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US Bucs News

Spring 2016

Welcome to the 1st edition of University School's Newsletter!

We are proud of the accomplishments of our students and faculty. We also want to inform you where we are going and where we have been!



America's Best Award



The **2016 Best High School** rankings recently published by *U.S. News & World Report* list University School as ninth in the state.

The ninth-place ranking puts University School at the top of the listing of high schools from the Northeast Tennessee region.

New Director



My how time flies. It seems I have just arrived, looking forward to getting acquainted with University School and acclimated to the weather, and now we are wrapping up the school year. It has been a wonderful year, filled with many blessings, too many to include in this newsletter.

Throughout this year I have had the opportunity of meeting and spending quality time with many University School (Training School) alumni as they needed little encouragement to begin telling story after story of their years in this building. Tears often flowed along with the laughter as memories flowed. Woven into all the stories was a deeply felt sense of family. For it was during the years spent together in the classrooms and halls of Alexander Hall that life-long family-like relationships were forged and remain strong even today. I have never experienced such a phenomenon but I look forward to experiencing more of it!

It is for this purpose, that of enjoying the extended family relationships that were born here at University School, that we are sending this first of many alumni newsletters. Here you will find information on what is happening at University School as well as in the lives of your peers. You will also learn of opportunities to attend special events at University School so we can enjoy our family face to face. And please know that there is always an open invitation to stop by when you are in the area to introduce yourself and share your stories of, "Back when..."

Thanks as always,

Dr. Troy Knechtel, Director

Faculty Spotlight

Check out what our instructors are doing today



During the annual Clemmer College of Education Honors Day Ceremony, held on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016, in the Carnegie Hotel Grand Soldiers Ballroom, Ms. **Mary Myron (who will be retiring at the end**

of this year) was recognized and presented with the **Outstanding Faculty Award**.

Ms. Mary has been the Kindergarten Instructor for University School for the past 20 years. She has served our school and her special K-kids with development and implementation of curriculum and instruction in Kindergarten classroom, mentoring College of Education students and student teachers each year, research and presentation of work at local, regional and national conferences, and has also served as an Adjunct Faculty member for East Tennessee State University College of Education.

K-kids, past and present, love Ms. Mary.

Many alumni have fond memories of “Back when I was in Ms. Mary’s class.....”

Ms. Carol Ann Bevan will be retiring at the end of this school year.



A dynamic teacher, Ms. Bevan has a demanding curriculum and an engaging teaching style that challenges students to think deeply, ask questions, and explore possibilities. Her love of literature and the humanities is communicated to students in such a way that they are able to make connections between subjects and see the relevance of the subject matter to their own lives. She works to help students find their voice in writing and has a strong commitment to social justice.

Ms. Bevan’s greatest innovation is to consistently create a classroom community that nurtures independent thought, creativity, and genuine curiosity. Walk into her classroom on any given day, and you will find a student-centered environment where students are engaged in discussion and grappling with ideas. As a result, they are well-prepared for the expectations of college.

A gifted teacher who is beloved by her students and respected by her peers, Ms. Bevan is the kind of teacher students never forget.

Alumni

Contact

Information

Update Address

University School is updating its alumni database. Anyone who graduated from University School or attended the school is encouraged to complete the contact information form by going to USBucs.com, click on the Alumni Tab, and update their Alumni Contact Information.

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Student Success

Every child valued, challenged, and successful...whatever it takes...

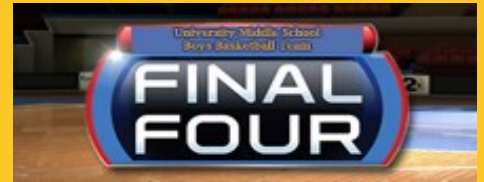
We celebrate the steps our students take, moving forward, sometimes backward, and then forward again! This past year we have celebrated student success in:

- ◆ Mu Alpha Theta Math Bowl
- ◆ Girls on the Run 5K
- ◆ SGA LAUNCH Leadership
- ◆ 1st Annual BMS Mousetrap Race

Go, Bucs, Go!

University School athletes gave outstanding performances this year. Highlights included:

- ⇒ UH Girls Soccer won District Championship
- ⇒ Cross Country teams ranked in Top 10 in state
- ⇒ UH Girls Softball won Region 1-A Title
- ⇒ UH Track Team members currently competing at the State
- ⇒ MS Boys Basketball made it to Final Four in State



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