

The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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Calendar

- Thursday, Oct. 12: African American Advisory Council meeting. Details here.
- Friday, Oct. 13: End of 1st Quarter.
- Friday, Oct. 20: Institute Day. No classes for students. Offices open.

National School Lunch Week

This week is National School Lunch Week, during which we recognize the importance of a healthy school lunch in a student's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom.

The team members in U-46's Food & Nutrition Services department serve about 21,000 lunches every school day. We thank them for their enthusiasm and dedication.



Friday, Oct. 20, is an Institute/Professional Development Day for teachers. U-46 students will not have classes, but District offices will be open. Find the calendar for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years at <u>u-46.org/calendar</u>.

Dual Language Parent Interviews

U-46 is looking for parents and guardians of children in our Dual Language program to provide feedback on their family's experience. This effort is part of an audit of the Dual Language program, designed to ensure the District is best addressing the strengths and needs of our Dual Language students.



Parents who have children in a Dual Language preschool or elementary classroom interested in sharing their experience can join any of the upcoming virtual interviews. The next interview session will be offered on Thursday, Oct. 12, at 6 p.m. It will be conducted in English and last about an hour. More information can be found here, and questions can be directed to the Multilingual & Multicultural Education Department via Let's Talk.

Magnet Academy Info Sessions

The <u>application window</u> for our five Magnet Academies is now open through Oct. 31. To help 8th grade students and their families better understand the focus of the academies, all five high schools are hosting information sessions.

The remaining three info sessions are being held next week:

Monday, Oct. 16 at 6 p.m. - International Baccalaureate Academy - 1200 Maroon Drive, Elgin

Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 6 p.m. - <u>Beacon Magnet Academy of Media and Digital Arts</u> - 760 E. Main St., Elgin

Wednesday, Oct. 18 at 6 p.m. - <u>Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Action and Design Magnet Academy</u> - 701 W. Schaumburg Road, Streamwood

Find more details, including a link to the application, at <u>u-46.org/magnetacademies</u>.

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Planetarium Sky Show

The first public sky show this school year at the U-46 Planetarium will also serve as a celebration of the building's 60th birthday. The shows will be held on Thursday, Oct. 19, at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. and the theme will be "spooky space." Admission is \$2 per person, or \$10 a family - cash only. Find more details, including where to park, here.



Special Education Series

"Executive Functioning: Preparing Your Child for Independence at all Ages" will be the presentation for October's meeting of the Specialized Student Services Committee of the Community Advisory Council (CAC).



The program will be held virtually at 7 p.m on Tuesday, Oct. 24. It can be joined here.

The presenter is Joey Williams of Advanced Behavioral Solutions, LLC. She will outline helpful day-to-day strategies for promoting your child's overall success by building their ability to manage their actions and choices independently.

More information can be found <u>here</u>. The program will be presented in English with Spanish interpretation.

Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee

The next meeting of the <u>Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee</u> (BPAC) this school year will be held Wednesday, Oct. 25, 6:30 p.m. at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin.

All U-46 parents and guardians are invited to attend BPAC meetings and events. The meetings are held in Spanish, with interpretation into English available. Questions about the meeting can be sent to Family Welcome Center Coordinator <u>Brenda Escobedo</u>.

Save the Date

Last week, we hosted the first Unite U-46 session of the school year. The session presentation reviewed and analyzed criteria to help establish priorities for updates to buildings. Future sessions will continue this work along with evaluating criteria to determine new attendance boundaries. Mark your calendars for the next Unite



U-46 community engagement session. It will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2, as part of the monthly Community Advisory Council meeting. If you missed the last session, please watch the recording <u>here</u> and then complete this <u>feedback activity</u>.

More Resources



Careers

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of <u>rewarding opportunities</u> for educators and support staff.



Care

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.



Community

Visit our <u>U-46 Online Backpack</u> to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's <u>YouTube channel</u> and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u>.





