



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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Calendar

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

- **Thursday, May 30:** Last day of classes for U-46 students. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, May 31:** Registration deadline for the 2024-25 school year. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, May 31:** Institute Day (No Classes/Offices Open). [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, June 5:** Start of Summer Connection programming. [Details here](#).

Summer Break

Friday marks the start of the summer recess. We want to wish your family a relaxing, happy, healthy summer full of new memories and experiences. If your child is enrolled in Summer Connection programming, you'll hear more details from the principal of their building. Questions can also be submitted via [Let's Talk](#).



To start planning for the 2024-25 school year, you can find the calendar in English and Spanish at [u-46.org/calendar](https://u46.org/calendar).

Stay Connected

Even over summer break, there are several easy ways to stay connected to School District U-46:

- Regularly visit the District's website at u-46.org. It is easy to navigate and works well on mobile phones, tablets, and computers.
- Have any questions, comments, or suggestions for U-46 staff? [Let's Talk!](#) is the District's online customer service tool where you can contact the District and schools and get a timely response.
- During the school year, parents, guardians, and high school students receive the U-46 Engage newsletter. However, it will be shared monthly in June and July instead of weekly as we do during the school year.
- Follow District U-46 on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [YouTube](#). Stay up to date with your student's school with [Infinite Campus](#). Check that your family contact information is up to date to make it easier for communication to flow between parents and teachers, school and District administrators.

#U46Classof2024

Family members, friends, and U-46 employees turned out in large numbers on Saturday to celebrate the #U46Classof2024 during five graduation ceremonies held at the NOW Arena.

Later this week, we'll share a video highlighting moments from the commencement ceremonies on our [YouTube channel](#).

In the meantime, visit our [Class of 2024 page](#) to watch the live streams of the ceremonies and search #U46Classof2024 on the District's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) channels to see highlights from the special day.



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 ESL teachers at Liberty Elementary School. [Click here to watch](#). Catch up with previous episodes [here](#).



Kindergarten Playdates

Do you have an incoming kindergarten student in your family? If so, you'll be happy to know that each of our U-46 elementary schools is hosting two summer playdates for families of children entering kindergarten in August 2024.

These informal, hourlong events will provide an opportunity for families to meet school leaders, connect with other incoming kindergarten families, and familiarize themselves with the school's playground and facilities. To see the schedule for individual schools, visit u-46.org/kindergarten and look for the “Kindergarten Playdates” section. Please help spread the word!



#U46FirstDayReady

#ListoParaElPrimerDiaU46

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Summer Reading Challenge

Did you know that research shows that children who read four or more books over the summer score higher in reading and math when they return to school?



We are fortunate that all of the public libraries that serve our community offer great “Summer Reading Challenges,” with fun themes, programs, events, and incentives. Visit u-46.org/src for info on those libraries, their locations, and links to their Summer Reading programs. If you haven’t already, sign your family up for one of these exciting Summer Reading Challenges today!

Learning on the Go

Members of the Elgin Partnership for Early Learning (EPEL) are visiting neighborhood parks and schools this summer to provide free family engagement and early learning opportunities. These events are called Learning on the Go, and they are supported by community partners including the YWCA Elgin, School District U-46, Gail Borden Public Library, United Way of Metro Chicago, Elgin Township, and the Seigle Foundation.



The events are aimed at children from birth through age 5. Children get to participate in a read-aloud and receive new books and learning materials to build early math and literacy skills. Library bookmobiles will visit so families can apply for library cards and check out books. Lunch is served at some sites.

Find details on the park locations, dates and hours at elginpartnership.org/learning-go.

Care Solace Continues Over Summer

May is Mental Health Awareness Month, and chances are that you know someone who is struggling with their mental health. People experiencing mental health challenges need support and care, and that begins with a conversation.

If you want to quickly be connected to a mental health care provider, contact Care Solace, a complimentary and confidential mental health care coordination service provided by School District U-46. **This service will continue over the summer months.** Multilingual support is available 24 hours a day by either visiting caresolace.com/u46 or calling 888-515-0595. Watch [this video](#) to learn more about U-46's partnership with Care Solace.



#U46FirstDayReady

Have you completed registration for your child or children yet? It's required for all currently enrolled students by this Friday, May 31.

Here's another reason to take care of it now: The District will release class schedules and teacher assignments, tentatively scheduled for July 17, only to fully registered students.

What is required to be considered fully registered?

- Your annual online registration must be submitted
- Current proof of residency must be on file for each student, including documents from both Category A and B
- All health requirements must be turned in and up-to-date
- A certified copy of your child's birth certificate must be on file



Don't delay! Get started with the registration process at u-46.org/registration. If you need assistance or have questions, reach out to the front office at your child's school or call 874-888-5000 ext. 5016.

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](#).



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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