



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, Jan. 23:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, Jan. 25:** Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, Jan. 27:** Institute Day. No classes for students, offices open. [Details here](#).

Developing A Stronger Relationship with your Adolescent

The next meeting of the [Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee](#) (BPAC) is Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 6 p.m., with both an in-person and virtual option available. Psychologist and author Ferney Ramirez will speak about the changes adolescents experience as they get older and how parents can develop a better relationship with their tweens and teenagers.

BPAC consists of parents interested in being proactive in their child's education. A primary objective of the committee is to establish a clear and collaborative voice between families with students in the Dual Language program at our school sites and School District U-46.

The in-person meeting will be held at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin. Childcare will be available for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. The virtual meeting will be held via Zoom and can be joined via info.u-46.org/BPAC-22.

All are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be conducted in Spanish with interpretation into English available.

Parent Cafes

The U-46 Family Welcome Center hosts “Parent Cafes” regularly at schools throughout the District. During these cafes, parents have the opportunity to talk with other caregivers about the challenges and rewards of raising a family. They also learn about five “protective factors” — such as social connections and knowledge of parenting — that have been shown to keep children safe and families strong.

Through individual self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning, participants create strategies from their own wisdom and experiences to help strengthen their families. Participants leave Parent Cafes feeling inspired, energized, and excited to put into practice what they've learned!

The sessions are held in Spanish.

Parents and guardians are welcome to attend a Parent Cafe even if their child does not attend that specific school. For a complete schedule, click [here](#).

Any questions can be directed to parent educator Norma Burns at normaburns@u-46.org.



Foundation Scholarship Application OPENS SOON!

The U-46 Educational Foundation manages college scholarships worth tens of thousands of dollars, thanks to the generosity of donors.



U-46 seniors can apply for most of the scholarships via the U-46 Educational Foundation Online Scholarship Application. This one online application will allow students to be considered for up to nine scholarships without having to fill out a different application for each scholarship.

Some of the U-46 Educational Foundation scholarships using this application require supplemental essays or short answer questions that are unique to that scholarship. Most scholarships require letters of recommendation, and applicants must have filled out the FAFSA or the Illinois Alternative Application for Financial Aid.

The application will open next week, and high school seniors and their parents/guardians will receive an email with the direct link. Visit u-46.org/foundation to learn more.

We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? As the second-largest school district in the state of Illinois, School District U-46 offers a number of rewarding opportunities for



educators and support staff, including bus drivers, social workers, secretaries, food service technicians, and more. You can learn more about our District and job openings at u-46.org/careers.

Here are a couple of positions that we are highlighting:

- [Early Childhood Paraeducator](#): These individuals implement individual or small group instruction under the direction of a certified teacher, facilitate implementation of behavioral programs and procedures, and much more to help support a classroom environment that is conducive to learning and appropriate to the needs of the students.
- [Groundskeeper](#): These employees provide the District and the students with a functional, safe, and attractive learning environment. Work entails all phases of groundskeeping and maintenance including, lawn care, parking lot, and sidewalk maintenance, and preparation of outdoor athletic fields.

Online Backpack

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities and resources for our U-46 families and students.

Coming up:

- Hanover Township - Winter/Spring Tutoring Available
- Northern Illinois Food Bank - Mobile Food Pantry

The flyers in the Online Backpack are the responsibility of the group listed and not a District endorsement. Visit Online Backpack to view the organization's flyer for more information.



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