. Yearbooks will be held until books are returned or library fines are cleared. Any outstanding books will be turned into fines on last day of school. Fines will be mailed out with report cards in June. Overdue fines must be cleared prior to fall registration.

## Library Summer Reading Program

Let the countdown begin! Summer Vacation is just around the corner. Whatever will kids and teens do with two months off?

This summer, let High Plains Library District come to your rescue with our Summer Reading Adventure. Kids and teens ages 0-18 can take part in a fun, laid back summer adventure filled with super heroes of all shapes and sizes.

We know you know it's important to keep kids reading over the summer. Let us help you turn reading into a fun adventure with great activities, incredible programs and fabulous opportunities to reward kids for whatever reading they do. Let us be a part of your summer fun by showing kids that the library is a place where they can laugh, joke, learn and have fun.

### Summer Reading:

Look for summer reading program information for elementary and middle school students on the library website ([libraryuniversityschools.blogspot.com](http://libraryuniversityschools.blogspot.com)) and coming home with your child in May!

### Birthday Book Club:

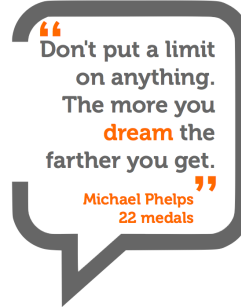
Do you know about our Birthday Book Club? During the month of your child's birthday, you may choose to have a bookplate with your child's name and school year placed inside a book in the genre of your child's choice. To do this, send in \$15 (cash/check) along with the completed form (found online at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



Summer Reading Adventure starts May 31 and goes until August 1. Stop by a library in Greeley, Evans, Kersey, Erie, Firestone or one of our Outreach locations to sign up, get your reading log and receive a Super Buck – good for a dollar off fines and fees until December, 2015. For more information visit [MyLibrary.us](http://MyLibrary.us) or Call 1-888-861-7323 (READ).



# Athletics



## Sports

With the end of April and the beginning of May the 2014-15 sports seasons are winding down.

Girls Tennis will compete at Regionals in Greeley (Centennial Tennis Courts) on April 30th and May 1st. Girls State Tennis is in Pueblo May 7th - 9th.

Boys and Girls Track and Field has

their League Meet May 2nd in Sterling. The State Boys and Girls Track and Field Meet is at Jeffco Stadium in Lakewood on May 14th - 16th.

Baseball will have regionals at a TBD site on May 9th. The First Round of the State Baseball Tournament is May 15th & 16th at either Butch Butler Field

(Greeley) or Niwot High School. The Second Round of the State Baseball Tournament is May 22nd and 23rd at Butch Butler Field.

All three of our spring sports teams have been having excellent seasons. We hope to be cheering them on at their respective state tournaments.

**General Sports Info:** [www.universityschools.com](http://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](http://www.universityschools.com), **School Info, School Calendar**

## USPTO Update

The USPTO had a very successful year, thanks to the support of our parents, teachers and administrators. Look for some great activities this summer, including BINGO sessions, golf tournaments and trips to Blackhawk. We will be hosting many fundraisers to help raise money for the new playground improvements. We will see you during registration and look forward to working with you again

next year. The USPTO board will stay the same for next year and will have many ideas to share with you. If you have any to share, please do not hesitate to send them my way. I look forward to the 2015-2016 school year. Have a great summer.

Shannon Ceccoli  
970-485-4825  
[ceccolishannon@yahoo.com](mailto:ceccolishannon@yahoo.com)



## what we found!

It's your **last chance** this month to find items that have been lost. All items left in the Lost and Found at the end of the school year will be donated to a local charity.

- ◆ 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 items
- ◆ cell phone, electronics

## ACADEMIC CORNER



### HOMEWORK HELP

Homework Help is offered for ALL University Schools students.

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

**Last day: May 14th**

**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](mailto: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.

**Last Day: May 26**

**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](http://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**



## Water Bottles For Sale

A senior project from last year installed a Brita Hydration Station and sold water bottles. There are many bottles left from this project. The water bottles are:

- ⇒ 32 ounces
- ⇒ Nalgene
- ⇒ BPA free

Limited quantities are available at half price for only \$5. Go to [universitybottles.com](http://universitybottles.com) to place your order.

**Please enter the name and homeroom of one of your students within the Notes to Seller section when ordering.** Pick up dates are pending. You'll receive an email after you place an order with more information. Contact Logan Garcia with any questions at 970-373-1069.

## junior Bulldogs

**Baseball:** Baseball camp for K-6th graders will be on May 4th and 5th from 5:30-7:30pm at the UH baseball field. This camp will be run by University High baseball players. Please register by April 19th to receive a camp shirt. Cost is \$35. Contact Jessica Meeker with any questions/concerns at

[baseball@universityjuniorbulldogs.com](mailto:baseball@universityjuniorbulldogs.com)

**Basketball:** Drillz is Back! Drillz basketball skill clinic will be every other Friday starting May 1st 7-8 pm. Drillz is a valuable ball handling clinic and is free for University students grades K-6. Coach Nelson Trujillo will be coaching ball handling exercises to help all skill levels!

Summer camps will be held at UH main gym July 23, 24, 30, and 31st for K-6th graders. Camp will be run by our high school coaches, Dave Crespin and Sarah Wildt, along with several high school players. K-2nd grade will run from 9-10am each day, 3rd-4th grade 10-11:30am, and 5th-6th grade from 11:30am-1pm. Registration will soon be on the website at

[www.universityjuniorbulldogs.com](http://www.universityjuniorbulldogs.com).

**Competitive Basketball:** We will be having competitive basketball tryouts in the UH main gym on May 9th at 9-10am for next year's 5th-8th graders. Any 7th and 8th graders who would like to play a half season opposite their middle school season, please attend the tryouts on May 9th (as stated above). If you are interested in coaching, please email us ASAP at [basketball@universityjuniorbulldogs.com](mailto:basketball@universityjuniorbulldogs.com). If your child is interested in playing and cannot make tryouts, please email us to make alternate tryout arrangements. We would like to select teams soon to allow for off-season practice times and fundraising opportunities.

## Important Upcoming Dates:

- May 1 MusicFest  
– 7:00 pm Auditorium
- May 4 National Honor Society Induction  
– 6:00 pm Auditorium
- May 8 Elementary workday, no school K-5
- May 11 High School Awards Night  
– 6:30 pm in the Middle School Gym
- May 12 Middle/High School Choir Concert  
– 5:30 pm in the Auditorium
- May 13 Middle/High School Band Concert  
– 5:30 pm in the Auditorium
- May 22 Seniors' last day of school
- May 27 Last day of school, K-11  
Early dismissal: K–8 at 11:00 am  
Early dismissal: 9–11 at 11:15 am
- May 29 Graduation  
– 6:00 pm at Union Colony Civic Center

**Bulldog Youth Baseball Club:** BYBC is excited to be adding competitive softball in the spring of 2016. We are currently a nonprofit competitive baseball program that feeds University Schools baseball team. We would also like to help feed the newly formed softball program as well.

We are currently looking for a director and coaches to help get this up and going. For more information, please contact Josh Tennent by phone or email at (970)347-9203 or [jtennent@live.com](mailto:jtennent@live.com). Please check us out on Facebook or at our website at

[www.bulldogyouthbaseballclub.com](http://www.bulldogyouthbaseballclub.com).

**Volleyball:** Registration for Fall Volleyball with Evans Recreation will begin first part of July. Please keep checking our website and Facebook for details as they become available.

**Save the Date - Volleyball Summer Camp:** Please also check our website and Facebook in June for information about our summer camp, pricing and location will be posted at that time. Camp will be led by Coach Lindsey Brown and the High School Volleyball Team

Aug 3rd/4th - K-4th Grade, 5pm to 6:30pm

Aug 5th/6th - 5th-8th Grade, 4:30pm to 6:30 pm

### Keep in Touch:

- Follow us on Facebook
- Keep updated with our website  
[www.universityjuniorbulldogs.com](http://www.universityjuniorbulldogs.com)



## IT'S TIME FOR FIELD DAY!

### Dates and Times:

Mon.	May 11	5th Grade	9:00-11:10 & 12:15-1:40
Tue.	May 19	1st/2nd Grade	10:00-12:15 & 1:25-3:00
Wed.	May 20	3rd/4th Grade	10:00-12:15 & 1:25-3:00
Thu.	May 21	Kindergarten:	AM 8:10-10:40, PM 1-3

We need a few **parent volunteers** to help kids with getting to activities and aiding our Middle School and High School students who run the activities.



**Parents can also help by donating popsicles.**

If you are interested in helping or in donating popsicles, please email Ms. Breen at [kebreen@universitieschools.com](mailto:kebreen@universitieschools.com).

Children will need tennis shoes, a hat, sunscreen, and a water bottle for the morning activities. In addition, they need clothes that can get wet / swimsuit and towel for the afternoon activities. Please be sure they have all these items on their assigned day.

You will receive a reminder flyer about Field Day with the times and items to bring the week prior to their assigned day, please watch for it in your child's Friday folder.



## BAND & CHOIR CORNER

**MusicFest 2015**—Join us on Friday, May 1, for a wonderful evening that showcases the performing and artistic talents of the students at University. The festivities begin with a high school art show and silent auction at 5:00 in the middle school, followed by a 7:00 performance. This will be a night you won't want to miss! Pre-sale tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students. Prices go up to \$7 and \$5 at the door, so contact Ms. Martinez or Mr. Holcombe to get yours today!

### May Choir and Band Con-

**certs**—The last concerts of the year will be on May 12 (choir) and May 13 (band). These concerts feature all of the large ensembles at University in grades 6-12. These concerts are in conjunction with choir and band awards. Start times are the same for both nights: 6th grade- 5:30, 7th/8th- 6:15, and high school at 7:30.

## WORLD FOOD FESTIVAL—ATTENTION:

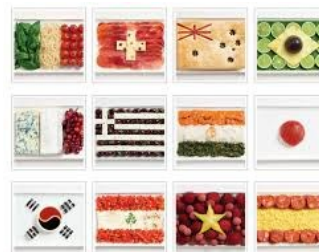
Parents and Family of Ms. Dannar's 6th Grade Social Studies Class

My sixth grade students are excited to present all the hard work that has gone into their semester-long Country Study! All parents and family are invited on May 7th and 8th to sample food from around the world and to see the great student-created Country Displays. Please come to the Middle School during your child's normal Social Studies Block. Please contact Mrs. Dannar at 576-3920 or [bdannar@universitieschools.com](mailto:bdannar@universitieschools.com) if you have any questions.

### Presentation Times:

May 7 (Day 2) – Block 6 = 8:15—8:45 a.m.  
Block 8 = 12:30—1:00 p.m.

May 8 (Day 1) – Block 1 = 8:15—8:45 a.m.  
Block 3 = 12:30—1:00 p.m.  
Block 4 = 2:10—2:40 p.m.



Choir Teacher:  
Anne Martinez

Band Teacher:  
Andrew Holcombe

## IMMUNIZATION INFORMATION FOR ALL PARENTS

The State of Colorado has made changes to the immunization requirements for the 2015-2016 school year.

Non-Medical Exemptions forms will need to signed annually for each student K – 12. If you have previously exempted your child from vaccinations, you will need to renew that exemption at registration.

All students, K-12, will be required to have two valid doses Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine. This is being implemented to bring Colorado standards into alignment with national Advisory Committee on Immunization Practice recommendations. Documentation from your health care provider that states your child had the disease is also acceptable. This will impact students entering high school. Currently, all students K through 7th grade are required to have two doses of this vaccine.

All 6th grade students will need to have documentation of Tdap (Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis) booster. Please note that this vaccine cannot be given until the child's eleventh birthday.

Many medical care providers are already providing these immunizations to their patients. Please ask for an updated immunization record at your next visit. You may turn this documentation in to the Health Office at your child's school or bring it to registration for the 2015-2016 school year.

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



The University Theatre Company and Thespian Troupe #3898 would like to thank the University family for their support of the University Theatre Program for 2014-15.

We had a great season:

- ◆ ALICE IN WONDERLAND
- ◆ WATSON
- ◆ I NEVER SAW ANOTHER BUTTERFLY (we produced this in conjunction with the Holocaust Memorial Observances of Northern Colorado)

We also donated approximately 150 pounds of food to the Weld County Food Bank. Your support of the arts is greatly appreciated.

We will have our annual High School Thespian Induction and Theatre Awards Program on Friday, May 8, at 6:00 p.m. in the University Auditorium Theatre. Please contact Mrs. Pamela Wilhelm at [pwilhelm@universityschools.com](mailto:pwilhelm@universityschools.com) for more information.

## 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](mailto:lseaman@ccigreenheart.org).

### H.S. Students:

**Get a yearbook before they are gone!**

**COST: \$70**

ORDER NOW—go to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) or visit the front office to complete your order form.

We have a limited number of yearbooks left. 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!

## 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 make sure 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.

## 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](mailto: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 Nina Rivera for managing this program!

## University Schools Foundation Gala

The University Schools Foundation held their first annual gala at the Greeley Country Club on April 11, 2015. The gala was a success and would not have been possible without the participation of our schools' choir and art departments. A special thank you is in order for Anne Martinez (choir), Joni Lissak (art) and Chris Wanner (art). Thank you for your willingness to participate and support the school by sharing our talented students for this great event. Thank you to the staff and administration who were present and for those who could not be present. Thank you for the behind the scenes work and

support. With the first gala now in the rear view, we look forward to what next year's gala will bring. Please stay tuned as the next year's gala date will be announced within the next month and planning will be under way. If there are any individuals that would be interested in assisting with this event, or any of the other events hosted by the Foundation, please do not hesitate to contact Trevor Garrett (Director of Development for the Foundation) at [trevorgarrett@universityschools.com](mailto:trevorgarrett@universityschools.com) or 970-222-9934. Thank you for making this event a success!