



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

**April 26, 2023**

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## Calendar

Stay tuned for upcoming events with our District website calendar available [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](#).
- **Monday, May 1:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, May 3:** Voices from the Heart celebration. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, May 4:** U-46 Wellness Fair. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, May 4:** Dual Language Informational Meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, May 4:** Community Advisory Council meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Friday, May 5:** Institute Day. No classes, offices open. [Details here](#).

## Two students win statewide honors

The U-46 Board of Education honored two students with Accent on Achievement certificates this week.

Anaya Chikhalia, a 6th grader at Hanover Countryside Elementary School in Streamwood, won the middle school division of the poster contest celebrating Illinois Arts Education Week 2023.

The prompt for the contest was “Home Is ...” and Anaya’s design shows a house inside a heart. In her entry, Anaya explained the inspiration behind her creation: “Home is important for life. It will hold all our memories that we created. My home will always be in my heart.”

The second student honored was Ashley Dominguez, who graduated in December from the Dream Academy, the District's alternative high school. She was recently named the Outstanding Student of the Year by the Illinois Coalition for Educating At-Risk Youth (ICEARY).

In the essay she submitted for the award, Ashley wrote about the challenges she and her family have faced, many of which worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic. But she called transferring to the Dream Academy “by far the best decision I’ve ever made,” and credited teachers there for showing her she was capable of far more than she thought.

"Despite all odds being stacked against me, I succeeded," she wrote. "I'm working to overcome my past trauma and stop letting it limit me."



## Celebrate Children’s Day at Elgin High School

Here’s a way you can make sure your children feel extra special on Children’s Day (Día de los Niños ) — come to the party on Saturday, April 29, at Elgin High School!

[This free event](#) is sponsored by School District U-46, its Multilingual & Multicultural Education Department, and the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC).

It will take place between noon and 2 p.m. The celebration will begin with a light lunch followed by crafts, face painting, stories from Gail Borden Library, and raffle prizes. The first 200 families to arrive will receive a free book!

Elgin High School is located at 1200 Maroon Drive in Elgin. Please enter at door #7



## 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. 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](mailto:cristinarodriguez@u-46.org).

## Community Advisory Council to Hold Virtual Meeting

The [Community Advisory Council's](#) last meeting of the 2022-23 school year will be held virtually Thursday, May 4, at 7 p.m. Those who wish to attend can register in advance [here](#).



The focus of the meeting will be an update on the work surrounding [U-46 Rising](#). The chairs of the CAC's committees will also deliver their year-end reports, and there will be a discussion about the future CAC leadership.

This is a great opportunity to learn more about CAC and consider ways of getting involved for the 2023-24 school year.

## Don't Miss Out on Fun Activities and Helpful Information at Wellness Fair

The "May Your Health Be With You" health and wellness fair is being held on Thursday, May 4, from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. at The Centre of Elgin, 100 Symphony Way, Elgin. This fun, free event is being planned by U-46 in collaboration with the Kane County Health Department and other community partners.



It will feature food tastings and demos, health screenings, car seat safety checks, a pop-up farmers market, and basketball contests, drills, and skills. Attendees will have a chance to win a \$200 Visa gift card, autographed Chicago Bears items, vouchers for sporting events, a bicycle, a car seat, a skateboard, and more. There will also be food trucks present with food available for purchase. Find more information [here](#).



## No classes for students on Friday, May 5

Students will have no classes on Friday, May 5. Teachers will be engaging in professional development. Offices will be open.

## #U46FirstDayReady

Even as teachers, staff, and administrators in U-46 are working to finish this school year strong, they are making plans for the 2023-24 school year. Here are a few things our U-46 families should know to make sure they are #U46FirstDayReady for Aug. 15, which is the first day of the 2023-24 school year!

1. All currently enrolled students must be registered by May 31. Find easy instructions [here](#). And remember, U-46 is covering the cost of instructional fees!
2. Students entering kindergarten, 6th, 9th, or 12th grade have certain health requirements. You can find forms and details on the requirements in English and Spanish [on this page](#), in the Health Services section of the U-46 website. Make doctor's appointments now!
3. As in previous years, U-46 will provide school supplies for all students entering kindergarten through 6th grade. All families need to provide is a backpack!



The 2023-24 school  
year begins  
Aug. 15, 2023

El año escolar 2023-24  
comienza el 15 de  
agosto, 2023



#U46FirstDayReady

#U46ListoParaElPrimerDía

[u-46.org/firstdayready](http://u-46.org/firstdayready)

## 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](https://u-46.org/careers).



Here are a couple of positions that we are highlighting:

- [Human Resources Information Services Manager](#): This individual will ensure the accuracy and reliability of data and related meaningful reports to help inform the decision-making process in HR. They will also create and implement department performance metrics to measure and benchmark final outcomes.
- [Maintenance Flooring Technician](#): The primary purpose of this position is to assist in the day-to-day operations of the maintenance department to provide students and staff with a functional, safe, and attractive environment in which to work and learn.

## 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 Youth Symphony Orchestras - Auditions for the 2023-24 Season
- Streamwood Park District - Hiring Summer Day Camp Staff



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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