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Calendar

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

- **Saturday, Nov. 2:** Skeleton Trot 5K. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Nov. 4:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, Nov. 5:** Election Day. No classes, offices closed.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 6:** AVID Informational Session. [Details here](#).

Election Day - No Classes

Next Tuesday, Nov. 5, is the 2024 General Election, which has been designated a state holiday in Illinois. There will be no classes for U-46 students on Nov. 5, and all U-46 buildings and offices will be closed. About 15 of our school buildings will be used as polling places. Please visit [u-46.org/calendar](https://u46.org/calendar) for printable calendars for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

Fall Panorama Survey

U-46 students in 5th through 12th grades will be taking a survey on Nov. 11 to gauge how well they feel included and represented in our schools. The survey asks essential questions about diversity and inclusion, cultural awareness and action, and our students' sense of belonging. If a student



doesn't feel they have enough information to answer a question, they can skip the item altogether. To learn more about this survey, or to opt your child out from taking it, please visit our [Student Equity and Inclusion Survey](#) website.

Johnson on the Job



School District U-46 Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson spends time with Joe Kellenberger, the planetarium teacher, to learn more about this unique educational asset. Watch the video [here](#). To see dates for upcoming public planetarium shows, or to go on a self-guided tour of the historic observatory, visit u-46.org/planetarium.

Veterans Day

Students and staff in School District U-46 will support and honor our local veterans and troops with special ceremonies, concerts, displays, and collections during the month of November. In addition, local veterans are visiting classrooms to speak to students about their service and their lives as part of Veterans Voices, a program being held in partnership with the Gail Borden Public Library. Keep an eye on U-46's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) channels and help us honor our veterans.



Read for the Record

Kindergarten and 1st grade classrooms across the District welcomed guest readers last week to participate in "Read for the Record," an event that features young children enjoying the same book, on the same day, in communities all over the world. "Read for the Record" raises awareness of the critical importance of early literacy and access to inclusive, high-quality books. This year, the featured book was "Piper Chen Sings," by musical theater actress Phillipa Soo, and it focused on a talented little girl who learns to deal with her anxiety about performing in public. In addition to the below photos, you can see more images from this special day on the U-46 [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) accounts.



Thanksgiving Recess

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

The Thanksgiving holiday is on Thursday, Nov. 28. U-46 students will not have classes on Wednesday, Nov. 27, Thursday, Nov. 28, or Friday, Nov. 29. District offices will be closed on Nov. 28 and Nov. 29. We will welcome students back to classes on Monday, Dec. 2.

In December, the winter recess for students will begin on Monday, Dec. 23, and continue through Friday, Jan. 3. District offices will be closed on Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 31, and Jan. 1. Classes will resume on Monday, Jan. 6.

Please remember as we near the holiday season and the end of 2024 that it is vital that our students are in school and on time to class every day, right up until the end of the school day.

[Every Minute Matters!](#)

More Resources

We're Hiring

Have you considered becoming a part of the U-46 team? School District U-46 offers a number of [rewarding opportunities](#) for educators and support staff.



Weekly Message from Dr. Johnson

Each week, Superintendent Dr. Suzanne Johnson shares a message with U-46 employees and community members. You can read the latest message [here](#).



Board of Education

The Board of Education meetings are streamed on the District's [YouTube channel](#) and via Zoom. Written highlights from the meetings, as well as presentations delivered to the Board, can be found [here](#).



Care Solace

Care Solace is a complimentary and confidential service provided by School District U-46 to help locate a provider for mental health care or substance use treatment. It's available to U-46 students, staff, and their family members. Learn more [here](#).



Community

Visit our [U-46 Online Backpack](#) to find information on community events, activities, and resources for our U-46 families and students.



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