

Your U-46 Weekly Update: The Week of Jan. 15, 2019

Calendar

- **Monday, Jan. 21:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. No classes, offices closed.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 22:** “[Help Your Special Needs Child Develop Strong Relationships](#),” 6:30 p.m., Meadow Community Rooms, Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin.
- **Tuesday, Jan. 22:** Screening of the documentary “[Kindergarten: Where Play and Learning Can Meet](#),” 7 p.m. Auditorium, Elgin High School, 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin. Park and enter at door No. 7.

District U-46, Schools Plan Activities to Honor Dr. King

School District U-46 will honor Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. through a variety of events and community programs, an in-depth discussion on one of Dr. King’s famous sermons, and by participating in the Dr. King Youth Leadership Conference. In addition, six U-46 seniors will receive a Dr. King Scholarship during the City of Elgin’s celebrations honoring the civil rights leader.



A number of U-46 staff and administrators will be attending the City of Elgin’s 34th Annual Dr. King Prayer Breakfast at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19 at the Elgin Community College University and Business Center, 1700 Spartan Drive, Elgin. The celebrations are organized by the city’s Human Relations Commission, and the 2019 theme is “Justice Before Comfort: The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

This year's celebration will also include the 8th annual Dr. King Youth Leadership Conference, during which U-46 students will participate and scholarships will be awarded to six high school seniors. The conference begins at noon Monday, Jan. 21 at the Ed Schock Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way.

A number of U-46 schools are also participating in the 8th Annual Dr. King Food Drive which runs through Jan. 15. Other participating drop-off locations can be found at cityofelgin.org/mlk. Other ways to honor Dr. King's legacy through service can be found [here](#).

Tied to the celebrations of Dr. King, two U-46 middle schools – Abbott and Kimball – are hosting “Socratic Cafes” this month during which students will discuss how to apply Dr. King's values and vision to contemporary social and political issues. A Socratic seminar (being organized as “cafes” in U-46 for 2019) is a collaborative, intellectual dialogue facilitated with open-ended questions about a text and/or topic — in this case, Dr. King's sermon “On Being a Good Neighbor.”

Members of the community who wish to attend a seminar should contact Ronald Raglin at RonaldRaglin@u-46.org.

Parents Urged to Participate in Illinois 5Essentials Survey



Parents in U-46 are encouraged to take the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, which provides a unique opportunity to share your voice in improving the educational experience in schools across the District.

Survey results can help school leaders identify schools' strengths and areas that need improvement, and better target resources and interventions for their buildings.

The parent survey is mobile friendly, available in English and Spanish, and only takes about 15 minutes to complete. Parents can identify themselves by leaving an email address or they can remain anonymous as they complete the survey.

To take the survey, parents are instructed to visit survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/ and select the “parent survey” tab to answer important questions about their child’s school. Parents can complete a survey for each child. For example, if a parent has two students in a U-46 elementary school and one in a U-46 middle school, the parent can complete two surveys for the elementary school and one for the middle school.

U-46 parents with any questions on 5Essentials are encouraged to please use [Let’s Talk](#).