



**February 12, 2025**

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## Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [here](#).

- **Thursday, Feb. 13:** Community Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Feb. 13:** African American Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, Feb. 14:** End of the 2nd trimester. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Feb. 17:** President's Day holiday. No classes, offices closed.
- **Tuesday, Feb. 18:** Community Advisory Council's Specialized Student Services Committee meeting. [Details here](#).

## Exploring Cell Phone Limits in School



The focus for this week's meeting of the Community Advisory Council will be "Exploring Cell Phone Limits in School." The meeting is being held in person on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. It will feature a presentation by two U-46 principals - one from a middle school, one from a high school - whose schools piloted updated

procedures limiting student use of cell phones during the school day. A panel discussion to follow

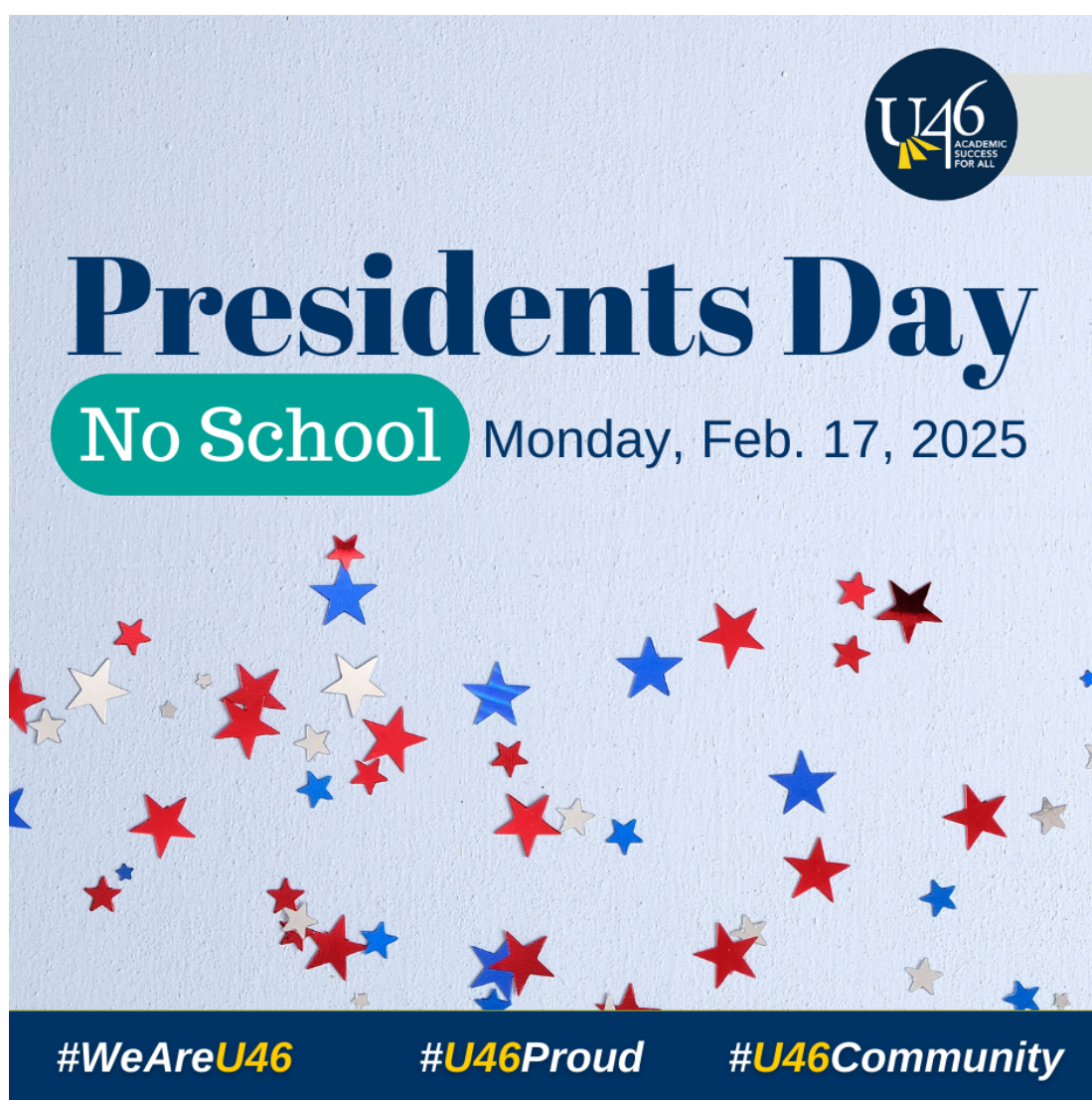
will include students and teachers discussing their experiences with the new procedures. All are welcome to attend CAC meetings, and Spanish-language interpretation will be available.

## African American Advisory Council

The African American Advisory Council's next meeting will be held virtually at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13. The focus of the meeting will be early college opportunities and the SchoolLinks platform. The Zoom link to join is available [here](#), and more information is available [here](#). All are welcome.



## Presidents Day Holiday



## Legal and Financial Planning for Special Needs Families

"Legal and Financial Planning for the Special Needs Family," will get underway at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, via Zoom. It's part of the special education virtual program presented by the Community Advisory Council's Specialized Student Services Committee. Attendees can join at [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us). The meeting ID number is 890 2989 6626, and the passcode is 700356.



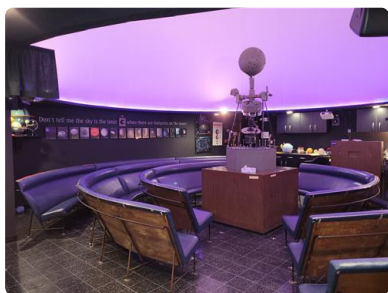
[Find more details here](#), including a QR code for the meeting, and information about the presenters. The program will be presented in English with Spanish translation.

## Special Education Virtual Program Series: 2024 – 2025



## Legal and Financial Planning for the Special Needs Family

### Planetarium Sky Show

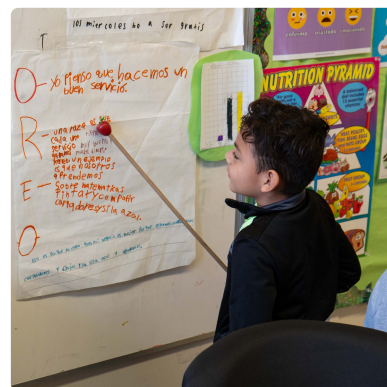


The next Public Sky Show at the U-46 Planetarium is Tuesday, Feb. 25, and the theme will be "Preparing for the March Lunar Eclipse." There will be two hourlong shows beginning at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 4 p.m., and seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission for the 2024-25 school year is free. The Planetarium is located at 312 Watch Street in Elgin, and there is free parking at Raymond Street and National

Street, one block away. Find more information [here](#).

### Dual Language Info Sessions

Parents and guardians of incoming kindergartners and 1st graders are encouraged to attend one of the Dual Language informational meetings offered this winter and spring. The next one is scheduled for Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gail Borden Public Library in Elgin. You can see an entire schedule [here](#) and learn more at [u-46.org/duallanguage](https://u46.org/duallanguage).



### Windy City Bulls

Your family is invited to be part of a FUNdraiser night at the Windy City Bulls game on Friday, March 21. Because it is Hispanic Heritage Night, there are a lot of special things planned:

- The first 1,000 fans in attendance receive a Los Toros Bulls figurine
- The court will be newly designed for the game



- The players will wear custom uniforms designed by U-46 senior Bryanna Sanchez
- All player jerseys, including the mascot's, will be auctioned during the game.

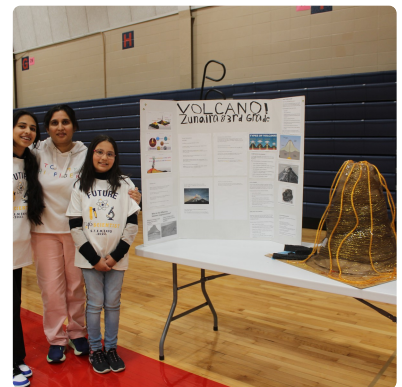
Tickets are \$25, with \$5 from each going to the U-46 Educational Foundation, and is used for annual teacher grants and scholarships. A portion of the proceeds from the auction will also be given to the U-46 Foundation.

Just by attending the game, you are contributing to the funds used for U-46 students whose learning is enhanced through innovative grant projects and whose lives are changed by receiving college tuition help. For tickets, visit <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/U462025>

## STEM Expo

Planning is well under way for the 2024 STEM Expo, being held on Saturday, March 22, at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett. Participants who register before February 28 are guaranteed a free t-shirt and tri-fold board.

The STEM Expo is open to all students in kindergarten through 12th grade. It allows students to explore and discover Science, Technology, Engineering and/or Math through hands-on investigation and research. Participating students will plan and carry out projects based on their natural curiosities, and present their projects to fellow students, families, and community members at the Expo.



Find more details, and a link to the registration form, [here](#).

## Honest Game



Student-athletes in U-46 who are considering playing sports at the college level should make time to explore Honest Game. Honest Game, a software system provided by U-46, can help students better understand compliance and eligibility issues as well as look into opportunities that could be a great post-secondary fit.

All of our School District U-46 student-athletes and their parents/guardians have access to an Honest Game account. [This page](#) has detailed information about how to get started along with a number of other resources suggested by Honest Game. A recent Honest Game webinar about recruitment is available [here](#).

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## More Resources

### We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of [rewarding opportunities](#) for educators and support staff.



## Weekly Message from Dr. Johnson

Each week, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson shares a message with U-46 employees and community members. You can read the latest message [here](#).



## Care Solace

[Care Solace](#) is a complimentary and confidential service provided by School District U-46 to help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment. It's available to U-46 students, staff, and their family members.



## Board of Education

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's [YouTube channel](#) and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found [here](#).



## Community

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.



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