



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

Jan. 25, 2023

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Calendar

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

- **IMPORTANT UPDATE:** The Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25, has been postponed until Thursday, May 11.
- **Friday, Jan. 27:** Institute Day. No classes for students, offices open. [Details here](#).

Plan to Move 6th Grade to Middle School Delayed by One School Year

School District U-46's plans to move 6th grade into middle school (currently part of elementary school) will be delayed by one school year. The shift, originally scheduled to get underway across the District for the 2024-25 school year, will now take place with the 2025-26 school year. Therefore, 6th graders will remain in the elementary level during the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years.

The reason for the delay is forecasted supply and labor delays related to renovating Hawk Hollow, now an elementary school, into a middle school to serve our middle school level in the southeast corner of the District. The architectural firm designing the addition and renovation at Hawk Hollow recently advised District administrators about variables that could mean that Hawk Hollow would

not be ready for occupancy on the original schedule. The most pressing variables are those surrounding contractors and materials in the electrical, mechanical, concrete and steel spheres.

Hawk Hollow will still close its doors at the end of this 2022-23 school year to accommodate the construction.

More details can be found in Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders' weekly newsletter to U-46 staff [here](#).

Learn About the Pathways Open to Your High Schooler

Educational Pathways will be the focus of the next Community Advisory Council meeting being held Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. Mitchell Briesemeister, U-46's Director of Educational Pathways, will provide an update on how U-46 continues to strengthen its Educational Pathways, which are strategically planned sequences of career-oriented courses that lead directly to a post-secondary plan in a high-skill, high-wage occupation. He will also discuss the District's five Magnet Academies, a pilot internship program, and other career-related initiatives.



The winter CAC meetings are being held virtually. Please register [here](#) to join the meeting via Zoom.

Spotlight on U-46's Dual Language Program

The February 9th meeting of the African-American Advisory Council will focus on U-46's award-winning Dual Language program and feature a presentation from the District's Multilingual & Multicultural Education Department.



At the end of the meeting, the council will continue its book club discussion of "Fugitive Pedagogy" by Dr. Jarvis Givens.

All are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be conducted via Zoom at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 9. Advanced registration is required and is available [here](#).

Kindergarten Registration Opens Next Month

Online registration for incoming kindergarten students in U-46 will get underway on Monday, Feb. 6 through Sunday, Feb. 12. Families will start the process at u-46.org/registration and then make an appointment at their school to turn in paperwork or get more assistance. Alternatively, elementary schools have scheduled kindergarten registration events. That schedule can be found [here](#).

The parents of incoming kindergarten students will also be able to register any other current U-46 students in their households starting Feb. 6.

In U-46, kindergarten is a full-day, play-based program. Children learn through playing with real-world materials and situations, movement tied to verbal cues, predictable routines with repetitive language, songs and chants, and more.

To be eligible to enter kindergarten next fall, children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023. There will be no instructional fees collected.

We want to ensure all U-46 schools are ready to welcome our kindergarten on their first day of school, Aug. 15, 2023. In order to have the classrooms set to go, teachers hired, and transportation routes all set, we ask all parents and guardians of eligible incoming kindergarten students to register their child starting Feb. 6. We ask all to help us spread the word and share this information with others who may have an incoming kindergarten student. Details available at u-46.org/registration.



Kindergarten Registration | Inscripción de Kindergarten
For the 2023-24 School Year - Para el Año Escolar 2023-34
February 6 - 12 | Del 6 al 12 de febrero
u-46.org/registration

Learn About the Wonders of the Night Sky

Did you know U-46 opened the door to its Planetarium in September 1963 for students to learn about astronomy under the dome? Mark your calendars for the next Public Sky Show at the U-46 Planetarium to experience what this gem has to offer in our local community. The show on Tuesday, Feb. 14 will focus on “Perseus and Andromeda: Legends of the Night Sky.”



There will be two hourlong shows beginning at 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Doors will open at 4 p.m. and seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Shows will include a brief history of the building, a viewing of the overnight stars, planets, and interesting sights under the dome, and a full dome show.

Admission is cash only, \$2 per person, or a maximum of \$10 per family. The Planetarium is located at 312 Watch Street in Elgin, and there is free parking at Raymond Street and National Street, one block away. Find more information [here](#).

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:

- [Human Resources IS Manager](#): This position works with HR management to create and implement department performance metrics, analyze data to eliminate redundancies in the data collection process, and ensure meaningful reports to inform the decision-making process in the department.
- [School Bus Driver](#): These employees provide a safe and secure environment for the students of U-46 while they are transported to and from school and all other activities requiring the use of a school bus.

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:

- Elgin National Little League
- Hanover Township Teen Basketball Tournament

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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