

# University Schools



# BULLDOG NEWS

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### 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 Serner (970) 506-7001

Dear University Schools Families and Friends,

We have asked the University of Northern Colorado's Research Lab to assist us with a parent survey. The survey will be sent to you via email the second week of April. The survey is anonymous and the Research Lab will compile the results. Your feedback is important to us, so taking your time to complete the survey is sincerely appreciated.

Our budget committee will begin meeting in April to prepare a proposal which will be presented to the Board of Governors. Our budget is based on funding from the State of Colorado. Preliminary reports have stated we may receive a 2.6% increase in funding.

During the month of April, our students in grades three through eleven will take the State Assessments: Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS). Students will take paper/

pencil and computer-based tests. There will be less time testing this year versus last year. The results of the tests will be used for guiding the development of our Unified Improvement Plan, which we submit to the Colorado Department of Education. Thank you for your support.

The Board of Governors' candidates are: Trevor Garrett, John Kolanz, Bill McAdams, and Jeff Weber. There are three positions to be filled. Ballots will be mailed to each University household on April 1 and should be returned by April 19. If you do not receive a ballot, please contact Kathy Bruning at 506-7004.

**LEARNING  
IS A TREASURE THAT  
WILL FOLLOW ITS  
OWNER EVERYWHERE.**

*- Chinese Proverb*

Thank you for your tremendous support of University Schools. Our staff is committed to providing your child/ren the best educational experiences possible.

## NO SCHOOL:

**April 22**

**Faculty Inservice/  
Workday**



*"April showers  
bring May flowers."*



**INCLEMENT  
WEATHER  
INFORMATION**



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](http://www.universitieschools.com)) informing of the closure or delayed opening. Information is available on Facebook as well.

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 High School Principal, Holly Sample

April marks the beginning of a busy schedule of special events and activities. Our Spring sport season is underway with baseball, track and girls' tennis. On April 8, we will co-host the Northern Colorado Classic Baseball tournament and FCCLA is presenting our Prom Fashion Show during advising. Prom will be on April 23 this year at The Fountains of Loveland.

On Thursday, April 7, we will hold a meeting for parents of juniors to review senior project requirements. The meeting will be in room 1408 in the Main building at 7:00 p.m. After this meeting, students who wish to get an early start on their projects may submit a letter of intent by April 25. Juniors who do not turn in an early letter will turn in senior project letters of intent in the fall.

On April 18, we will release school for 9th - 11th graders at 1:00. Seniors will be dismissed at 10:40 and will return in the afternoon to present their projects to boards made up of teachers and community volunteers starting at 1:00 p.m. We are still accepting volunteers to serve on the boards and this is a great opportunity for parents to get a first-hand view of what their students will be experiencing. Email Denise Vaardahl at

[dvaardahl@universitieschools.com](mailto:dvaardahl@universitieschools.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Information for seniors about the requirements for presentations can be found on our website under Academics/Advising. **Select Senior Project Packet n the right side of the page and see pages 24 - 28 for information about presentation requirements, a speech outline and a rubric.** Senior project portfolios are due to advisors on April 12. The portfolio must be submitted in order for seniors to be scheduled for a board presentation. Seniors must score "Acceptable" or higher on their presentation to meet the senior project graduation requirement.

Students who miss the boards due to unavoidable circumstances or who do not meet the standard will have an opportunity to make up the presentation at the end of April. Any student who does not pass a board presentation at that time will have one more opportunity to present to University Schools' administrators (who will

have the final say as to whether the project presentation meets requirements) in mid-May.

Statewide testing will take place between April 15 and 21. 9th graders will take mathematics tests on April 15. On the 19th, juniors will take the ACT, sophomores will take the PSAT and freshmen will take the English language arts test. Seniors, who will have completed their project presentations the previous day, will stay home on April 19. Juniors will finish up testing on science tests Thursday and Friday of that week.



Our students have been doing an outstanding job this school year. Thirty percent of students have qualified for an academic letter (two consecutive trimesters on the honor roll). As we return from spring break, I want to thank students and encourage them to stay focused on their goals, take care of themselves and each other.



**Volunteers Needed** We need 30 community volunteers to help with Senior Board Presentations on April 18 from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. This will be the second year that senior projects will be evaluated by a board of teachers and community volunteers. Seniors will submit a portfolio and give a ten minute presentation about their project. The board will rate the project according to a rubric. Training will be provided. Parents are welcome to participate, although parents of seniors will not evaluate their own child's project. This is a great opportunity for parents of younger students to get an inside view of what their student will experience when he/she becomes a senior. If you can help, please save the date and email Denise Vaardahl at [dvaardahl@universitieschools.com](mailto:dvaardahl@universitieschools.com). Put "Senior Boards" in the subject line. Thank you!

**H.S. YEARBOOK**  
GET A BOOK BEFORE  
THEY ARE GONE!

COST: \$70

ORDER BETWEEN: 4/18/16-4/29/16 AT [WWW.JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM/](http://WWW.JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM/) OR IN THE MAIN FRONT OFFICE.

The UH Yearbook Staff has ordered a set number of books based on sales through February. Order your yearbook before we run out!

# middle SCHOOL

## From the Middle School Principal, Paul Kirkpatrick

I want to clarify a topic that has been brought to my attention several times in the last few weeks. The 2015-2016 Middle School Handbook (pg. 9) outlines the expectations for promotion to the next grade. This applies to 6th graders moving to 7th grade, 7th graders moving to 8th grade and 8th graders moving to High School. All students are required to pass all five core classes (Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies and STEM) to be promoted. Calculations for passing involve examining work from all three trimester grading periods.

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



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

What options or conditions remain?

1. Complete the rest of the year with a flurry of good grades so that all five core classes are passed.
2. If you Google "credit recovery for middle school," you will find numerous on-line options. Some are free and some are hundreds per class.
3. Register at your neighborhood/boundary school or another school of choice, to enter at the grade level you want to enroll your child.

If your child is in jeopardy of not being promoted to the next grade, he/she has met individually with the counselor to discuss his/her grades. If you have any questions regarding academic status for next year, please call me at (970) 576-3901.



I am excited about the 2015-2016 yearbook and have been working hard to include all of the great students of University Middle School. Buy your student's yearbook for \$45. You can leave your payment/order in the Middle School office.

Don't miss out on a chance to order your 15/16 **full color** hardback yearbook for your child. If you have already purchased a book, thank you! This year's book is one you won't want to miss! If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Miles at [mmiles@universitieschool.com](mailto:mmiles@universitieschool.com) or at (970) 576-3934.

### **Attention Mrs. Robinson's 6th graders!**

6th graders who have Mrs. Robinson on **Day 2:**  
Around the World Food Festival will be  
**May 19 from 12:05-1:35 pm** in room 204

6th graders who have Mrs. Robinson on **Day 1:**  
Around the World Food Festival will be  
**May 20 from 7:45-9:15 am** in room 204



Please ask your student for more information as we get closer to this exciting event!



**Middle School Dance** - Friday, April 15 from 6-8 p.m. in the Main building! The cost is \$5.00 or \$3.00 with two canned goods. Pizza and drinks will be sold for \$1.00 each. We hope to see all University Middle School students there. This dance is **ONLY** for University Middle School students!

### **Middle School Traffic** From the Director of Security, Ed Clark

Middle School Parents: please 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 at the exit from the Middle School (65th Avenue) during high volume times. This allows traffic to flow and reduces congestion.

# From the Elementary Principal, Mike Mazurana

As we head into April, I think it is important to remember where we started and why we have all chosen to be a part of the Bulldog family. Our Mission statement of: University Schools will prepare students emotionally and educationally for learning, leading, and caring citizenship in their academic, social, and civic communities certainly rings true with two months to go.

Students have now presented two PLPs that were extensions of learning here at school or totally unique interests derived from years of wonder or interest outside of our building's walls.

They continue in their growth and understanding within the social and emotional arenas of life through weekly counseling meetings (many of which are one-on-one) which are a very scarce commodity these days around the state. We think this is another reason our kids and parents choose us as they value a safe and caring environment where students can practice lifelong skills of acceptance, empathy and kindness with trained professionals like Ms. Laura and Ms. Shayna as facilitators.

Students are challenged physically daily, as well as mentally, through our physical education program that boasts 3 elementary PE teachers and accommodates close to 700 students every day! The research shows that cutting programs like PE, music or the arts in favor for more academic time may help in the short term but will have lasting negative effects in the long run. From creating their own dances to team-building activities and learning the basics of throwing, jumping, running and cooperative play, our PE department prepares students as leaders, learners and caring citizens every day.

As far as the arts were concerned, I believe these two quotes sum it up best as to why we believe in our specials rotations every week for every child: ***Those who have studied learning processes throughout the ages, beginning with Plato, have emphasized the importance of the arts in the education process. Arts education refers to***

***education in the disciplines of music, dance, theatre, and visual arts...The arts are what make us most human, most complete as people. The arts cannot be learned through occasional or random exposure any more than math or science can. Education and engagement in the fine arts are an essential part of the school curriculum and an important component in the educational program of every student" (Bryant, 2015).***

***"The arts develop neural systems that produce a broad spectrum of benefits ranging from fine motor skills to creativity and improved emotional balance... In a study conducted by Judith Burton, Columbia University, research evidenced that subjects such as mathematics, science, and language require complex cognitive and creative capacities "typical of arts learning" (Burton, Horowitz, & Abeles, 1999). "The arts enhance the process of learning. The systems they nourish, which include our integrated sensory, attentional, cognitive, emotional, and motor capacities, are, in fact, the driving forces behind all other learning" (Jensen, 2001).***

Finally, our mission is realized through the acquisition and development of different languages, of which the elementary is lucky to be introduced to two, Spanish and Sign Language, and the study of all things technology. Through the learning of two other languages, our students are exposed to different cultures, learning styles, and challenges in their education that are quite different from almost any other in the state. With the added classes this year around Tech literacy, we believe students will be best prepared for the demands of an ever increasing technological world and how to navigate it confidently with safety, empathy and kindness in mind.

Clearly, it is the culmination of all these educational experiences here at University Schools that makes us realize what great learners, leaders and caring citizens we are producing. While this

may show up in a state test score it is not something that is easily measured, but it is something we know will be the driving force for our student's success in an ever-changing world.

PARCC testing will begin on April 5 and will continue for most 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders until April 15. All students in 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> will be taking the Math tests in paper pencil, English Language Arts on the computer (except 3<sup>rd</sup> which will be paper pencil as well). Fifth graders will then finish up elementary testing April 19-25 with state science testing. Please, be mindful of doctor's appointments and scheduling vacations or days off during this stretch in April.

Spring has sprung and with it comes behaviors that are less desirable. Thank you for having conversations with students at home about expectations at school. Also, thank you for keeping to routines and structures that have helped in the learning process for the past 7 months.

Thank you for your attendance at your student's parent/teacher's conference. Our goal is always to meet with 100% of our parents for celebrations and goals for the coming trimester. With 75% of the year complete, it is easy to think we are about done but, with 25% of the year's new learning left, it is imperative we have a strong finish to be best prepared for next year.

Thanks again for choosing to be part of our school and its mission and for working so hard with your students not only this month and next, but every month. It is a partnership; we know we can't do without your hard work and support.

**"BE NOT AFRAID  
OF GOING SLOWLY.  
BE AFRAID ONLY  
OF STANDING STILL."**

Chinese Proverb

**LIBRARIANS:**

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

## Latest from the Library

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: District Battle of the Books is Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28.**

**We need help from 3:00-6:00 both evenings.** We need greeters, judges, scorekeepers, runners, and other helpers to welcome over 500 students, coaches, teachers, parents and families from Greeley elementary schools.

**Sign up to help at District Battle of the Books:**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0448a5aa2ba0f94-district>

**BATTLE OF THE BOOKS:** These students will represent University Schools at district battles in April:

**Fifth Grade: 1st Place:** Taco Warfare: Owen Blehm, Owen Bonnell, Andrew Escobedo, KJ Martinez, Zach Yockey. **2nd Place:** Rocking Rainbow Readers Return: Mikyla Arguello, Brooke Crosser, Makoy Lucero, Maylea Parrish. **Fourth Grade: 1st Place:** Blonde Bulldogs: Sylvia Johnson, Rosie Kameron, Claire Lindenmayer. **2nd Place:** American Readers: Kohl Constance,

Gabe Hollingshead, Taidin Stone, Kevin Vaardahl, Johnny Whyrick.

**Third Grade: 1st Place:** Connor Bonnell, Ethan Abeyta, Natalie Tallman, Leila Thompson, and Rylie Tennent. **2nd Place:** Aidan Driscoss, Chase Kauffman, Owen Wildt, Zachary Wulf.

### **EARTH DAY BOOK EXCHANGE April 11-21.**

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

### **BOOK FAIR AT THE CARNIVAL!**

The Scholastic BookFair will be open **at the USPTO Carnival on May 6 from 6-8 p.m.** You can also **shop online from May 1- May 11** at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/universityschools1>.

All proceeds benefit the University Schools Elementary/High School Library.



## **FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY** **Save the date**

From May 14-26 the Barnes and Noble Book Fair will benefit the middle school library.

### **Middle School Battle of the Books Dates:**

**Monday, April 11:**

Middle School Cafeteria at 3:00 p.m.

**Monday, April 25:**

Middle School District Battle @ Chappelow 3:30 p.m.

Battle of the Books season is upon us!

**BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB:** Celebrate your child's birthday by purchasing a library book in his or her honor. Visit [libraryuniversityschools.blogspot.com/](http://libraryuniversityschools.blogspot.com/).

### **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).**

You can search your app store on your cell phone to install a free app from wunderground weather.



Location: Highland Hills Golf Course, CO

## Hello from the USPTO!

The Board of Governors, USPTO, Booster Club and Junior Bulldogs will be hosting this year's Teacher Appreciation Week. If you are interested in helping with set up, clean up or donating supplies, please let me know. Dates and times will be posted on the bulletin board outside of the Main office.

The next USPTO meeting will be April 28, 2016 from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the Main library. We will be sorting prizes for the carnival at this meeting. We hope to see you there.

Thank you,






Shannon Ceccoli  
970-485-4825

[Shannon.ceccoli@gmail.com](mailto:Shannon.ceccoli@gmail.com)

# High School & Middle School Sports

High School and Middle School athletic information can be found on our website at [www.universitieschools.com](http://www.universitieschools.com).

Away game details can be found on the website at School Info (found on top toolbar) and then click on School Calendar. Click on the away game school to find out the following information:

-  School Location
-  Address
-  Phone Number
-  Bus Departure Time
-  Map to Location

*High School Athletic Director:*  
Ryan Wehrman  
970.506.7006

*Middle School Athletic Director:*  
Nick Kintz  
970-.576.3904



## ATTENTION: Parents of Current 5th Graders MIDDLE SCHOOL TRANSITION

We invite you to join us for our Preview to Middle School on Wednesday, April 6, 2016 from 6:00pm - 7:00 pm.

- Presentation will be given in the Middle School gym
- Learn about the curriculum and guided exploration courses
- Tour the building and meet our teachers at University Middle School

## From the University Schools Foundation Development Director:

My name is Shannon Ceccoli and I have accepted the position of Development Director for University Schools. I am happy to be serving the school in this capacity. My goal will be to plan events that incorporate students, staff and community. The Foundation's goal is to meet the needs of the school with educational and financial support.

There are many ways you can support the Foundation, including;

buying a brick, sponsoring a classroom, \$5.00 Fridays, golf tournaments, galas and much more. We will also be starting the Script Program and King Soopers cards. For information about donating or volunteering, please contact Shannon.

Thank you  
Shannon Ceccoli  
Development Director  
970-485-4825



## 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. For elementary and middle school students, parents must sign out their student in the office.

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

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



## what we found!

Ask your student to 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 boxes, water bottles

Marking these items with your child's name helps ensure the item is returned to your student.

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





# Lottery

Do you have a student you want included in the lottery for this fall (not currently enrolled at University Schools)? 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 applicant is a sibling of a current University student, if that is the case. We will have drawings as we learn of openings. If your child's name is drawn, we will contact you by calling the contact number on file.

## Announcing the first (in a long time) ALL Middle School Student Production!!!!

University Middle School would like to invite you to our production of

### *The Surprising Story of the Three Little Pigs*

This delightful story is fun for all ages!

When: Friday, April 1, 2016

Where: University Auditorium

Time: 7:00 PM

Cost: Adults: \$2.00

Students/Children: \$1.00



## DID YOU KNOW?



During spring, the sun rises earlier in the morning and sets later in the afternoon.



Although you can feel it getting warmer, spring is also the season with the most unpredictable weather. It has been known to be hot, cold, really windy and even very snowy in spring!



Spring is a time when lots of birds build nests ready for egg laying. Have you spotted a nest yet?



Lots of baby animals are born in spring, like lambs, squirrels and deer.



The first spring flowers are typically lilacs, irises, lilies, tulips, daffodils and dandelions.

## Immunization Update for All Students

by School Nurse,  
Jane Weber, BS, RN, MA

There have been significant changes to the State of Colorado's immunization requirements for school attendance. Colorado has moved to align its standards with those recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta. These changes are based on the most current research on vaccine preventable disease.

**Students entering 6<sup>th</sup> Grade are required to have a booster for Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis (Tdap).** Pertussis, or whooping cough, is prevalent in the state and in our community. It can be extremely dangerous for young babies. It can also mean extended absences from school or work. The protection from this vaccine wanes over time which is why a booster is needed.

**All students will now be required to have two valid doses of Varicella (chicken pox) vaccine.** A valid dose is one given not more than 4 days before the first birthday. Chicken pox vaccine is a "live" vaccine and cannot be given any earlier than 28 days following vaccination with another live vaccine such as Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR).

**Students who may have previously been in compliance with regard to the Hepatitis B vaccination series may now need additional vaccination.** This is due to changes in the recommendation for the spacing of doses and age of the child when receiving the final immunization in the series.

**If these rule changes will affect your child, you will receive a letter from me in the mail.** Please discuss this with your physician at your next checkup or contact The Weld County Health Department 970-304-6420.

Parents who request **Personal or Religious Exemption Status for their children will need to sign that document each school year.** We will provide these forms, upon request, at registration.

Updated immunization information is welcomed at any time. Please be prepared with evidence of any immunizations required at registration. If your doctor visit is scheduled after that time, please inform me at registration.

University Schools always has high compliance rates for requirements for vaccine preventable diseases. I would like to thank all parents for your efforts.



## ELEMENTARY MUSIC CONCERTS

\*Students will meet at the Auditorium at 6:15 pm.

**1ST GRADE: Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 pm\***

Students need to wear dress clothes (dresses/skirts, button-up shirts).

**3RD GRADE: Thursday, April 28, 6:30 pm\***

Students need to wear jeans and a brightly colored top (red, royal blue, hot pink, purple, lime green, bright yellow, etc.).

**5TH GRADE: Wednesday, April 27, 6:30 pm\***

"Patriotic Partners"

Students need to wear clean, neat jeans with no holes. Fliers have been sent home recently. Please refer to the flier for the coordinating t-shirt color.

If your family has a close relative in the military who we could honor during the program, please email me for details at [rmundfrom@universitieschools.com](mailto:rmundfrom@universitieschools.com).



On **Thursday, May 5**, the University Theatre Company will host a senior one-act play, induct students into the International Thespian Society, Troupe #3898 and follow with an awards ceremony to honor this year's student achievements in theatre arts.

All these events will be held in the University Schools Auditorium. Cost \$3.00

**5:30 - Senior one-act play: "CHECK PLEASE"**

6:15 - Thespian Induction

6:45 - University Theatre Program Awards Program

We have greatly appreciated the support we have received this year and the generous donations that will be used for acquiring a new light board for the auditorium. Look for future details regarding events to help finish raising funds for this project!

## Financial Advisor Position

University Schools is seeking a financial advisor to the Board of Governors to begin July 1, 2016. The person in this position will give input to the Board of Governors on financial matters. This person will be a non-employee of University Schools, have a background in finance and/or economics and have knowledge of TABOR rules and school finance. The financial advisor will be a volunteer, appointed position and voting member of the Board of Governors. If interested, please submit your letter of interest and resume to [business-manager@universitieschools.com](mailto:business-manager@universitieschools.com) by April 11, 2016.

Be sure to mark these important dates on your calendar.

**Elementary Field Days** will be the week of May 9-12:

Monday, May 9: 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Grades

Wednesday, May 11: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Tuesday, May 10: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Grades

Thursday, May 12: Kindergarten



1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Days are all day with game activities in the morning and water activities after lunch. Kindergarten Field Days will be half days, matching the Kindergarten schedule.

Watch for flyers and detailed information to come home with students mid-April. It's never too soon to start the Sun Dances.

# BAND & CHOIR



Choir Teacher:  
Anne Martinez

Band Teacher:  
Andrew Holcombe

## From the Choirs:

On April 21, the High School Women's and Concert Choirs will be performing at the CHSAA Large Group Vocal Festival at Fossil Ridge High School. We are excited for this special and important performance. Women's Choir will perform at 8:20 am and Concert Choir will perform at 11:25 am. Performances are open to the public.

Mark your calendars for the final choir concerts of the year on Tuesday, May 10. At these concerts, we will also be giving choir awards, lettering awards and honoring our seniors. It is always a special and memorable evening!

Tuesday, May 10            5:30 - 6th Grade Choir  
                                     6:15 - 7th and 8th Grade Choirs  
                                     7:30 - High School Choirs

## From the Bands:

In March, our Symphonic Band performed at the CBA Regional Festival and received the rating of a 'II - Excellent.' Congratulations to our High School band members who worked very hard to earn this rating! Our Advanced (7th Grade) and Concert (8th Grade) Bands also performed at a festival in late March and represented our Middle School very well. Coming up in April our Jazz Band will perform at a live music event at Aims which will be broadcast on their local radio station and they will also perform at the UNC Jazz Festival on Friday, April 22, sometime in the morning. Check the band website ([bands.universityschools.com](http://bands.universityschools.com)) for specific times and consider coming out to support our student musicians as they perform around the city!

Also, please mark your calendar for our final band concerts of the year on Wednesday, May 11. The High School concert will feature a very special piece of music written specifically for our University High School Symphonic Band in memory of Drew Harsh. We will perform the world premier of this piece for you that evening! You won't want to miss all the great music we have in store for you at any of our spring concerts - hope to see you there!

Wednesday, May 11        5:30 - Beginning Band  
                                     6:15 - Advanced and Concert Bands  
                                     7:30 - High School Bands Concert (Symphonic Band and Jazz Band)

## MusicFest 2016

MusicFest is a variety show featuring the best of University High School's talent. You will be amazed at what our students are able to do. Don't miss out on all of the moments of this special event. All proceeds will go toward the Performing Arts Program at University Schools.

MusicFest will take place on Friday, April 29, at 7:00 pm. There will be a Silent Auction before and during the performance. The performance and auction will take place in the University Schools Auditorium.

### Incoming 6th Graders Interested in Band?

Reserve your appointment time for your student to attend our Instrument Placement Night!



If you are a current Fifth Grader and are interested in participating in band in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at University Middle School, please plan to attend our Instrument Placement Night on Wednesday, April 13, at the Middle School. At this event, students will have the opportunity to work with professionals and try out each of the seven instruments available in sixth grade beginning band. Even if your child has an idea what s/he wants to play, it is important to give every instrument a chance.

If interested, please visit the University Schools band website ([bands.universityschools.com](http://bands.universityschools.com)) and click on "Beginning Band." You will find all sorts of information on beginning band there, including how to reserve your spot at the Instrument Placement Night. ***It is imperative that all students interested in being in band in 6th grade attend this event!*** If you cannot attend this event and are interested in band, please contact Mr. Holcombe at [aholcombe@universityschools.com](mailto:aholcombe@universityschools.com) or call 970-506-3921.

## 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,  
Chris Hughes, Don Janklow, Paul Knapp, Donna Lakin, Jeanne Lipman,  
Ryan Mayeda, Tom Roche, Tina Whitcomb*

Email questions to [foundation@universitieschools.com](mailto:foundation@universitieschools.com).

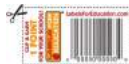
## When small can be BIG

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

⇒ Clip Box Tops



⇒ Clip Campbell's Soup Labels



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!

## Information for Board of Governors' Election

The Board of Governors' election will be April 19, 2016. Three positions will be elected. The nine Board Members who are not the Faculty/Staff Representative shall be elected by a vote of the majority or plurality of the parents or guardians of students attending University Schools. Only one parent or guardian of the same child may serve on the Board at the same time.

University Football, Boys' & Girls' Basketball & Volleyball  
Reverse Raffle Details

# Reverse Raffle

## A Chance to Win BIG!

The 400 Club Reverse Drawing will be an adult-only evening of food, games and socializing with fellow University Families and Friends. This casual dressy affair will be a great chance to support University Football, Boys' and Girls' Basketball and Volleyball along with a chance to win a grand prize of \$3,000 and numerous other prizes throughout the evening. There will also be other side raffles and silent auction items throughout the evening.

The event takes place on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 from 6-10pm. For just \$150 you and a guest will be admitted into Butler Hancock Arena for the 400 Club Drawing. Only 400 tickets will be sold. Kenny's Steakhouse will be catering. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with food service beginning at 6:30 and the drawing beginning at 7:00 pm. Babysitting will be provided in the nearby Champions' Room where there will be pizza, juice and an assortment of snacks. There will be craft projects, games, and a G Rated Movie with supervision from University Athletes.

All proceeds from this event will go toward summer programs and equipment purchases for these University Athletic Programs. As our programs grow more and more competitive, we need to make sure that every athlete has the opportunity to play in the summer and attend summer camps.

With food provided by Kenny's Steakhouse and great prizes throughout the evening, this promises to be a great event in support of University athletes.

Please contact Coach Casey Doss ([cdoss@universityschools.com](mailto:cdoss@universityschools.com)) or Coach Sarah Wildt ([swildt@universityschools.com](mailto:swildt@universityschools.com)) to purchase a ticket or sponsor a table (see below).

Is your business looking for advertisement opportunities? We are also providing table sponsorships.

Table Sponsorship - \$100 (100 Sponsorships Available)

The \$100 table sponsorship will provide the sponsor (business) the following:

- ◆ Name and Logo on a table at this event on April 29th (along with the ability to place brochures or other information regarding the business on the table)
- ◆ Name and Logo on the April 29th event program and welcome banner
- ◆ Name and Logo on the Thank You Page printed in the Greeley Tribune on May 7th
- ◆ Name and Logo on the Thank You Page that will be placed in the program of each sport at the first home game

Sponsors will be listed in alphabetical order on all printings.

# BARNES & NOBLE

## Book Fair



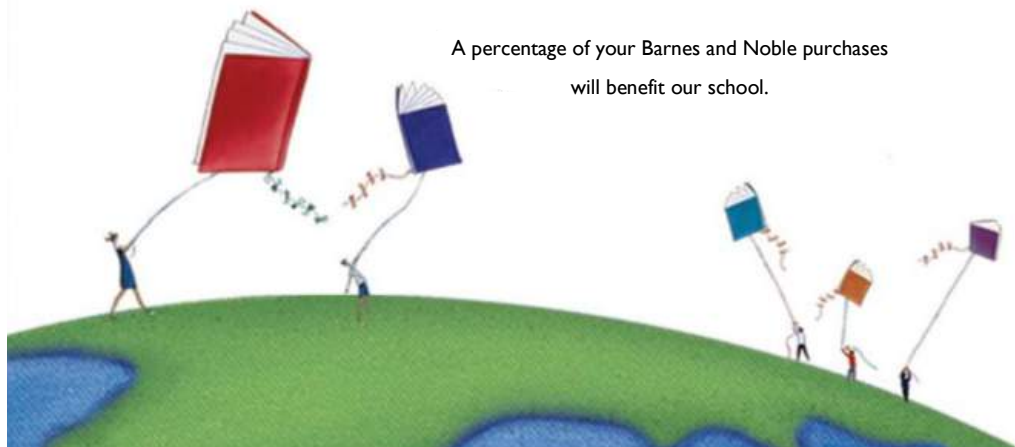
Saturday, May 14th  
5835 Sky Pond Drive, Loveland CO 80537  
Book fair held in support of  
the University Middle School Library

This will be a great opportunity to purchase your  
middle school child's summer reading book.

*Can't attend our book fair at Barnes & Noble?*

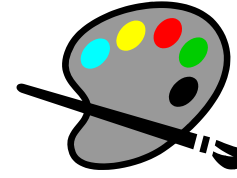
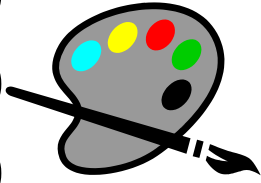
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will benefit our school.



# PAWS 2016

## Elementary Summer Art Classes



Summer Art Enrichment Classes will be offered to University Schools elementary students beginning in July. The schedule for all classes will be Week 1 Tues through Fri, Weeks 2-4 Monday through Thursday, 9:00 - 12:00. All materials are included.

Cost is \$100 per session. **\$50 deposit due by May 13th!!!**

Please check:

- \_\_\_ July 5—8 *STEAM Using the arts in science, technology, engineering, and math*
- \_\_\_ July 11—14 *Drawing: art journaling, field sketching, Monart Drawing Methodology, computer drawing*
- \_\_\_ July 18—21 *Art of Cartooning and Comics*
- \_\_\_ July 25—28 *3-D Recycled Art: found object collage, cardboard sculpture, garden art, metal mobiles*

Name of participant \_\_\_\_\_

Age/Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Person authorized to pick up child besides parents  
\_\_\_\_\_

Health concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

Please return the completed form and make checks payable to:  
**University Schools PAWS**

Art Room #1406

Ph: 506-7060

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

Date payment received \_\_\_\_\_

Check/Cash \_\_\_\_\_