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Calendar

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

- **Monday, March 10:** Board of Education Meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, March 10:** Dual Language Information Session. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, March 12:** High School Early Release. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, March 12:** Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, March 13:** Community Advisory Council Candidate Forum. [Details here](#).

Safety Tuesday on Wednesday



March is recognized as [Severe Weather Preparedness Month](#) in Illinois, and while severe weather can happen at any time of the year, this is a good time to review your own family's preparedness efforts. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency advises that including your children in the planning process and answering their questions about safety can help them feel more comfortable and safe.

Children should know their basic contact information, how to use a telephone and cell phone, how and when to call 9-1-1, and the details of a family evacuation plan.

Other resources, such as things you should include in an emergency bag and a go bag, can be found [here](#).

In addition, having a [Family Communications Plan](#) can help you map locations to meet and track important contact information. More emergency communication tips are available [here](#).

The change to Daylight Savings Time - this year happening on Sunday, March 9 - is also a great time to test your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and change the batteries if needed.

U-46 prepares for emergencies by testing its phones and silent alarm systems on the first Tuesday of each month, coinciding with the tests of emergency sirens conducted by our local communities. Each school in U-46 holds a number of safety drills each school year, including drills to help prepare students and staff in the case of a fire, severe weather, or the need to evacuate a school bus. Learn more [here](#).

We Celebrate Our School Social Workers

The week of March 2-8, 2025, is National School Social Work Week, designed to recognize the impactful work school social workers do with students, families, and their communities. In U-46, we have approximately 115 school social workers. We thank them for supporting the social, emotional, physical, and mental health needs of our students so that they can achieve academic success.



Summer Connection

Enrollment for Summer Connection programs will open on Monday, March 10. A full description of what is being offered can be found at u-46.org/summerconnection. Here are two new opportunities to note:

Kindergarten Camps: This year we will be hosting a pilot Kindergarten Camp in 10 of our elementary schools for our incoming kindergarteners. **Students who will attend the following schools will have the opportunity to participate:** Bartlett Elementary, Century Oaks, Channing,

Horizon, Parkwood, Washington, Sunnydale, Fox Meadow, McKinley, and Ontarioville. The camp will be held for two days in July, from 8 a.m. to noon. This camp, which is free, will give students the opportunity to make new friends, meet school staff, become familiar with school routines, and build excitement for the start of the school year. In order to participate in this program, children must be registered for Kindergarten and for the camp by June 1.

[Learn more here.](#)



Community Partners: This summer, the Boys & Girls Club of North Central Illinois and Right at School will offer summer programming — for a fee — for U-46 students entering kindergarten through 6th grade. Boys and Girls Club's summer camp will be held at Laurel Hill Elementary School in Hanover Park and Ridge Circle Elementary School in Streamwood. Right at School's summer camp will be held at Wayne Elementary School in Wayne and Spring Trails Elementary School in Carol Stream. Registration for these two opportunities will be handled directly through the organizations. Find more details [here](#).

Dual Language Program

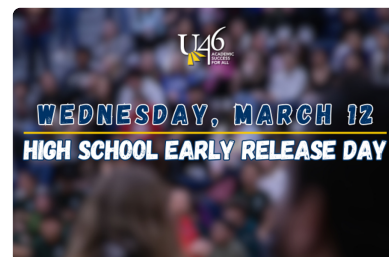


There are two Dual Language informational meetings left this year for parents and guardians of incoming kindergarten and 1st grade students. The next one will be held Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin.

These sessions will outline how learning takes place in a Dual Language classroom, the benefits for students who learn in a bilingual setting, and the next steps for families who are interested. By attending a meeting, you are not obligated to sign up your child for the Dual Language program, but you will be able to make an informed decision. More details are available at u-46.org/duallanguage.

High School Early Release

Next Wednesday, March 12, is an early release day for students in our five comprehensive high schools — Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin, and Streamwood. High schoolers will be dismissed at 1:59 p.m. to allow teachers time for planning and collaboration.



Please note that this schedule change does not apply to elementary or middle school students as well as Dream Academy and Central School students – they will follow their regular dismissal times.

High school students who rely on bus transportation or participate in after-school activities are expected to remain at school until the regular dismissal time of 2:55 p.m. They will be supervised during this period. Students may use this time to complete homework, study, or explore other options offered in the building.

A copy of the 2024-25 school year calendar with all high school early release dates is available at

Dual Language Support Group



The next meeting of the group designed to support parents of children in U-46's Dual Language is Wednesday, March 12, at 6 p.m. at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin.

The Dual Language Parent Support Group is offered as part of the meeting of the [Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee](#), which works to establish a clear and collaborative voice between families with students in the Dual Language Program at our school sites and School District U-46.

During the gathering, parents of students in the Dual Language program will connect with other Dual Language families, as well as members of the Multilingual and Multicultural Department, and can ask questions and get tips for supporting their child's education. Support groups will be offered in English and Spanish. More info is available [here](#).

CAC Candidate Forum

The Community Advisory Council (CAC) will host a forum in March at which members of the public can learn more about the candidates running for School District U-46's Board of Education in the April 1, 2025, Consolidated Election. The forum will be held on Thursday, March 13, at 7 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. This forum is open to all, and Spanish translation will be available.



U-46 Job Fair

Come be part of our team at U-46! Discover our employment opportunities on Friday, March 14, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin.

Find a position that is just right for you and make an impact. We have vacancies that range from teaching positions to groundskeepers. We offer full-time and part-time positions as well as other great benefits. U-46 offers competitive wages, professional development, and opportunities for growth all in a diverse and welcoming environment. Here at U-46, we have a place for all.

Join us to learn more about how you can be part of U-46 at u-46.org/careers. For any questions please contact humanresources@u-46.org.

SCHOOL DISTRICT JOB FAIR

FRIDAY, MAR. 14 
3PM - 6PM 

U-46 WELCOME CENTER 

1019 E. Chicago St, Elgin

Check out our
opportunities!



**SAME DAY
INTERVIEWS!**



Windy City Bulls Game

Have you bought your tickets yet for the Windy City Bulls FUNdraiser for the U-46 Educational Foundation? Here's four things to know about this event:



1. Tickets are available at fevo-enterprise.com/event/U462025 and proceeds help the U-46 Educational Foundation.
2. The Bulls players and their mascot will all be wearing a special jersey designed just for this game by a U-46 high school senior!
3. The jerseys will all be auctioned to raise money - with part of the proceeds going to the U-46 Foundation.
4. Our game takes place on the Windy City Bulls' Hispanic Heritage Night at the NOW Arena – ¡ven a celebrar!

[Click here](#) for more info and to purchase tickets.

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](#).

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](#).



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. Learn more [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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All means all.

