



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, April 24:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, April 25:** Dual Language Informational Night. [Details here](#).
- **Saturday, April 29:** STEM Expo. [Details here](#).
- **Saturday, April 29:** Día de los Niños celebration. [Details here](#).
- **Saturday, April 29:** Open Elgin. [Details here](#).

Summer Connection Offers Opportunities for All

Enrollment for U-46's Summer Connection has been open for several weeks now, and a number of programs have limited seats available. These are free programs with transportation available to eligible students. Many include breakfast or lunch, as well.

Families are urged to check out u-46.org/summerconnection to learn more about these opportunities:



- [Elementary Summer School featuring fun enrichment activities](#) for incoming kindergarten through 6th grade students (**Enrollment ends Friday, April 21!**)
- [Middle School Summer Enrichment](#) for current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students
- [High School Summer School](#) offering credit recovery for current 9th through 12th grade students
- [Middle School Experience](#) for incoming 7th grade students (current 6th graders)
- [Freshman Connection](#) for incoming 9th grade students (current 8th graders)
- [College Jumpstart](#) for rising seniors (current 11th graders)
- [Extended School Year for eligible students](#)
- [A paid internship program for incoming seniors](#)

If you have questions or need more information, please contact your child's school or use [Let's Talk](#).

Two U-46 Buildings to be Featured in Open Elgin

School District U-46 will participate in the fourth [Open Elgin](#) on Saturday, April 29, by showcasing two of its buildings. The District sites will be among nearly 30 unique spaces and places available for free tours during the city-wide event celebrating the architecture and history of "The City in the Suburbs."



[McKinley Elementary School](#) will be open for tours from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Originally called the Prospect Street School when it opened in 1887, it was the third elementary school built in Elgin. Its original features include cream-colored brick, limestone accents, and an arched entry. The school is located at 258 Lovell Street in Elgin.

Also open for tours from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. will be the [U-46 Planetarium and Observatory](#); the Observatory was built and opened by the Elgin National Watch Company in 1910 and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Planetarium is located at 312 Watch Street in Elgin.

Celebrate Children's Day at Elgin High School

School District U-46 will celebrate Children's Day (Día de los Niños) from noon to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 29 at Elgin High School.

The free event will feature lots of fun activities, including crafts, a storytime, and face painting. A light lunch will be provided to the first 500 people who arrive. The first 200 families to arrive will receive a free book and a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of two iPads or one of three bicycles.

Elgin High School is located at 1200 Maroon Drive in Elgin. Attendees should enter through Door #7.



The event is organized and hosted by the U-46 Multilingual & Multicultural Education department and the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee.

Visit STEM Expo to Appreciate Talent of District's Students

The U-46 STEM Expo is being held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, April 29, at Eastview Middle School in Bartlett. Members of the public are invited to attend the free event to see the projects created by students, inspired by their own hands-on investigation and research.



The Office of K-12 Science and Planetarium is also looking for volunteers to help make the event a success. Particular areas in need of support include:

- Guest Experience - Greeting and directing students, parents, and visitors.
- Student Check-In/T-shirt Table - Checking students in or handing out t-shirts.
- Thinking Partner (Judge) - Using a pre-written questionnaire to judge students' projects.

Please use this [Google form](#) to express your area of interest. The event will run from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., but volunteer responsibilities can be broken down into shifts. Direct any questions to Deb McMullen, Coordinator of K-12 Science & Planetarium, at 847-888-5000 ext. 5313 or Cristina Rodriguez of the STEM Expo Committee at cristinarodriguez@u-46.org.

2023-24 Online Registration Inscripción en línea 2023-24



No charge for instructional fees!
¡No hay cobro de instrucción!

**All current students
must be registered by
May 31. Click here for
details.**

**Todos los estudiantes actuales
deben estar inscritos antes
del 31 de mayo. Para más
detalles, haga clic aquí.**

#U46FirstDayReady

u-46.org/registration

Care Solace

April is Stress Awareness Month and a good time to evaluate your current stress level. Stress is an unavoidable, normal response to change; even a positive change can be stressful.

Stress can manifest physically, such as aches and pains, muscle tension, digestive or sleep issues, or high blood pressure. Stress can also manifest mentally in anxiety, depression, and irritability.

If you or a loved one are struggling with stress, Care Solace can help. It's a complimentary and confidential care coordination service provided by School District U-46, and it's designed to quickly find a mental health care or substance use treatment provider for you.

Students, staff, and families may access Care Solace in two ways:

- Visit caresolace.com/u46
- Call 888-515-0595. Multilingual support is available 365 days a year, 24/7.

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:

- [Coordinator of Professional Learning](#) - This individual leads all aspects of professional learning and instructional coaching system-wide. They will collaborate with district and site-leadership to ensure that U-46 retains, develops, and recognizes a high quality and diverse workforce that can manage ongoing change successfully while meeting the diverse needs of students, parents, and the community.
- [Material Expeditor](#) - This position, located in Food & Nutrition Services, is responsible for all duties related to the receiving, storage, and preparation of meals, snacks, and supplies.

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 Valley Fox Trot - 10 Mile and 5K Run
- Chicago Rush West - Youth Soccer Tryouts



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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All means all.

