



Bulldog News

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University School

Special Edition 2010-11 Registration and School Information

Dear Parents and Students,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year. This is the first official Bulldog News with school registration and other important information included.

Our registration process has changed slightly this year in that we are offering earlier morning and later evening hours for your convenience. The packet is similar to years past. Complete as much as you can before you arrive to save you time. Please enter the south patio doors to the cafeteria to begin the registration process. Once inside, you'll see signs for general directions.

We are excited to begin the school year and welcome our new and returning students. We have new staff members who come to University Schools with great expertise.

University Schools has a rich tradition and an excellent reputation for meeting student needs and fostering a climate which promotes life-long learning in a nurturing, safe environment.

I am very proud to be a part of University as I begin my fifth year as Director. As I have stated before, I enjoy working with students and staff every day and I am grateful for our Board of Governors who always put students first when making decisions about our school.

Let us know if we can answer registration or other questions you may have. Our office number is: 506-7000. Again, welcome and have a wonderful remaining days of summer. Thank you for supporting University Schools.

Sincerely,

Sherry Gerner, Ed.D.
Director

Non-Permission Form for the Use of Photographs, Video and Original Student Work on the Website and in Print

At registration, you will be asked to sign a form if you **do not** want University Schools to publish photographs and videos of your child(ren) or their original artwork and writing. If you do not sign the form, we will assume that we have your permission to include these in our internet and print media (the website, Bulldog News, flyers and brochures) and external publications as well (Greeley Tribune, etc.) Your signature at registration for non-permission will apply until rescinded by you or until registration each year. Thank you.

School Lunches

District 6 will be our school lunch provider again this year. Prices for lunches will be \$2.00 Elementary, \$2.25 Middle School and \$2.65 High School. Checks may be written to: **District 6 Lunch Program** and will be forwarded to District 6. All students should receive an application for free/reduced lunches in the mail. If you feel that you could qualify, please fill out the form and return it to District 6. All information regarding free/reduced lunches is kept confidential.

From the Middle School Principal, Paul Kirkpatrick

Welcome to a new and exciting middle school year! There will be a few significant changes in our schedule this year, but they are all for the better. First, our middle school athletics will now take place immediately after school is dismissed, instead of beginning during the elective block as in years past. This will not affect game times, but we will have to be a bit more creative in scheduling practices to coordinate with high school sports as well. Coaches for each middle school sport will communicate with parents prior to each season to announce practice times and game schedules.

By changing the beginning time of our athletics, our second big change can take place. The last block of the day (blocks four and nine) will now be a 90 minute block of Enrichment classes for our 7th and 8th graders. This is a big change from having the two shorter 43 minute classes. Now, the same quality exploratory classes can be offered in a more productive unit of time. Classes will be offered on day ones and day twos so that students will ultimately be able to take six classes per year in trimester rotations. (Sixth graders presently have this option in blocks two and seven).

During the Enrichment blocks for sixth, seventh and eighth graders, students will be able to experience the Arts (performing and visual), Physical Education classes, World Languages, Technology, Adolescent Skill Development classes, and other related courses. These classes will be taught by staff that are trained in the specific content areas and have a passion for sharing the topics with middle level students!

Thirdly, our middle school will be a bit larger than ever before. The goal for each grade level is to have 110 students and 5 teachers. As one can calculate, class sizes still remain at approximately 22. Several new middle school teachers will be added to keep classes and advising the same size or smaller than before.

We look forward to seeing you all this fall!

From the High School Principal, Holly Sample

By the time this newsletter arrives, summer will be in full swing. My hope is that students are enjoying time with their families. Summer is also an excellent time for University High School students to take care of some of their experiential graduation requirements: community service, job shadows and internships. A handful of students have submitted early proposals for their senior projects and the rest of the seniors should be thinking about their projects, as proposals will be due within the first month of the new school year. While summer is a welcome respite from the hectic pace of the school year, most of our teachers also use the summer time productively: taking classes and workshops to increase their effectiveness, planning curriculum or working at second jobs.

In just a few short months, we will all be returning to school, ready to learn and to reconnect with friends and colleagues. When we begin the new school year, we will say goodbye to two teachers while welcoming new members of the Bulldog faculty. Louisa Warfield will be teaching at the University of Northern Colorado and Sarah Rowland will be attending graduate school at Arizona State University in Phoenix. We will miss them and we wish them well. Lori Pierce is also leaving the high school, although she is only going downstairs. Next year, she will be teaching third and fourth grades at University Schools. Joni Lissak, who taught middle school art last year, has been hired to teach fine arts at the high school. By the time school starts, we will also introduce new teachers in Language Arts and Spanish.

While student motivation and teacher expertise are important aspects of our school environment, parent support and involvement are equally important. The more you know about your young adult's school experiences, the more you can promote good work habits and decision-making. I encourage you to communicate directly and frequently with your student's advisor, counselor and teachers. Together we can make the 2010 – 2011 school year the best ever.

From the Library

Get Ready to Read!

Elementary and Middle school students will be participating in the Accelerated Reader program again this school year. To find out the reading level of a book or to see how many points a quiz is worth, go to <http://www.arbookfind.com/>. And, watch for more information to come home about Accelerated Reader during the first weeks of school!

Book Fair: Save the Date

University Schools Library will host our annual K-8 Scholastic Book Fair during the week of September 13-17, 2010. All proceeds from the book fair go directly onto library shelves as profit taken in new books.

Book fair is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to earn community service hours. We also appreciate parent helpers! We need volunteers on the following dates:

- **Friday, September 10 from 2:00 - 4:30:** Book fair set-up
- **Monday, September 13 and Tuesday, September 14 during school:** Adult preview helpers for K/1/2 classes
- **September 13-17 during and after school:** Volunteer cashiers (adults/high school students)
- **Friday, September 17 from 2:00 - 4:30:** Book fair tear-down

If you can help during this fun event, email me at rbudzynski@universitieschools.com or call 506-7022.

Rachel Budzynski
K-12 Librarian

Get Scholarship Information from the High School Counselor

Our High School Counselor, Donna Gonzales, updates her "FYI – From the High School Counselor" announcements every two weeks during the school year. This publication provides a wealth of information on scholarships, leadership and educational opportunities and college admissions officer visits. While this information is posted on our website (www.univeristyschools.com), parents and students can receive it directly through email by sending a request to Donna Gonzales at dgonzales@universitieschools.com. Please include "Request for FYI" in the subject line and your name in the message. The first publication of the school year will be early September. If you have not received your copy by September 15, please call Donna at 506-7039.

Benefits of Free & Reduced Lunch for High School Students

High School students can get more than a free lunch when they qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch program! Seniors may qualify to get their college application fee waived if they have been approved for the Free and Reduced Lunch program. Students may also get the fee waived for the ACT and SAT exams and AP Exam fees are significantly reduced. These are great reasons to apply for the Free and Reduced Lunch program even if your student does not regularly eat lunch at our school.

Please pick up an application during registration and bring a copy of the approval letter to your high school counselor, Donna Gonzales, to get these fees waived or reduced. All information is kept confidential.

Attention High School Volleyball Players

The University High School volleyball team will be conducting their back to school skills camp on August 10-12 from 4:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the University gym. It is highly recommended that all high school students interested in playing volleyball in the fall attend. Please wear appropriate volleyball clothing and get ready for the season. Please visit our website at www.universitieschools.com and go to the student's link, student activities and look for the volleyball link. If you have any questions, please email Coach Greg Cravens using the volleyball website link.

Athletic and Activities Information

Clearance to Participate:

Any middle or high school student who might be participating in any sport or activity during the 2010-11 school year must turn in his/her paperwork at registration. Students participating in a fall sport will need to pay the participation fee at registration. The high school fee is \$90 and the middle school fee is \$45. The clearance packet is included with the other registration forms. **The 2 pieces of paperwork that must be turned in at registration are: 1) orange Notice to Parents and Emergency Contact form 2) blue Physical form.**

Remember, this paperwork must be turned in at registration for any middle or high school student who is planning to participate in an activity or sport during the 2010-11 school year. This includes the following high school activities: football, volleyball, cross country, spirit, basketball, wrestling, track and field, forensics, knowledge bowl, tennis and baseball. Middle school activities include: football, cross country, volleyball, basketball, wrestling, brain bowl and track and field.

Schedule your physical now!

Fall Sports Dates:

Mandatory high school sports parent meeting on August 15 in the auditorium (individual sport meetings immediately after at 5:00 pm)

High school sports start on August 16.

- Football, Volleyball, Spirit, Cross Country and Boys Tennis

Mandatory middle school parent meeting on August 18 in the main gym

Middle school sports start on August 16.

- Football, Volleyball, Cross Country

From the Boys Tennis Coach, Mike Usher

Fall practice will begin on August 16 at 4:00 pm for all boys interested in playing on the University High tennis team. Practice will be held at the Centennial Courts. If you haven't signed up, please call coach Mike Usher at 356-4642.

There will be a summer tennis camp for boys in grades 8 through 12 from August 9-12. It will be from 9-11:30 am Monday through Thursday. The cost is \$25 and includes a t-shirt. For registration, please call coach Mike Usher at 356-4642 or email at mikeusher@comcast.net. Only 25 registrations will be taken.

From the High School Football Coach, Tom Grasmick

I am very excited about the upcoming season and the jubilation and attitude of the players so far at our mini-camps and workouts. I can't wait for the start of a new season for University High Football.

Football information is listed below:

- There is a website for the football team. It is www.universitybulldogsfootball.com.
- Weight lifting will run June 7 through August 13 from 7:00-8:30 am and 5:00-6:30 pm.
- The first official practice will be August 16 at 5:00 am. Players must arrive at the locker room prior to 5:00 am.
- Any additional information and schedules can be found on the football website.
- Please feel free to call me at (970) 556-2516 or email at coachgrasmick@live.com.

Parking at School

To promote safety and security, students who wish to park at University Schools must bring the completed "Student Vehicle Registration" form when registering for school. Students will be required to provide information about the make and model of the car, license plate number and proof of both insurance and valid driver's license. Throughout the year, students who receive their licenses or decide to begin driving to school will need to register.

Students have the privilege of parking in the south parking lot at no charge. In order to maintain this privilege, students should drive with caution and be respectful of other cars as well as the surrounding neighborhoods.

Senior Pictures and Yearbook Deadlines

Seniors---don't wait to set up your senior picture appointments!! Senior pictures are due to the Yearbook staff on Thursday October 14, 2010. Please make sure you get an appointment scheduled with enough time to meet this deadline. It is best to ask your photographer for your photo in digital format with a 300dpi jpeg. If you cannot provide digital, we will accept a print, but we need wallet size please. All photos should be vertically oriented. Please do not include your name or graduation year on the front of the photo itself or it will not be used for the yearbook. Photos need to be given to the New Yearbook Teacher, Laura Kavanaugh, in Room 2015 by the deadline!

Yearbook Purchasing deadline—If you are interested in purchasing a high school yearbook, you must submit your order by January 21, 2011 to be guaranteed a book. This is also the deadline for getting the book personalized with a name and icons on the cover. After this date, books are on a first-come, first-served basis and cannot be guaranteed. Order your yearbook now by returning the order form and payment at registration or by visiting JOSTENSYEARBOOKS.COM to pay with a credit card.

Middle School Yearbooks

Attention University Middle School Parents:

Don't miss the chance to purchase a yearbook for your child. It's the only book that captures the year's events, activities, friendships, experiences and memories from University Middle School. You may visit www.jostensyearbooks.com to place your order or place your order at registration. If you have any questions, please contact Maggie Miles at mmiles@universitieschools.com or (970) 506-7025. The price of the full color book is \$35 until January and then the price will go up. This year's book is one you won't want to miss!

Attention 8th Grade Parents:

Don't miss the chance to put your student's baby picture in the yearbook. Please submit pictures to Mrs. Miles in room 2035 or through email at mmiles@universitieschools.com. All pictures submitted will be returned to you by the end of the year. The deadline to submit baby pictures is December 17, 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Miles at (970) 506-7025.

Palisade Peaches

Get your Palisade Peaches! FCCLA is once again selling peaches. The price is \$26 per box and they should arrive at the end of August or beginning of September. Email Nancy Velazquez at nvelazquez@universitieschools.com or leave a message at (970) 506-7061 with your name, phone number and the number of boxes you would like.

On-line Events and Calendar Use

The on-line, interactive calendar on the school website is the most up-to-date way to check school events, athletics, meetings and get information. To access the calendars, follow these steps:

From the school website at <http://www.universitieschools.com>, select the **calendar** link at the top of any page. Then choose the calendar you wish to view.

- Academic Activities: Classroom events, field trips, musical and drama productions and testing dates
- General School Year: Events that are of general interest to the University Schools community
- Meeting Schedules: Faculty, parent/volunteer groups, the Board of Governors and student clubs
- Student Activities: Clubs, Student Council and extra-curricular event dates, including a link to the athletics calendar.

You can also view Lunch, Booster Club, USPTO, and Information Menus

You can also enter events. Events **you enter will only be visible after they have been confirmed.**

Athletic events and practices are only on Schedule Star. Click the link near the top of the Student Activities calendar or the multiple calendar view to see the most up-to-date athletic schedules.

- To view event details, click on the event. A pop-up will appear with additional information.
- Choose your favorite view – day, week, 2-week, year, calendar, list.
- To switch calendars, find the "calendar" dropdown arrow, select "from full list" and click on "Go". Then select the calendar(s) you wish to view.

WebEvent: February 2007 - Microsoft Internet Explorer provided by University Schools

Address: <http://www.universitieschools.com/cgi-bin/webevent/publish/webevent.cgi?y=2007&m=2&d=17&cmd=calmonth&de=1&tf=0&sb=1&sb=0&sa=0&vs=0&st=0>

University Schools Calendar

This is a view of multiple calendars. Use the 'Calendar' list arrow below for selecting individual calendars.

[Click here to view the most up-to-date athletic events](#)

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February 2007 User: guest

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
	Day 2 (General)	Chicken Fajita, Chef Salad, or Hamburger (Lunch)	Grilled Cheese Sandwich & Tomato Soup, Corn Dog, or Domino's Pizza (Lunch)	3:15 p.m. Bulldog Homework Club (Academics)	11:15 a.m. FBLA Meeting (Activities)	Warfield/Barnard Field Trip (Academics)
	Vertical Teams (Meetings)	3:15 p.m. Bulldog Homework Club (Academics)	8 a.m. Mainati Field Trip (Academics)	3:15 p.m. Math Tutoring (Academics)	1:10 p.m. Middle School Class (Meetings)	
	Italian Meatball Sandwich, Bean & Cheese Burrito, or Spicy Chicken Sandwich (Lunch)	3:15 p.m. Math Tutoring (Academics)	3:15 p.m. Math Tutoring	3:30 p.m. Mini Cheer Camp (Activities)		

From the Elementary Master Teacher, Carol Riggs

I hope this edition of the Bulldog News finds everyone enjoying a safe, fun, and reading summer! Studies have shown that the volume of reading done by children will help them be more successful in school and as adults. Most of you received a letter about our summer reading expectations with your progress reports at the end of the school year. I urge each family to review those expectations and be ready for school as it begins in August.

For those of you who are returning to University Schools, you will see some new faces and faces in new roles. We have hired a new elementary school counselor, a half-time fifth grade teacher and a third/fourth grade teacher. A new role, but not a new face to University Schools is Lori Pierce. Lori has been teaching in high school as a language arts teacher, but has moved to third/fourth grade to fulfill her passion for teaching elementary students. Penny Bielawski has been hired to fill our elementary counselor position and she comes to us from Ft. Collins. Danielle Smiley has been hired as a half time fifth grade teacher. She will be job sharing with Amy Edge. As you meet and see these individuals in the halls, please welcome them to the University Schools community.

Included in the packet, you will find your child's class assignment for the 2010/2011 school year. A great deal of time and thought have gone into these placements. Many factors are taken into account and the elementary staff as a whole support the make up of each class. Also, in the packet, you will find a supply list for each of the classes. Please note there will be classroom visitation the evening of August 18 from 4:30-6:00. Come meet your child's teacher, see the classroom and drop off your school supplies.

If at anytime throughout the school year, you have a question or concerns please feel free to stop by my office or give me a call at 506-6912. I look forward to seeing those of you returning to University Schools and meeting the new families to our school community. Enjoy the rest of your summer and don't forget to READ, READ, READ!

From the University Schools Parent Teacher Organization (USPTO)

Celebrate...Change...Contribute

Coming soon...University Schools' Fall Fundraiser will be kicking off August 31st and running through September 14. We will be offering a variety of frozen treats including cookie dough, braided bread, cheesecake, coffee and more! Your participation is greatly appreciated as we are raising money for the University Schools Parent Teacher Organization's fall grants! Stay tuned for more information about great incentives for our students. Look for the USPTO table at registration to sample the goodies.

The USPTO would like to thank, Denise Carlton, Donna Meyer, Frank and Dana Jones, Tim and Wendy Jorgensen, Wendy Menlove, Jackie Cruz, Enrique and Laurie Llanas, Jarod Craig, parent/student volunteers, teachers, staff and administration who made our Spring Luau carnival a HUGE success this year. Most of all we would like to thank our students and parents who came out to support our school! A special thanks goes to Judith Baptiste, Shelly Endres, Rebecca Horn, Tawnya Bowie, and Shannon Ceccoli.

Bulldog Homework Help Club

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Time: 3:15pm to 4:15pm

Where: School Library

Beginning September 21, 2010

Homework Help will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays in our school library for those students who need a place to complete their homework assignments and, students can receive help from volunteers. Students are expected to work quietly on their assignments. The computers will be reserved for school work only during this time. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa Bardos: tbardos@universityschools.com.

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There are direct links from our website. Click the **search** link on the navigation bar at the top of every page and then click one of the links to GoodSearch!. Or you can go directly to <http://www.goodsearch.com>. Then enter **University Schools Foundation (Greeley, CO)** as the organization you want to support. Just 500 of us searching four times a day will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime. Please spread the word! *A word of caution, though:* inappropriate or abusive use of this search engine will result in our charity being blocked

From the School Nurse, Jane Weber

Parents of Students Entering 6th and 10th Grade:

In order to comply with State of Colorado immunization requirements for school attendance, your child will need to show proof of having received a booster of the Tetanus/Diphtheria/Pertussis (Tdap) vaccine when s/he registers for the 2010-11 school year. **University Schools registration will not be complete until this immunization is documented.**

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

Students with Asthma/Allergies:

Students who have severe allergies and asthma will need to have physician authorization to carry their EPI Pens and inhalers. At registration the student, parent and nurse will complete the necessary documentation to allow students to carry medication during school hours. Your physician may write a note on the student's physical or fax an order indicating the student may carry her/his medication to: Jane Weber, RN, School Nurse.

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