



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

May 8, 2024

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Calendar

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

- **Thursday, May 9:** African American Advisory Council. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, May 10:** Planetarium Public Sky Show. [Details here](#).
- **Saturday, May 11:** Deaf and Hard of Hearing 5K. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, May 13:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, May 15:** Dual Language Parent Support Group. [Details here](#).

Johnson on the Job

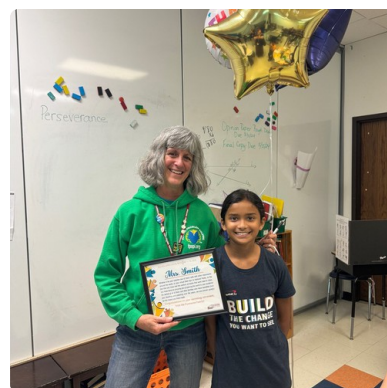


In the video series “Johnson on the Job,” Superintendent Johnson visits U-46 employees to learn more about their daily work and the important part they play in the District. Next, she spends time with Cheryl Johnson, a Certified School Nurse (CSN). [Click here to watch.](#) Note that today is National School Nurse Day!

Teacher Appreciation Week

This week is Teacher Appreciation Week, and the U-46 Board of Education expressed its appreciation for teachers on Monday, presenting an Accent on Achievement to Barb Bettis, president of the Elgin Teacher Association.

Across the District, parents, students, and school-based groups thanked teachers for their service with cards, flowers, balloons, and meals.



In addition, the U-46 Educational Foundation offered families several ways they could recognize a special teacher. To see some photos and videos, follow the U-46's [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) channels and search for #ThankaTeacher.

Plus, watch [this video](#) to see a special surprise for U-46's first-ever winner of a Golden Apple Award, Aimee Legatzke, a kindergarten teacher at Fox Meadow Elementary.



Last Day of Classes

The last day of classes for students is Thursday, May 30. Students will have classes every weekday until May 30 except on Monday, May 27, when U-46 schools and offices will be closed for the Memorial Day holiday.

Please remember that it is extremely important that our students are in school and on time to class every day until the end of the school year.



Every day in school counts and helps build the foundation for your child's academic success. It is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as collaborate with their peers on rigorous, standards-aligned tasks that require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. When your child is absent, they miss out on this collaboration.

African American Advisory Council

The Department of Equity and Innovation is asking for your input at the final African American Advisory Council meeting of the 2023-34 school year.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, May 9, via Zoom from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The focus is to gather suggestions from our learning community on ways to increase educational equity for our students. The meeting will conclude with its book club discussion of "Punished for Dreaming: How School Reform Harms Black Children and How We Heal," by Dr. Bettina L. Love. To register and receive your unique Zoom link, please visit info.u-46.org/AAAC23-24.

Deadline is This Week for Dual Language Interest Form

Friday, May 10, is the deadline for parents and guardians of incoming kindergarten or 1st grade students to submit their Dual Language Interest Form, which can be found [here](#). Parents and

guardians with questions are urged to call 847-888-5000, ext. 5331 or 5332, or visit u-46.org/duallanguage.

Dual Language Parent Support Group

The final [Dual Language Parent Support Group](#) for the 2023-24 school year is being offered virtually on Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. This group is for parents and guardians who have children in the District's award-winning Dual Language program.

Parents will connect with other Dual Language families, as well as members of the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department, and can ask questions and get tips for supporting their child's education. Support groups will be offered in English and in Spanish. Register [here](#) to receive the Zoom link. If you have questions, please contact Family Welcome Center Coordinator [Brenda Escobedo](#).

#U46Classof2024 Graduation Ceremonies

We are looking forward to celebrating our #U46Classof2024 on Saturday, May 25, at the NOW Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates. The graduation ceremonies will start according to the following schedule:



- Bartlett High School: 8 a.m.
- Larkin High School: 11 a.m.
- Streamwood High School: 2 p.m.
- South Elgin High School: 5 p.m.
- Elgin High School: 8 p.m.

More details about parking, live streaming of the ceremonies, the entrances for guests and graduates, and more can be found [here](#) on our Class of 2024 page.

We invite our entire U-46 community to follow #U46Classof2024 on social media for lots of photos, videos, and stories from this special day!

#U46FirstDayReady

New this year, you can use your mobile phone to register your children for the 2024-25 school year. That's in addition to a laptop, a desktop computer, and your student's District-issued Chromebook.

If you have not yet started the registration process, now is the time to do it – all currently enrolled students must be registered by May 31 this year.

It's also easier to turn in necessary paperwork before the summer break begins, and if you run into problems, the front office staff at your child's school is available to help.

There are no instructional fees being collected - the District is covering those costs.



Get started [here](#). If you've forgotten a password or username, or need other assistance, [this page](#) will help.

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](#).



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](#).



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](#).



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.



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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