



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

Nov. 16, 2022

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Calendar

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

- **Monday, Nov. 21:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, Nov. 23:** Non-attendance day for students. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Nov. 24-Friday, Nov. 25:** Thanksgiving recess. No classes, offices closed. [Details here](#).

Attendance Matters

We love seeing our students every day at school, especially as we near the holiday season and the end of 2022. Please remember that it is extremely important that our students are in school and on time to class every day, right up until the end of the school day.

Every day in school counts and helps build the foundation for your child's academic success. It is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as collaborate with their peers on rigorous, standards-aligned tasks that require critical thinking, collaboration, creativity, and communication. When your child is absent, they miss out on this collaboration.

Extended absences and/or vacations during the school year are discouraged and considered unexcused absences. The only approved vacation periods for U-46 occur during Thanksgiving and

winter recess, spring break, and summer vacation. Thank you, as always, for your support and cooperation.

For our Student Attendance Guidelines as part of our Student Handbook, please visit u-46.org/attendance.

How does attendance impact my child's academic success?

According to AttendanceWorks.org

When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

Attendance is necessary to engage in instruction. When your child misses, they fall behind.

Students who are absent often struggle to find a sense of community within the school.



Thanksgiving Recess

With the winter holidays approaching, please consult u-46.org/calendar for details on days when school is not in session for students.

Wednesday, Nov. 23 is a non-attendance day for students. The Thanksgiving recess is Thursday, Nov. 24, and Friday, Nov. 25. Students will not have instruction on those days and District offices will be closed, as well as school buildings. Students will return to classes on Monday, Nov. 28.

CAC Roundtable Discussion

The [Community Advisory Council](#) (CAC), is hosting its next General Meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1. The December meeting is always reserved for the annual roundtable discussion with School District U-46 Board of Education members, Cabinet members, and Superintendent Dr. Tony Sanders. This year's meeting will take place virtually - via Zoom - and will feature breakout room sessions in English and Spanish with rotating administrators and Board members. Please register in advance [here](#).



Dual Language Support Group

Do you have a child in U-46's Dual Language program? If so, you'll want to plan to attend the next Dual Language Parent Support Group on Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:30 p.m. It's being held virtually. Parents and guardians will connect with other Dual Language families, as well as members of the Multilingual and Multicultural 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 at <http://info.u-46.org/DualParent>



Dual Language Parents Support Group!

**Come,
Share,
Participate
and Learn!**



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!

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:

- **Food Service Technician**: These employees are responsible for receiving and storing food and supplies and preparing daily meals and snacks, with an emphasis on excellent customer service and maintaining a clean, sanitary, and organized workspace at all times.
- **Building Substitute Teacher**: The substitute teachers implement instructional plans in the absence of the classroom teacher. They serve as a positive role model for students. Building

substitutes are assigned in one building for the duration of the school year.

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:

- Village of South Elgin - An Almost Winter Day
- Hanover Township - Cookies & Cocoa
- Chinese Mutual Aid Association - ESL Classes

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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