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.

- **Monday, Nov. 20:** Board of Education meeting. Details here.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 22-Friday, Nov. 24:** Thanksgiving recess. No classes for students. Details here.

Thanksgiving Recess

The Thanksgiving holiday is next week. U-46 students will not have classes on Wednesday, Nov. 22, Thursday, Nov. 23, or Friday, Nov. 24. District offices will be closed on Nov. 23 and Nov. 24. Students will return to classes on Monday, Nov. 27.
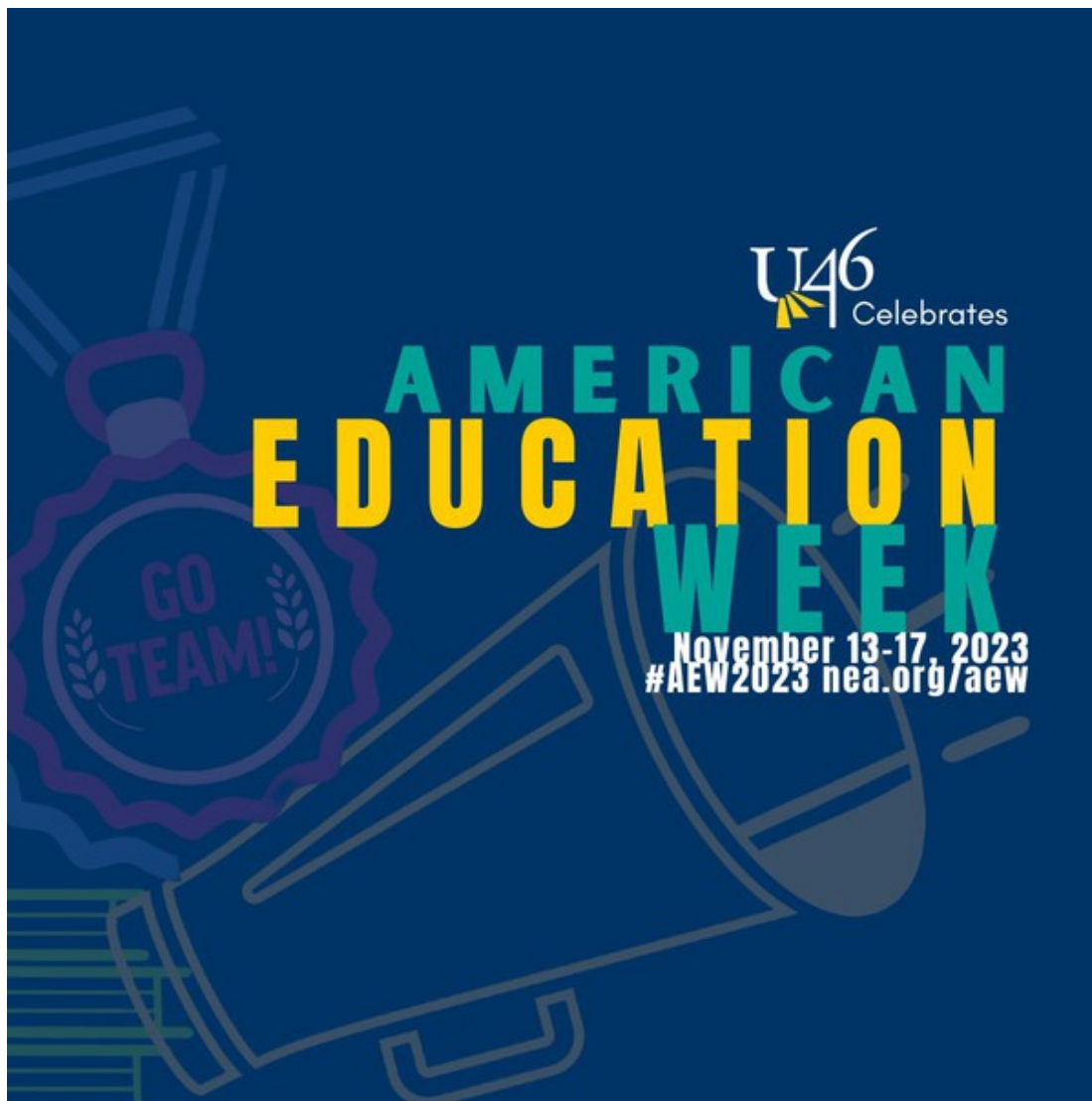
In December, the winter recess for students will begin on Friday, Dec. 22 and continue through Friday, Jan. 5. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 8.

Please consult u-46.org/calendar for a detailed calendar, and read our Student Attendance Guidelines for good attendance tips at u-46.org/attendance.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

STARTS WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

CLASSES RESUME MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

American Education Week

This week is American Education Week, celebrated during the third week of November as a way to recognize our public education system in the United States. Each day of the week has its own theme, during which we celebrate the members of our public school community, including parents, educational support professionals, educators, and substitute teachers. The U-46 Board of Education issued a proclamation for American Education Week at its Nov. 6 meeting. Please join us in expressing thanks for the invaluable role our teachers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, food service workers, secretaries, custodians and more play in our students' lives.
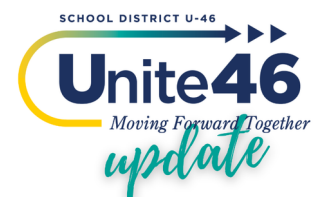
School Board Members Day

To recognize the outstanding efforts of the nearly 6,000 elected school board members throughout Illinois, Nov. 15 of each year is designated as "School Board Members Day." Board of Education members are elected to sit in trust for their diverse communities and charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the public education of their children. School District U-46 has seven elected Board of Education members; please join us in thanking them for their service on social media using the hashtags #U46Board and #ThankABoardMember. The Board's upcoming meetings are listed on the U-46 calendar, along with details on how you can attend the meetings in person or watch them online.

Unite U-46 Update

As the work of Unite U-46 moves forward, it's as important as ever that community members remain a part of it. The recommendations that have come forward through Unite U-46 include building new schools, renovating existing ones, and retiring old ones. It will also require new attendance boundaries to be determined for elementary, middle, and high school students, which will affect students across all grade levels.

The next community engagement session for Unite U-46 is taking place on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 8:30 a.m. at South Elgin High School. This session will focus on determining the optimal number of elementary schools in our school district. Everyone is welcome to attend the event, and although registration is not required, your RSVP will be helpful for planning purposes. To register, click here or visit uniteu46.org.

CAC Roundtable Discussion

The Community Advisory Council (CAC), is hosting its next General Meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 7. The December meeting is always reserved for the annual roundtable discussion with School District U-46 Board of Education members, Cabinet members, and Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson. This year's meeting will take place virtually - via Zoom - and will feature breakout room sessions in English and Spanish with rotating administrators and Board members. Please register in advance at info.u-46.org/CACDec23 to receive a unique Zoom link.

Early Learners Report Cards

The first trimester for our Early Learners (preschool and kindergarten students) ended on Friday, Nov. 10. Report cards for Early Learners are available through the Learning Genie app. Parents and guardians should have received an email on Friday, Nov. 10, with directions on how to access the Learning Genie application in order to see their child's report card. More information can be found here; any technical questions can be directed to help@learning-genie.com.

The first trimester also ended Nov. 10 for our elementary students (1st through 6th grades.) Their report cards are available through Infinite Campus Parent, and this page has step-by-step directions on how to access them. This section of the U-46 website has information on report cards, assignments, progress reports, and Illinois Learning Standards.

Save the Date!

The Community Advisory Council's Specialized Student Services Committee is meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

The Community Advisory Council's Instructional Initiatives Committee is meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 29.

The African American Advisory Council is meeting on Thursday, Dec. 14.

More Resources

Careers

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.

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

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.

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.