



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

April 17, 2024

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Calendar

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

- **Monday, April 22:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Thursday April 25:** Dual Language Info Session. [Details here.](#)
- **Saturday, April 27:** Children's day Celebration. [Details here.](#)
- **Saturday, April 27:** STEM Expo. [Details here](#)

School Year Calendar Reminder

A reminder that Friday, May 3, is now a student attendance day.

To make up for the three emergency days U-46 had to use in January, the original May 3 Institute Day was rescheduled to May 31. The last day of the school year for students will be Thursday, May 30, if no additional emergency days are used.

Please visit u-46.org/calendar to view and download the calendar for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

A graphic with a dark blue background and white text. At the top left is the U46 logo. The main text reads: "Friday, May 3, 2024 is now a student attendance day" and "el viernes, 3 de mayo, 2024 será día de asistencia para los estudiantes". Below this are two rows of calendar updates. The first row shows a red box with a white 'X' icon labeled "Original Calendar" with the text "Friday, May 3, 2024: Previously a non-student attendance day." and a green box with a white checkmark icon labeled "Revised Calendar" with the text "Friday, May 3, 2024: Now a school attendance day." The second row shows a red box with a white 'X' icon labeled "Calendario Original" with the text "viernes 3 de mayo, 2024 anteriormente día no prescrito para estudiantes" and a green box with a white checkmark icon labeled "Calendario Actualizado" with the text "viernes, 3 de mayo, 2024 ahora es un día de asistencia escolar". At the bottom, there is a small white box with dark blue text: "If no additional emergency days are used, the last student attendance day will be Thursday, May 30, 2024. (Rescheduled Teacher Institute Day → Friday, May 31, 2024)" and "Si no se utilizan días de emergencia adicionales, el último día de asistencia de estudiantes será el jueves, 30 de mayo de 2024. (Cambio de Fecha para el Día de Institución de maestros → viernes, 31 de mayo de 2024)".

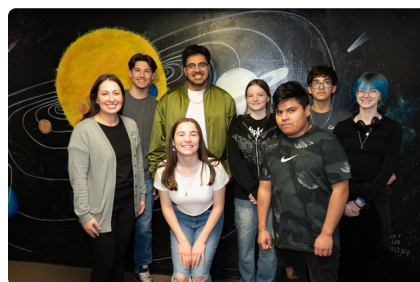
Johnson on the Job



In the video series “Johnson on the Job,” Superintendent Johnson visits U-46 employees to learn more about their daily work and the important part they play in the District. Next in the series, she spends time with food service technician Maria Quezada at Abbott Middle School. [Click here to watch.](#)

Planetarium Mural

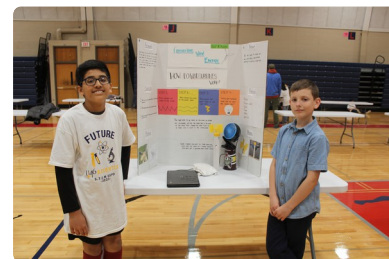
An unveiling ceremony of a mural of the solar system was held last week at the U-46 Planetarium. The mural was painted by students in Bartlett High School’s Mural Club. Prior to painting, the students spent time under the dome of the planetarium and learned about astronomy for inspiration. The mural can be found in the basement of the building, where it can be enjoyed for decades to come. The BHS Mural Club is sponsored by art teacher Jennifer Magio. The unveiling ceremony was hosted by planetarium teachers Peggy Hernandez and Joe Kellenberger.



STEM Expo

The U-46 STEM Expo is being held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 27, at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett. Students can still [sign up](#) to participate until 10 a.m. on Friday, April 26.

Members of the public are invited to attend the free event to see the projects created by students, inspired by their own hands-on investigation and research.



The Office of K-12 Science and Planetarium is also looking for volunteers to help make the event a success. Volunteers will be needed to greet and direct students, parents, and visitors; check in students and hand out t-shirts; and serve as judges, using a pre-written questionnaire to evaluate student projects. To express interest in volunteering, please fill out [this form](#).

Please direct any questions stemexpo@u-46.org.

Children's Day

School District U-46 will celebrate [Children's Day](#) (Día de los Niños) from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27 at Larkin High School in Elgin. Please use main entrance (Door #1).

The free event will feature lots of fun activities, including crafts, a storytime, and face painting. A light lunch will be provided to the first 500 people who arrive. There will also be a raffle of two iPads, and the first 200 families who participate in the storytime will receive the book "With Lots of Love" to take home.



The event is organized and hosted by the U-46 Multilingual & Multicultural Education Department and the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee.

Community Advisory Council

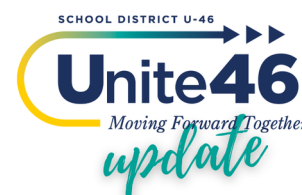
The [Community Advisory Council's](#) last meeting of the 2023-24 school year will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 2, at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1109 E. Chicago St., Elgin. The chairs of the CAC's committees will deliver their year-end reports, and there will be a discussion about the future CAC leadership.



This is a great opportunity to learn more about CAC and consider ways of getting involved for the 2024-25 school year. Please consider completing [this brief survey](#) to help determine the group's focus areas for next school year, including the best time to meet.

Unite U-46

Our next Unite U-46 Community Engagement Session, scheduled for 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett, will present the following topics:



- The attendance boundary recommendations for the new middle school in Bartlett, scheduled to open in August 2025
- Plans for transitioning students to new schools and seeking community feedback on how to best manage those transitions.

Registration is not required, but RSVPing will be helpful for planning. For those who cannot make it in person, a recording of the presentation will be available. Please register [here](#) to join us in person or to receive a copy of the recording directly.

Unite U-46 Survey

In addition to your participation in the session, we need your feedback by completing [this online survey](#) to continue updating districtwide school attendance boundary guidelines and criteria. It is imperative that we hear from all corners of our district to synthesize a broader range of perspectives and return in the fall with significant updates and scenarios that truly resonate with our community's vision.

[Click here for the Unite U-46 Survey](#)

Care Solace



Watch [this video](#) to learn more about U-46's partnership with Care Solace, a mental health care coordination service that is available to U-46 students and their families, as well as U-46 employees and their families.

Measles Update

According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, Illinois is currently experiencing an outbreak of measles among adults and children, with most cases concentrated in northeast Illinois in Cook, Will, and Lake counties.

Measles is highly contagious, especially in school-aged children. U-46, which works closely with our local Departments of Public Health, has not had any confirmed positive cases. The U-46 Health Services Department is cautiously monitoring all trends and information, and nursing staff at each school building are watching for illness signs and symptoms that may be consistent with measles.

To prevent the spread of infection, it is critical that staff and students have the age-appropriate number of doses of measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) vaccine, or other evidence of immunity to measles.

Find more information about the measles outbreak, what symptoms to watch for, and resources from local, state and federal health agencies, under Health Services [here](#).

#U46FirstDayReady

measles

can be dangerous, especially for babies and young children
El sarampión puede ser peligroso, especialmente para los bebés y los niños pequeños.

Measles symptoms include:
Los síntomas del sarampión incluyen:



fever
fiebre



cough
tos



runny nose
moqueo



pink eye
conjuntivitis



rash (3-5 days after symptoms begin)
erupción cutánea (3-5 días después de que comiencen los síntomas)

If you have symptoms, contact your doctor before visiting.
Si tiene síntomas, comuníquese con su médico antes de visitarlo.

Protect yourself and your family.
Talk to your doctor about the MMR vaccine.
*Protéjase a sí mismo y a su familia.
Hable con su médico acerca de la vacuna MMR.*

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U46 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR
REGISTRATION

Register before May 31

No charge for instructional fees!
u-46.org/registration

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](#).



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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.



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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.

