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Calendar

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

- **Monday, Sept. 2:** Labor Day Holiday. No classes, offices closed.
- **Friday, Sept. 6, and Saturday, Sept. 7:** U-46 Job Fair. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Sept. 9:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Sept. 23:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Sept. 30:** Unite U-46 session. [Details here](#).

Promoting Respect and Kindness in our Learning Community

At School District U-46, we are committed to creating a safe and welcoming environment for all students where every child feels respected and valued. Our focus is the concerns regarding hate speech in our schools and online, as such behavior has no place in our learning community. To support this, we encourage parents to have an open dialogue about the importance of kindness and respect. This will help children understand the emotional and psychological harm that hate speech causes. Encouraging respectful communication and discouraging offensive language fosters empathy and creates a more inclusive environment for everyone. [This quick guide](#) is a

resource that could assist you with your conversation. Together, let's continue to foster a positive and supportive atmosphere where every student can thrive. Please note that any behavior that violates these principles will be addressed according to our Student Code of Conduct, [linked here](#).

Dual Language Parent Meeting/BPAC

Are you a parent of a student in the District's Dual Language and/or ESL program? Then you will want to mark your calendar with the dates for the meetings of the Dual Language Parent Support Group and Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) this school year.

BPAC is for all families participating in our Dual Language and ESL Program. These meetings will now be offered in both English and Spanish to allow more families to participate. BPAC gathers four times a year to dive into important topics related to U-46 programs and community.

Also, new this year, the sessions of the Dual Language Parent Support Group will be offered as part of the BPAC gathering.



Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC)

NEW Now presented in both English & Spanish!

Are you a parent of a student in the district's dual language and/or ESL program? Then you will want to attend these exciting sessions!

The Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) is for all families participating in our Dual Language and ESL Programs. These meetings will now be offered in both English and Spanish to include more families. We will come together four times a year to dive into important topics related to our programs, district, and our community.

New! Last year we held separate Dual Language Parent Support group sessions which are now being merged with BPAC!

September 4, 2024 and October 23, 2024
School District U-46
Family Welcome Center
1019 E Chicago St
Elgin, IL 60120
6:00 - 8:00 pm

January 22, 2025
Virtual Session via Zoom
<https://info.u-46.org/BPAC-DualParent>
6:00 - 8:00 pm

March 12, 2025
Gail Borden Public Library
270 N Grove Avenue
Elgin, IL 60120
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Families who participate in all four sessions will have the chance to enter a raffle for an iPad awarded at the last meeting.

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The first meeting is being held on Wednesday, Sept. 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. The next meeting is scheduled for the same place and time on Wednesday, Oct. 23. More information, and dates for the remaining meetings, can be found [here](#).

U-46 Job Fair

Looking for a rewarding career in education? Join us at our upcoming Job Fair! As the second largest school district in Illinois, School District U-46 is currently hiring for a wide range of positions including teachers, social workers, paraeducators, bus drivers, food service technicians, groundskeepers, maintenance staff, and more. Bring your resume, any certifications and enthusiasm on Friday, Sept. 6, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 7, from 9 a.m. to noon at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. On-site interviews will be conducted. Direct any questions to humanresources@u-46.org.



U-46 JOB FAIR

Same Day Interviews! We Are Hiring!

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, 2024
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, 2024
9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

U-46 WELCOME CENTER
1019 E. Chicago St.
Elgin, IL 60120

- Teachers PreK-12
- Special Education Teachers
- Bilingual Teachers
- Social Workers
- Paraeducators
- Noon Hour Supervisors

- Food Service Technicians
- Bus Drivers
- Custodians
- Groundskeepers
- Substitute Teachers
- Secretaries

* Interviews conducted by NES

Scan the QR code to view a full list of positions!

CONTACT US

Phone Number: (847) 898-0000 ext. 3034 Website: u-46.org/parents Email: humanresources@u-46.org

Pesticide Communication Registry

Pesticides, applied by licensed pest control professionals, are part of the Integrated Pest Management Plan for School District U-46 and only used when appropriate. Parents or guardians who want to be notified if pesticides are being applied at their child's school should fill out this [Google Form](#).

Communication will be sent two days before the application of a pesticide, unless the situation requires immediate intervention. In that case, you will be notified of the application as soon as practicable.

Any questions or concerns should be directed to Mitchell Briesemeister, U-46's compliance and environmental systems manager, at mitchellbriesemeister@u-46.org.

Save the Date

Explore 2024

Explore is the District's annual expo designed to expose 8th grade students to various careers and demonstrate the connection between academic curriculum and future careers. Eighth grade students will attend the event at the NOW Arena with their classmates and teachers on Thursday, Sept. 26; Parents and guardians of both freshmen and 8th graders are invited to attend Explore the evening of Wednesday, Sept. 25. More information will be available soon.

Unite U-46

The next Unite U-46 community engagement session is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, at the U-46 Welcome Center. Stay tuned for more details!

Skeleton Trot

Individual and group registration is now open for the family-friendly 5K called El Trote De Las Calacas (the Skeleton Trot) that the U-46 Educational Foundation is holding in partnership with the Gail Borden Public Library District Foundation.

The run is being held the morning of Saturday, Nov. 2, 2024, stepping off from the library at 270 N. Grove Ave. in Elgin, and winding through Elgin's historic northeast neighborhood and along the scenic Fox River.

It will kick off the Day of the Dead Festival at the library that will feature a bilingual storytime, a presentation of ofrenda elements, face painting, a Mexican lottery, live music, a costume contest, music, food and more.

The registration form, a route map, and more details are available at gailborden.info/trote.



Spirit Wear Store

Show off your school pride by shopping at our official online high school spirit wear stores! With back-to-school season in full swing, now is the perfect time to update your closet. You'll find links to purchase officially branded high school merchandise [here](#). Visit often for limited-time sales.

More Resources

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.

