

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.

NO SCHOOL:

- **October 9
Faculty Inservice**
- **October 12
Fall Break**



From the Desk of the



Dear Bulldog Families:

I hope this update finds you and your family doing well and enjoying this beautiful fall weather. Please take the time to read the entire Bulldog News so that you have the most updated information from our school.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Board of Governors for their support in approving the following items for University Schools:

Three new chrome book portable labs – The chrome labs will be very beneficial to all students for classroom use and will allow us to accommodate our testing schedule.

One iPad mini portable lab – The iPad minis will be used mostly in the primary classrooms. The minis are smaller than chrome books and easier to use for our younger students.

New playground equipment – The new playground equipment has been extremely popular with our elementary students. It is used

continuously during recess time. Carpet for eleven classrooms – The carpet was needed in several classrooms. We ordered carpet squares so replacement could be made by square instead of replacing a whole room of carpet.

We appreciate everyone's patience as you drive through our parking lot and the drop off and pick up areas.

Safety is our primary concern. There is additional information in this Bulldog News from Ed Clark, Director of Security.



Please call or email me if I can answer any questions. I welcome your suggestions and ideas for any areas in which we can improve.

OCTOBER 1 COUNT DAY

Our official count day is Thursday, October 1, 2015. 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 1, 2015.

from the High School Principal, Holly Sample

Welcome back to University High School. We have gotten off to a busy start with early Homecoming activities in September. By the time this newsletter arrives, we will have had our senior trip. Seniors chose to go camping at Mrs. Riggs' cabin in Wyoming this year. Some of the seniors went to the cabin when they were in fifth grade. Mr. Hurt and Ms. Breen joined them on the senior trip to lead activities.

The new year brings some staff changes. Ms. Amanda Pollard has been hired to teach English Language Arts. We have hired Ms. Marlen Salabarria to teach Spanish and Mr. Ryan Tauber is teaching Social Studies. Ms. Salabarria is from Cuba and Mr. Tauber joins us from Texas. Please join me in welcoming these folks to their new positions with University High School.

As you know, students at University High School enjoy a variety of activities and athletics, yet it is our academic program that defines our school. 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. We provide free tutoring

in mathematics after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and we offer homework help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teachers will also work with students at lunch or after school if they need extra help. If your child is struggling in classes, please be sure they are taking advantage of these resources.



Conferences are an important and required venue for parents and advisors to support students in setting academic goals and monitoring their progress. Every student is expected to have at least two conferences each year and more are scheduled if needed. The first round of conferences are taking place either during the conference window from September 23 through October 7 or on the conference release days November 23 and 24. Most advisors conduct conferences in the evening during the conference window.

Parents, you can influence your student's achievement by (among other things) encouraging homework and reading, knowing your student's teachers and supporting post-secondary education planning. Parent support is essential to our students' success and we appreciate your involvement. Please don't hesitate

to contact teachers, advisors or

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



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 and High School students:
(970) 506-7000, extension 1

For Middle School students:



University Schools on Facebook to receive current information.

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.universitieschools.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.

from the Middle School Principal, Paul Kirkpatrick

I hope you have had the opportunity to meet our new staff members. This year, we are pleased to have these great professionals joining the middle school staff:

Joann Angus - Science
Nicole Boettcher - Language Arts
Lauren Harvey - English Language Learners
Carole Merriman - Language Arts
Marlene Salabarría - Spanish
Ulla Seckler - German
Tena Tremble - Special Education
Angela Vanderbloom - Math
Megan Weaver - Language Arts

This diverse group of educators brings teaching experiences literally from around the globe. We are fortunate to have each one join our staff.

Within our school of approximately 500 students (6th-8th grade), we offer 27 different advisors. Students (advisees) are in small groups (18-19) and meet Tue-Fri with their advisor for a variety of purposes. Students maintain portfolios, track their community service hours, set goals, prepare for student-led conferences, and a host of other activities. The purpose and success of our advisor/advisee program, lies in the small group focus with individual attention. For three years, a student has the

same advisor, so strong relationships are established, often extending to the family. This familiarity allows for free-flowing communication with the advisor serving as a conduit for all of the individual's various teachers/classes.

We are pleased to offer a rich exploratory program in addition to our core academic classes. Students can experience up to six different elective classes each year. These options include music and the arts, PE/health, technology, foreign languages, leadership, finance, etc. We want students to pursue areas of personal interest, learn new skills, and begin to formulate some dreams of high school pathways - ultimately leading to life-long careers.

Our staff is currently working with professional consultants from several different content areas to bring rich learning opportunities for all students. We are examining the latest educational research and practices to help students master the full spectrum of Colorado Content Standards in a meaningful and practical way. If you ever have any questions about our curriculum, please do not

Develop a passion
for learning. If you
do, you will never
cease to grow.

Anthony J. D'Angelo

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:

As some of the Bulldog family may know, University High School students are required to complete 50 hours of **community service**, complete three half-day **job shadowings** and complete a 50 hour **internship** in order to graduate. We are always in need of companies and individuals to help our students complete these requirements. If you are interested in teaming up with our students to help them with this, please email JoEll Matthews at jmatthews@universityschools.com or call 970-506-6806. Thanks in advance for helping our students.

NEW YORK CITY SUMMER TOUR (H.S. STUDENTS):

High School students may sign up for a fantastic 5-day summer trip to New York City and a tour of the Financial District from May 31-June 4, 2016. We are teaming up with Junior Tours, a reputable company in educational tours. If your high school student or any adult(s) is interested in attending this travel opportunity, please contact JoEll Matthews at jmatthews@universityschools.com or call 970-506-6806 by October 15. Some of the places that are tentatively scheduled during the trip are:

Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Central Park, Shopping District, Empire State Building, Broadway show, Financial District and Wall Street, 9/11 World Trade Center, Museum of American Finance



Middle School Yearbooks

I am excited about the 2015-2016 yearbook and have been working hard to include all of the great students of University Middle School. **We only order a certain number of books—they will be sold on a first-come first-serve basis.** From now until the end of December, the books will be on sale for \$35.00. You can place your order with the Middle School main office. Don't miss out on a chance to order your 2015-2016 yearbook for your child for the lowest price of the year. If you have already purchased a book, Thank you! This year's book is one you won't want to miss!

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

8th Grade Baby

Pictures:



The UMS yearbook is creating a page of baby pictures for the 8th graders to show how much they have grown. Please send Mrs. Miles a scanned baby picture by email (mmiles@universityschools.com) or bring one to the Middle School main office. This is a free service to you, so make sure you get them in by **December 18, 2015**. Please contact Mrs. Miles if you have any questions. All baby pictures will be returned before the end of the school year. Please make sure your student's name and advisor are on the back of the picture. Thank you!



from the Elementary Principal, Mike Mazurana

What a great start to the new school year! Thanks to all of you who have attended Back to School Night, PLP day, field trips, Kindergarten assessment day, track meets and our Book Fair.

As you can see, our year is off and running and we appreciate all the support you have given to the school and its students. I want to personally thank all of those students and parents who read over the break and learned not only the love of reading, but also the importance of staying mentally active over summer break! Early data from our assessments indicates that the majority of our students stayed relatively stable from where they left off last year and had little to no summer regression!

Our first round of STAR and DRA2 assessments wrapped up in September and teachers are now in the midst of individualizing instruction to best meet your child's educational needs. From here on out, it is important that we all stay in close communication, work together and support one another to best meet the needs of your student. If there is anything you have questions or concerns about, please don't hesitate to call

or email your teacher or the school.

Thanks for helping your students prepare each and every day for the ever-changing temperatures. We will try and get outside as much as possible for the benefits of fresh air, a break from the classroom and helping them burn off some energy in a healthy manner. Lots of recent studies have indicated students need 60 minutes of exercise per day. University Schools is way ahead of the game in that

aspect and almost all of the schools in the nation, let alone Colorado. With our offering of PE 4-5 times per week for 30 minutes, lunch recess of 20-30 minutes and, in some cases, a morning or afternoon break we meet and in some instances exceed those lofty standards. In comparison, nationwide elementary students average 26 minutes of "free time" outside per day and less than 4% of elementary schools nationwide

offer PE every day. That being said, we could be outside in cold, windy and even sometimes, wet situations. For more information on school outside guidelines, please reference your student handbook or this newsletter and thanks again for helping to prepare your child for the wonderful Colorado weather. In conjunction with temperatures rising in and out of "coat weather", we have an abundance of items in lost and found so stop by and see if we have an item or two of your child's.

Lastly, I want personally thank all those who donated to the playground fund, but most of all Mrs. Carol Riggs and Dr. Gerner for their efforts, persistence and ingenuity in

getting the new playground equipment. It is a kid favorite and is now regularly packed with lines at many of the most popular spots. This equipment will be here for not only these kids but the next generation of kids and I couldn't be happier that I got to watch it go in and see all the joy it has brought our community. If you haven't seen it yet, stop by and check it out with your kids. It

You have BRAINS in your HEAD.
You have FEET in your SHOES.
You can STEER yourself any DIRECTION you CHOOSE.
~Dr. Seuss

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.



High School Yearbook



IMPORTANT SENIOR INFORMATION:

Senior Photos — Friday, October 30, 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. Lissak. 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 hsyearbook@universityschools.com.

The senior pages are sent 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 Life Touch 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. A packet was mailed home in early September with information and prices. You can find more information at:

www.theyearbookcompany.com.

DO NOT DROP MATERIALS OFF AT THE SCHOOL.

Early Bird Deadline: October 27
Final Deadline: November 17

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**.

Business Advertising

Do you own your own business? Purchasing a tax deductible yearbook ad is a great way to support the school while reaching out to the University Schools community.

Ad sizes & prices:

1/8 page \$ 65.00
(approx. 4" x 3.5")

1/4 page \$ 80.00
(approx. 4" x 5")

1/2 page \$160.00
(approx. 5" x 8")

Full page \$230.00
(approx. 8.5" x 11")

We can custom design your ad for an additional fee:

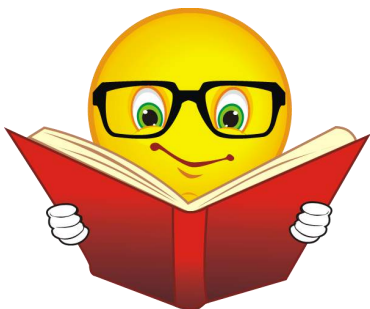
1/8 page \$ 10.00

1/4 page \$ 15.00

1/2 page \$ 20.00

Full page \$ 25.00

Deadline: Oct. 30



Latest from the Library

At the Elementary/High School Library Technology Learning Center:

- **Mrs. Budzynski** is the Teacher-Librarian at the elementary/high school. She teaches library-tech classes for grades 3-5, high school classes and plans library curriculum, programming, collections and services at the elementary/high school library, elementary Battle of the Books program and high school book club.

- **Mrs. Pedigo** teaches second grade library-tech classes and manages the processing of the library collection, orders new library books, plans program promotion and co-chairs the University Schools Battle of the Books program.

- **Mrs. Reimer** teaches morning and afternoon kindergarten and first grade library classes, processes books and trains high school aides.

At the Middle School Library Technology Learning Center:

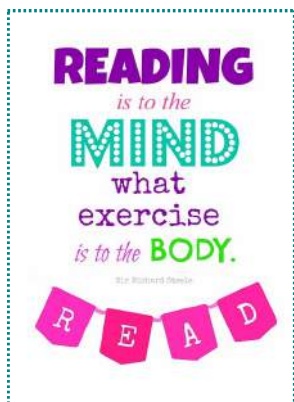
- **Mrs. Haas** is the Teacher-Librarian at the middle school. She teaches reading classes, research classes, technology

training for STEM classes. Mrs. Haas oversees the middle school library program, curriculum, services and collection and plans professional development for K-12 staff.

- **Mrs. Hughes** works with middle school students, teachers and classes. She catalogs and processes new books and manages the day-to-day operations at the middle school library.

Library Technology Learning Center Programs

All library lesson information for K-12 classes and tools for research, Accelerated Reader, the library catalog and more can be found at



<http://libraryuniversitieschools.blogspot.com>

EasyTech: Do you have a second, third, fourth or fifth grader? Your child is learning how to keyboard properly, learning how to get online safely and how to use basic computer tools through a program called EasyTech. This happens during their one hour library-tech class each week.

BOOK FAIR: Thank you for all of your support of the book fair!

LIBRARIANS:

- * Mrs. Budzynski
- * Mrs. Haas
- * Mrs. Hughes
- * Mrs. Pedigo
- * Mrs. Reimer

Proceeds are taken in new library books. Middle School book fair occurs in November.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: The



season starts earlier this year! **Student participation forms** are due **October 14**. Elementary coaches' meeting will be **October 21** in the elementary/high school library.

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB:

Celebrate your child's birthday by purchasing a library book in his or her honor. Visit libraryuniversitieschools.blogspot.com/

HOME CONNECT (Grades 1-6)

Login to Home Connect using your child's login information to set up real time quiz updates. <https://hosted203.renlearn.com/385011/HomeConnect/Login.aspx>

AR BOOK FIND (Grades 1-6)

Find book level, points, interest level and a book summary for books from home or the public library. Access anywhere online: <http://www.arbookfind.com/>

TRAILS: (Grades 3, 6, 9)



Losers quit when they fail.
Winners fail until they succeed.

Robert Kiyosaki

High School Sports

Fall Sports Season is upon us. This is the busiest time of year for athletics at University High School and this year we made it busier with the addition of softball.

The softball program has 25+ girls participating in this first season.

This year they will be playing only a JV and C-Team schedule.

University will field a Varsity team in the 2016 season. This season has been productive with the JV

squad getting the first University Bulldog Softball win on Sept 8 with

a 13—0 score over the Sterling Tigers. Good luck ladies with the remainder of your season.

The University Volleyball program started out the season ranked in

the top 10 of class 3A in the state of Colorado. So far this season,

the Bulldogs haven't been a disappointment, with wins over

Weld Central, Sterling and Valley. The sub-varsity teams have also been very successful to this point. We look for great things from our Bulldog Volleyball team come November and the State Tournament.

University Bulldog Football is moving in the right direction. The school and players are excited about the program and the progress that the team has made. The hard work and dedication of the young men participating in this program will pay off. This season they have put a competitive team on the field that works hard and does things the right way. It is a team of which University Schools can be very proud.

The boy's tennis program at University has made great strides this year. Numbers are up and the boys have wins over Mountain View,

Machebuef and Skyline. They are excited about their opportunities to send people to the State Tournament in mid-October.

The University Cross Country teams (boys and girls) have participated in their usual tough races to begin the season. Both teams this year have finished in the top half, if not higher, at each of their races. They look forward to running closer to home with 4 meets in Greeley during the second half of their schedule. We anticipate big things from this group of runners at the regional state qualifying meet at Monfort Park in Greeley on October 22.

Good luck athletes!

USPTO Update

Hello from the USPTO!

This will be the first Bulldog news you have read since school has started and we hope the first six weeks of school have been a positive experience for you and your kids. The USPTO is available to answer any questions you may have and we want to remind you that it is our goal to promote open communication between administration, teachers and parents.

Our first family-friendly activity is scheduled for October 16, 2015, with our third annual chili cook-off. We will have a DJ, The Music

Man, and plenty of chili to sample. If you have a great recipe you would like to share, please do so. There will be an award for the top three best chili soups.

We hope you have positive feedback about the direct donation fundraiser and would love to hear your ideas about future fundraising.

Thanks for your continued support. We know your time is valuable and appreciate all of our volunteers. If there is anything we can do for you, please don't hesitate to call or email

Thank you,
Shannon Ceccoli
970-485-4825



what we found!

Have your student look in the Lost and Found area regularly. All items left in Lost and Found at the end of each month will be donated to a local charity. Common items found include:

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

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

- ◆ glasses
- ◆ jewelry items
- ◆ cell phone, electronics
- ◆ money

ACADEMIC CORNER



Breakfast and Lunch

District 6 is our school breakfast and lunch provider. Breakfast will be offered in both buildings this year. Note the serving times below.

Where: Main Building Cafeteria
When: 7:15—7:45 am, Monday—Friday

Where: Middle School Cafeteria
When: 7:00—7:30 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!!!!

Full Breakfast Prices: Elementary \$1.50
 M.S. & H.S. \$1.60

Lunch Prices: Elementary \$2.55

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



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





Counselors' Corner:

High School Counselor (A-G) and Elementary Counselor (4th/5th Grades), Laura Anderson:

I am in my third year as a counselor for University Schools. I can be reached at (970) 506-7078 or landerson@universitieschools.com.

Elementary: I will be in 4th and 5th grade classrooms every other week. This year, I plan to cover topics such as conflict resolution, problem solving skills, friendship skills, study skills, career exploration and empathy. I also offer groups on an as-needed basis including, but not limited to, changing families, behavior and self-esteem.

High School: I work with high school students during the first half of every day. At the high school level, I am here to support students with post high school plans, scholarship information, the college application process and financial aid. I am also available to support students personally and socially on an individual basis.

I am the coordinator for the **PSAT**, which, is a comprehensive assessment intended for juniors. It serves as a practice test for the SAT and allows students to see how they might score. The test will take place on **October 14, at the UNC University Center from 7:45—11 am. The deadline to register is October 5.** Contact me directly for questions.

I am looking forward to another great year at University! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

High School Counselor (H-Z), Donna Gonzales:

It's great to be back for another school year at University! I am very excited to be starting my 22nd year at UH! I am the high school counselor for students whose last names begin with H-Z.

Upcoming programming from my office includes: individual senior meetings to help students plan their college application process as well as discuss financial aid and scholarships, ACT Aspire Assessment for all sophomores to measure academic achievement and provide a prediction for how well they will do on the ACT and the Suicide Prevention Program through our Freshman English classes. I am always available to support individual students who are experiencing emotional concerns.

Students and parents may be interested in my "FYI: From Your High School Counselor" publication which provides information on scholarships and other academic/career/service/leadership opportunities. This publication is updated every two weeks and is available on our website. You may also request to have it emailed directly to you by sending me an email at dgonzales@universitieschools.com.

Elementary Counselor (Grades K—3), Shayna Swaney:

Hello and welcome to University! My name is Ms. Shayna and this is my third year as a Bulldog. This year I work with Kindergarten through third grade students. I work with my students through classroom lessons, small groups and individual meetings. New this year, I will be meeting with each of my students individually (called Mini-Meetings) in order to get to know every student that I serve. I am excited to work with each of your students this year. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at sswaney@universitieschools.com or (970) 506-6800.

The elementary years are a time when students begin to develop their academic self-concept and their feelings of competence and confidence as learners. They are beginning to develop decision-making, communication and life skills, as well as character values. It is also a time when students develop and acquire attitudes toward school, self, peers, social groups and family. The knowledge, attitudes and skills that students acquire in the areas of academic, career and personal/social development during these elementary years serve as the foundation for future success.

-American School Counselor Association

Middle School Counselor (Grades 6—8), Vanessa Njos:

I hope our Middle School students had a smooth transition into this school year. I help our students with scheduling and academic support, personal or social problems and career guidance.

Our Middle School has once again partnered with No Place for Hate and the Colorado Education Initiative to continue our Allies in Diversity Club. This student-led group is open to all students who apply. Students will work to create an anti-bullying and inclusive environment at our school by learning about diversity and taking a stand against bullying. Some students will be selected to receive training on "How to Be An Ally."

This year we began using Naviance, a comprehensive college and career readiness program that helps align student strengths and interests to post-secondary goals.

In October, I will begin a Changing Families group for students who are coping with changes in their homes. If you would like more information about this group, please contact me at vnjos@universitieschools.com.

KEEP WATCH: Our K-12 Counseling Department is in the process of constructing a website link on the

Junior Bulldogs

The Junior Bulldogs promote community, team and school spirit through sports for elementary and middle school students here at University Schools. We partner with local organizations and recreation departments to create teams that allow University's young athletes to play together.

Junior Bulldogs works to:

Organize youth sports where University School students can play together on the same teams from kindergarten through high school.

Make it easy for parents to register their young athletes for a Junior Bulldog team.

Raise funds that support the Junior Bulldogs Organization's activities and purchase equipment for Junior Bulldog athletes' use.

Want to know more? Check out our FAQ's on our website at universityjuniorbulldogs.com

Visit us on Facebook! Regular news, shout outs, celebrations and updates are shared through our Facebook page.



us on Facebook—it's a

simple way to stay informed.

<https://www.facebook.com/Junior-Bulldogs->

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FOOTBALL NEWS

Football has gotten off to an exciting start.

2nd and 3rd grade tackle—we had 7 kids sign up which we were able to mix with some other non-University kids to fill a team. Thank you to Tim Paxton for making this happen.

4th grade tackle—we had 18 kids enroll to fill a team. Thank you to Brandon Bird and Tim Nester for coaching again this year.

5th grade tackle—we had 20 kids enroll to fill a team. Thank you to Reece Towle and Shawn West for coaching again this year.

6th grade tackle—we have over 20 kids on this team. Thank you to Darryl Branch, a new coach this year.

5-6 year old flag—we have 9 kids to fill a team. Thank you to Rod Constance for coaching again this year.

7-8 year old flag—we have 17 kids to fill a team. Thank you to Jeff Weber for coaching again this year.

9-10 year old flag—we have 23 kids to fill 2 teams this year. Thank you to Kevin Hannum and Doug Whyrick for coaching again this year.

University Junior Bulldogs has over 120 kids participating in Greeley and Evans Rec. football this year. That is quite an accomplishment. Thank you to all of the kids and parents for participating and making this a successful season. Games started on September 12. Check the rec centers' web pages for

game schedules and come out to support our athletes. The JR Bulldog organization was able to purchase tackling dummies, blocking pads and kicking tees this year for the tackle football teams.

2015 UNIVERSITY JR BULLDOGS FOOTBALL CAMP

Head coach Casey Doss, his staff and team put on a GREAT football camp for our kids: 2 hours of football drills and scrimmages for 65 kids, from 4 – 13 years old. The JR Bulldogs organization was able to give kids a T-shirt and BBQ and stayed to watch the High School Blue/White scrimmage. After which we barbecued again for the High School team and parents. Thank you to Tim Paxton and Darren Sandhoff for grilling over 400 hamburgers and 400 hot dogs in 3-4 hours.

UPCOMING SPORTS REGISTRATION—BASKETBALL

Registration for boys/girls basketball teams will open sometime in October/November. Check our website or Facebook page for upcoming information.

Join Us!

The Junior Bulldogs meet on the 2nd Monday of every month at 7pm in the Conference Room at University Schools in the Main building. Join us for a meeting or contact us to see how you can get involved!



BOOSTER CLUB

- Activity passes are on sale for \$45 each. These passes are good for the entire 2015–2016 Varsity sports season. You can purchase your activity pass at any Varsity sporting event.
- Senior Dedication* programs will be made for each sport (year-round) to recognize the seniors of each sport. The special programs will be made and handed out during "Senior night" for each sport. Please contact Tamara Yost to have your senior information added to their respective program. This is a special moment to put your student in the spotlight. You can include a note and a photo of your senior in the program. Each dedication will be sold for \$15.
Tamara Yost's email: cheersoccermom@icloud.com
- Bingo games managers NEEDED! This is key to raising money for your sports teams. Please contact Tamara Strang for information on how to help.
Tamara Strang's email: Rtclb5@comcast.net
- Concessions is in need of volunteers for all activities. Student volunteer hours will apply to University graduation requirements. Please go to the following website to sign up: <http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/276069698088>.



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Further into the school year there are always health issues that arise with students. Many times students are prescribed medications for illnesses or injuries by their physicians. We want to be sure all students at University Schools are safe and get the treatment they need.

If your student requires medication at school, either prescription or over-the-counter, there are procedures that need to be followed.

Students are not to carry any medication. All medications must be kept in the Health Office. Under special circumstances, student and parents may enter a written agreement with the nurse to carry emergency medication such as an asthma reliever inhaler or an epi-pen. This is dependent on the student's age, maturity and health risk factors.

A physician's order with the name of the medication, the dosage, time of day to be taken and for how long the medication is to be used by the student is required.

Parents also need to give written permission for school personnel to administer medication.

All medications are to be in a pharmacy-labeled container. Pharmacies are happy to prepare a second labeled bottle for this purpose.

If you have any questions, please call Jane Weber, School

MUSICAL THEATRE *ONCE ON THIS ISLAND*

The UH Theater Company will present the musical, *ONCE ON THIS ISLAND*,

on Thursday and Friday, November 12-13, at 7:00 pm and Saturday, November 14, at 2:00 pm.

This show tells the story of a young peasant girl who saves the son of a wealthy boy from the other side of the island and her sacrifice of love for him. Based off of Hans Christian Anderson's tale of "The Little Mermaid," this story is vibrant and colorful, rated PG but appropriate for the whole family.

Tickets will be sold at the door:

- ⇒ Adults, \$10
- ⇒ Students, \$5
- ⇒ Children, \$3
- ⇒ \$1 DISCOUNT with 2 canned items (to be donated to the Weld County Food Bank)

For more details, contact Pamela Wilhelm at pwilhelm@universitieschools.com or at 506-7051.

University Website Schools



Hi! My name is Jessie Kern and I am a Business and Technology teacher in the High School. I have taken over responsibility for the website updates. If you have any ideas for changes, additions, updates etc. that need to be made, please feel free to send me an email! I am especially looking for **pictures** to change some of the ones currently on the site! If you have any school-related pictures that you would like considered for the website, please forward them to me at

BAND & CHOIR



Please join us for our first choir and band concerts of the year!

Choir: **Tuesday, October 20th**
6th Grade/Elementary Choirs 5:30 pm
7th/8th Grade Choirs 6:15 pm
High School Choirs 7:30 pm

Band: **Wednesday, October 21st**
Beginning Band 5:30 pm
Advanced and Concert Band 6:15 pm
Symphonic and Jazz Band 7:30 pm

The Music Department has started a Tri-M chapter at University High School. This is an honor society specifically for band and choir students. Keep an eye out for special events and fundraisers that these students will be organizing and hosting to support the music program at University Schools.

Patriot League Honor Choir will be held on **November 2nd at 7:00pm** at the Union Colony Civic Center. Several University High School students will be performing in this select group.

Please visit the band and choir websites for more information and to subscribe to the Performing Arts Calendar.

www.universitieschoolschoir.com

bands.universitieschools.com

Choir Teacher:
Anne Martinez

Band Teacher:
Andrew Holcombe



SUPERHERO FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT
October 15, 2015
4:30pm-6:30pm
Main Building's small gym

Shazam ...Join us for an evening discovering outstanding family literacy activities you can enjoy with your child at home.

This year's Superhero Family Literacy event includes SUPER storytellers, engaging literacy activities and prizes for all! The hands-on activities are SUPER unique strategies families can

implement at home to improve reading and writing skills. Our teachers will speak on the benefits of a read-aloud as well as assist families in discovering SUPER creative ways to improve reading.

**A study from Psychological Science suggests being read to builds a child's vocabulary, and, in turn, makes the child more prepared for school, more likely to graduate from high school and enroll in college.*

Don't miss this opportunity to discover ways to facilitate growth in your child's reading skills. Not only will your family benefit, you will have an opportunity to mingle with your University community family! **Kaboom...**

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. I know each of you wants yours and all children safe with supervision and this plan will be able to provide this environment.

From the Director of Security, Ed Clark

TRAFFIC AND PARKING:

Thank you for your patience as we adjust to increased traffic volume. Middle school parents use the outside drop-off lane to allow students to exit the vehicle and get safely to the curb without crossing through traffic. Please use blinkers so the traffic control people can easily facilitate you and other traffic. There is additional parking available in the Middle School before and after school for elementary parents. There are no left turns exiting at the west entrance to the High School, the exit to the Middle School and preferably at 18th Street and 65th Avenue during high volume times. This allows traffic to flow and reduces congestion.

Finally, at the High School we are requesting parents talk with their elementary students about not entering the parking lot from the south curbing without a parent or High School sibling escort. Our concern is that at some times your student could cross in front of as many as three cars and our elementary students are still growing and not easy to see.

Thanks!

STUDENT PICK UP REMINDER:


When coming to school to pick up a student, please remember to have your identification card ready to show office staff upon request. Your attention to this matter is



DID YOU KNOW?...

October is National Bullying Prevention Month: Encourage students to STOMP Out Bullying™



 **Red Ribbon Campaign: October 23-31.** This is the oldest and largest drug prevention campaign in the nation. It is a wonderful opportunity to discuss this subject with your student. Visit www.redribbon.org to learn more.

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.universitieschools/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, Sherry Gerner,
Trevor Garrett, Chris Hughes, Don Janklow, Donna Lakin,
Jeanne Lipman, Ryan Mayeda, Tom Roche*

Email questions to foundation@universitieschools.com.

When small can be BIG

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

⇒ Clip Box Tops



⇒ Clip Campbell's Soup Lab



⇒ 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.

This is a paid position. You must fill out a background

check and turn it in prior to starting this position.

If interested, please call Kathy Bruning at 506-7004 or stop by the Main office.

