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## Calendar

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

## Magnet Academy - Application Deadline Friday!

Current 8th grade students interested in attending one of the District's five Magnet Academies in high school must submit their application before midnight on Friday, Oct. 25. Additional information and a link to the application platform is available at [u-46.org/magnetacademies](https://u-46.org/magnetacademies), as well as an optional template for recommendation letters.

Any questions about requirements, recommendation letters, or the application process should be directed as soon as possible to middle school counselors or by emailing [magnetacademies@u-46.org](mailto:magnetacademies@u-46.org).



## Skeleton Trot - Volunteers Needed!



The sign-up window has closed to walk or run in the first-ever El Trote De Las Calacas (the Skeleton Trot) in Elgin, but you can still be a part of it by volunteering to help.

The 5K, scheduled for the morning of Saturday, Nov. 2, will require many volunteers. Please [click here](#) to begin the volunteer process via the Gail Borden Public Library, which has partnered with School District U-46 to present this exciting cultural collaboration. Once on the site, click the “Apply Here” button for adults and fill out the

form. In the assignment preference box, choose Main Library and Trote de las Calacas. Once this form is completed and submitted, you will get an email from the library that allows you to sign up for the task and time slot best suited to you. (Note: Those who work for U-46 staff can sign up [here](#) to volunteer.)

Find lots more information about the race, and the festivities that will come after it, at [gailborden/trote](#). The proceeds will benefit the U-46 Educational Foundation and the Gail Borden Public Library District Foundation.

## Election Day - No Classes

The 2024 General Election, which falls on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 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](#) for printable calendars for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.

## AVID Info Session - Nov. 6

School District U-46 is proud to offer AVID as an option for our middle and high school students. AVID, an acronym for Advancement Via Individual Determination, is a research-based program that prepares students for career and college success. It teaches critical thinking, problem-solving, and self-advocacy skills, and students get a chance to visit colleges and local employers, strengthen their study habits, and prepare for more challenging coursework. Students can join the AVID program anytime between 7th and 10th grades.

Families who are interested in learning more about AVID, including the application process, are urged to attend an information session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 6. The session will be held virtually via Zoom and can be joined [here](#). Spanish translation will be provided. More info is available at [u-46.org/avid](#).



## P.E.P. Talk - Vaping

Parents! Join us for a...

### P.E.P. TALK

PARENT UNIVERSITY  
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**Navigating the Vaping Epidemic and Drug Prevention with Your Teen**

**Savannah Pierce Walker**  
Prevention Education Specialist, School District U-46

**Nicole Wheatley**  
Project Coordinator, Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin

**18 Nov, 2024**  
6:00-7:00 PM

**Gail Borden Public Library**  
Elgin Room (Upstairs)

Attendees will be entered for giveaways!

This event is free to the public and will include English and Spanish translations. Children ages 4 and under may attend with their parents. Students ages 11+ are welcome to visit the library unattended but are advised to avoid attending with parents due to the sensitive nature of the material.

Presented By:

School District U-46 will be part of a presentation next month designed to provide parents and guardians with tools to help their teenagers avoid vaping and substance abuse. P.E.P. Talk Parent University, with P.E.P. standing for Prepare, Educate, Event, is being offered at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, in the Elgin Room on the second floor. Other organizations collaborating on the event are Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin and Ecker Center for Behavioral Health. The P.E.P. Talk is free to the public and will include Spanish interpretation. Children ages 4 and under may attend with their parents. Children ages 11 and older can visit the library while their parents attend the presentation, as the material covered is

sensitive in nature. For questions, contact U-46 Prevention Education Specialist [Savannah Pierce Walker](#).

## 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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All means all.

