



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

April 5, 2023

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Calendar

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

- **Thursday, April 6:** U-46 Planetarium Public Sky Show. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, April 6:** Community Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, April 7:** Spring Holiday. No classes for students, buildings closed. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, April 10:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, April 13:** African American Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).

Don't miss out on free Summer Connection opportunities

As in previous years, School District U-46 is offering a variety of free summertime experiences, under the program name "U-46 Summer Connection," to help students connect to extended academic, physical fitness and outdoor, artistic, and other opportunities. In addition, there are three specific programs to help incoming students in 7th, 9th, and 12th grade prepare for the school year ahead.



Enrollment is now open for most of these programs. Details and sign-up links can be found at u-46.org/summerconnection, divided by age — elementary, middle, and high school.

There are limited seats available for many of these opportunities, so don't delay in signing up. If you have questions, please contact your school directly or use [Let's Talk](#).

Superintendent Search Focus Group

The U-46 Board of Education needs input from staff, students, parents, and the community in their search to appoint the next superintendent of School District U-46. An online survey and focus groups are available to gather this information as well as impressions of the District.

The executive search firm Hazard, Young, Attea, and Associates (HYA) will be holding a series of focus groups - in person and virtually. Both will have Spanish interpretation available. The virtual option hosted by the U-46 Community Advisory Council will start at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 6. Please register at <https://info.u-46.org/CAC22-23>. The in-person focus group at 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, will be held at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago Street in Elgin. No registration is required for the in-person focus group.

The online survey is open to U-46 parents, students, teachers, support staff, administrators, and community members. The anonymous and confidential survey is available in English and Spanish [here](#) through Friday, April 14.

We hope to have as many people as possible from all aspects of our district participate in this process. For more information, visit u-46.org/superintendentsearch.

Online registration now open for the 2023-24 school year

Online registration for the 2023-24 school year officially opened on April 1. All families who have a child or children in any grade from preschool through 12th grade are encouraged to register as soon as possible. By registering this spring, you can help the District better plan for staffing and transportation for next school year and help ensure our schools are ready to welcome students on the first day back.

NEW THIS YEAR! All currently enrolled students must be registered no later than May 31.

No instructional fees are being collected; the District is covering the cost of instructional materials fees for the 2023-24 school year.

Find more information at u-46.org/registration and easy instructions for current families [here](#).



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Juniors to learn more about post-secondary opportunities

A "Post-Secondary Fair," being held on Thursday, April 6, is aimed at helping 11th grade students learn more about a variety of opportunities after high school. Students will participate virtually during their English Language Arts 3 or AP English Language and U.S History or AP U.S. History classes. Students in specific special education programs, ILP, MLP, EN1, EN2, and transition, will have a regular school day.

Juniors have received information about the event from their English and U.S. history teachers. More information can also be found [here](#).

Public Sky Show at U-46 Planetarium to focus on next year's solar eclipse

One year and two days before the next solar eclipse on April 8, 2024, the U-46 Planetarium is hosting a public sky show called "The Eclipse is Coming!"

There will be two hourlong shows on Thursday, April 6, beginning at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 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 look at the spring nighttime sky, and viewing tips and general information about next year's solar eclipse.



Safe-viewing eclipse glasses will be for sale for \$2 each.

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](#).

African American Advisory Council to focus on Gifted programs

The District's Gifted programming will be the focus of the next meeting of the African American Advisory Council. 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, April 13. Advanced registration is required and is available [here](#).

Support for Dual Language Parents

The next Dual Language Parent Support Group is being offered virtually on Monday, April 17, at 6:30 p.m. This group is for parents and guardians who have children in the District's award-winning Dual Language program.

Parents will connect with other Dual Language families, as well as members of the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department, and can ask questions and get tips for supporting their child's education. Support groups will be offered in English and in Spanish. Register [here](#) to receive the Zoom link.



Dual Language Parents Support Group!
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The Dual Language Parent Support Group provides an opportunity for Dual Language families to connect with other families and members of the U-46 Multilingual and Multicultural Department. During this time parents will have the chance to deepen their understanding of Dual Language programming, ask questions and/or problem solve around their child's biliteracy needs, and more!

WHEN: October 18, 2022
December 15, 2022
February 16, 2023
April 17, 2023

WHERE: Virtual Sessions -
Via Zoom 6:30 - 7:45 pm
<http://info.u-46.org/DualParent>

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings!

If you have questions, please contact Family Welcome Center Coordinator [Brenda Escobedo](#).

Looking for a new career?

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:

- [Summer Vacancies for Paraeducators](#) - These positions are an important part of the summer school offerings for students at sites across the District.
- [Volleyball Coach Positions](#) - There are openings for high school girls and boys volleyball coaches at the freshmen and JV levels.

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:

- The Drug-Free Dash - Sponsored by the Coalition for a Safe & Healthy Elgin
- YMCA Youth Soccer - Taylor Family YMCA

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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