



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, May 15:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, May 17:** Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, May 24:** Planetarium Public Sky Show. [Details here](#).
- **Saturday, May 27:** High school graduation ceremonies. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, May 29:** Memorial Day holiday. No classes, offices closed.
- **Wednesday, May 31:** Last day of classes in U-46 schools, if no emergency days are used.

## U-46 Celebrates the Top Two Percent of the Class of 2023

The U-46 Board of Education on Monday night honored the academic success and accomplishments of graduating seniors who rank in the top two percent of their class. In addition to Board members, family members, friends, high school principals and U-46 administrators gathered at South Elgin High School for the ceremony.

These hard-working students are headed to colleges including Northwestern University, the University of Michigan, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Notre Dame, and Georgetown.

More photos and details about these students will be shared on the [Class of 2023 section](#) of our website and [Facebook page](#) in the coming weeks, but you can read their names now at [info.u-46.org/Top2Percent2023](http://info.u-46.org/Top2Percent2023).



## Event promotes the value of bilingual education

There were lots of emotional moments at a ceremony earlier this month honoring the student winners in the 2022-23 Voces del Corazón/Voices from the Heart Writing & Art Contest.

Voces del Corazón is designed to nurture creative expression and to validate the diverse identities of all U-46 Dual Language and ESL students.

Earlier in the school year, Dual Language and ESL students from across U-46's elementary, middle and high schools were challenged to write essays for the contest about the value of bilingualism and judged by volunteers at the school and district-level. All first-place winners received a certificate congratulating their work, and four schools won an original mural designed by U-46 Dual Language students.

The murals were unveiled at the ceremony on May 3, and the artists who created them received art supplies. Watch a slideshow of photos from the event [here](#).



## Deadline is this week for Dual Language Interest Form

Friday, May 12, is the deadline for parents and guardians of incoming kindergarten or 1st grade students to submit their Dual Language Interest Form, which can be found [here](#). Parents and guardians with questions are urged to call 847-888-5000, ext. 5331 or 5332, or visit [u-46.org/duallanguage](http://u-46.org/duallanguage).

## Developing a stronger relationship with your adolescent

The final meeting for this school year of the [Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee](#) (BPAC) is Wednesday, May 17, at 6 p.m., with both an in-person and virtual option available. Psychologist and author Ferney Ramirez will speak about the changes adolescents experience as they get older and how parents can develop a better relationship with their tweens and teenagers.

The in-person meeting will be held in the lecture hall of the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. Childcare will be available for children in kindergarten through 6th grade. The virtual meeting will be held via Zoom and can be joined via [info.u-46.org/BPAC-22](http://info.u-46.org/BPAC-22).

All are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be conducted in Spanish with interpretation into English available.

## #U46Classof2023 Graduation Ceremonies

Graduation ceremonies for the [Class of 2023](#) will be held on Saturday, May 27, 2023, at the NOW Arena, 5333 Prairie Stone Parkway, Hoffman Estates. The first ceremony is Larkin High School at 8 a.m., followed by Streamwood High School at 11 a.m., South Elgin High School at 2 p.m., Elgin High School at 5 p.m., and Bartlett High School wrapping up the evening with a ceremony starting at 8 p.m.



To make this special event run smoothly, guests are asked not to bring large bags, purses, noise makers, or balloons into the NOW Arena. NOW Arena security will conduct bag searches and use hand-held metal detector wands for random checks of guests. Also, NOW Arena security staff will require all graduates to walk through metal detectors at the student entrance.

Graduates, families, and guests are asked to arrive 45 minutes prior to the graduation ceremony. To reduce parking and traffic problems, groups are asked to ride in the fewest possible number of vehicles. After the ceremony, families are encouraged to head to their cars after about 30 minutes in the meet and greet area.



Make sure to follow #U46Classof2023 on social media for lots of photos, videos and stories from this special day!

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** On Friday, May 26, all high school students, other than students in Transition programs, will be dismissed early at 1:40 p.m. to allow seniors to participate in graduation practice. The buses will follow their usual schedule, and we will provide supervision for students who need to wait at the school for the bus. Students in Transition programs at our high schools will be dismissed at their regular time.

## 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:

- [General Accountant](#): This individual, who will work in the Financial Operations department, is responsible for thoroughly and accurately processing journal entries and transactions to prepare financial reports for multiple funds and programs.
- [Mechanic](#): The employee in this role will be expected to meet the highest level of repair and maintenance standards to ensure the safest possible transportation for students and staff.

## 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:

- Bartlett Raiders Cheer Team
- Elgin Fox Volley Trot

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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