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Calendar

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

- **Friday, Nov. 8:** End of first trimester.
- **Wednesday, Nov. 13:** High school early release day. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, Nov. 18:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).

Elementary Report Cards

The first trimester for our elementary students ends on Friday, Nov. 8 and parents and guardians of students in 1st through 6th grade will be able to view their child's first trimester report card in Infinite Campus after 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 13. Information on report cards, grading, timelines, and Illinois Learning Standards is available on the [Report Card section of the website here](#).

As a reminder, in-progress grades are always available in Infinite Campus, along with information about your child's attendance, teacher's contact information and bus schedule if applicable. In-progress grades allow parents to

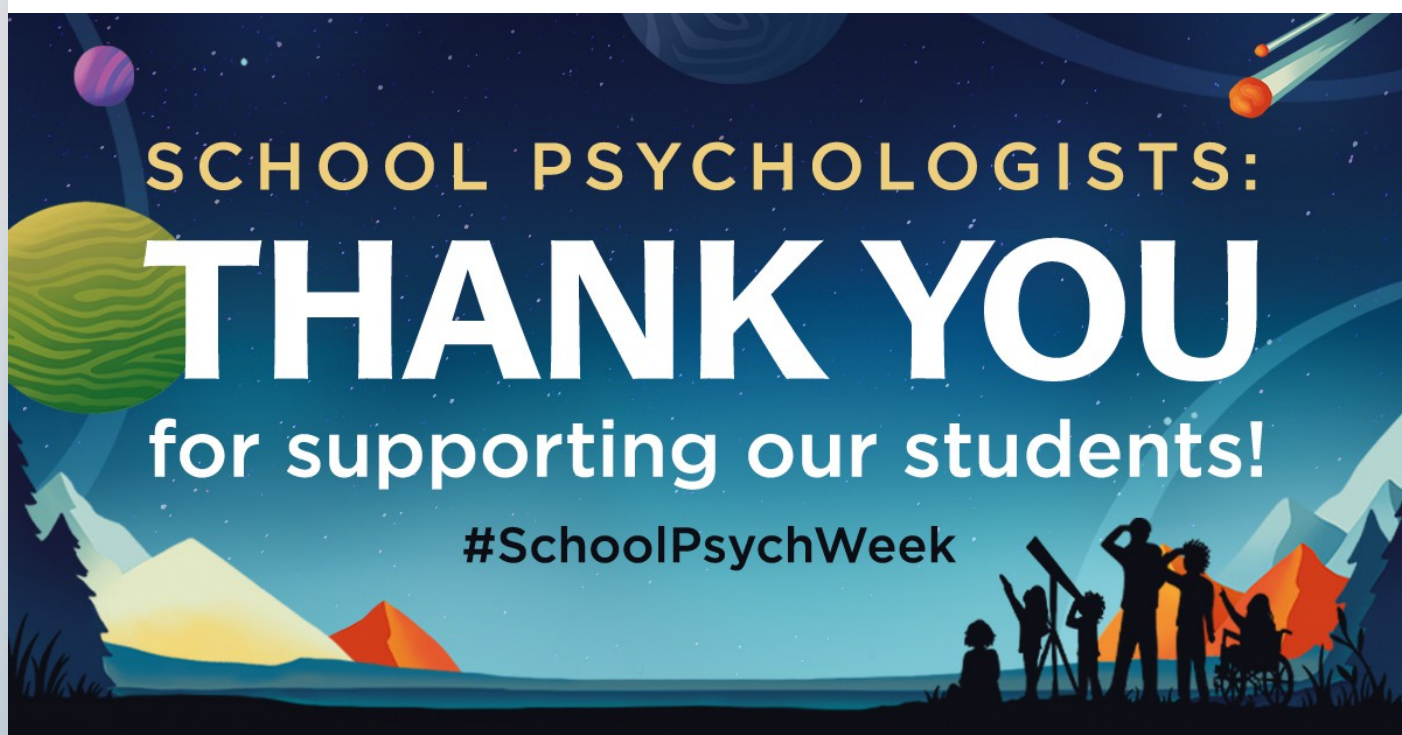


monitor how their child is doing in class without waiting until the end of a trimester and ask questions of a teacher on how to provide additional support to their child who might be struggling with a concept or skill.

Note: Parents and guardians of our preschool and kindergarten students will find report cards for our early learners in the Learning Genie app. Directions on how to download Learning Genie and sign in to your account can be found [here](#).

National School Psychology Week

The week of Nov. 11-15, 2024, is National School Psychology Week, designed to highlight the important work school psychologists do to help all students thrive. In U-46, we have 21 school psychologists who support student well-being and learning. We thank them for their work.



High School Early Release Day

Next Wednesday, Nov. 13, is an early release day for students in our five comprehensive high schools - Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin, and Streamwood. High schoolers will be dismissed at 1:59 p.m. to allow teachers time for planning and collaboration.

Please note that this schedule change does not apply to elementary or middle school students as well as Dream Academy and Central School students - they will follow their regular dismissal times.

High school students who rely on bus transportation or participate in after-school activities are expected to remain at school until the regular dismissal time of 2:55 p.m. They will be supervised during this period. Students may use this time to complete homework, study, or explore other options offered in the building.

A copy of the 2024-25 school year calendar with all high school early release dates is available at u-46.org/calendar.

Safety Tuesday on Wednesday

Northern Illinois has experienced a beautiful, warm fall, but winter weather can strike at any time. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security [offers guidance](#) on what families can do now to prepare for the winter:



- Gather supplies in case your home were to be without power for several days. Keep in mind each person's specific needs, including medication, and plan for your pets, too. Have extra batteries for radios and flashlights.
- If you use heating devices in your home, make sure you are using them safely. Install working carbon monoxide detectors on every level of your home.

It's important to prepare your vehicle for winter weather, as well, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration [has this advice](#):

- Create an emergency supply kit for your car. Include a snow shovel and ice scraper, jumper cables, sand or kitty litter, a flashlight, warm clothes, blankets, bottled water and non-perishable snacks. Keep your gas tank full in winter.
- Familiarize yourself with the safety technologies on your vehicle and how they perform in winter weather.
- Make sure your headlights, brake lights, turn signals, emergency flashers, and interior lights are in working order before winter, and keep your windshield wiper reservoir filled with high-quality winter fluid that contains de-icer.

The website [Ready Kids](#), produced by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, has resources to help parents and guardians talk to their children about emergency preparedness during the [winter](#), as well as tips for how to create a [family communications plan](#) and build an [emergency supply kit](#).

Gifted Info Session

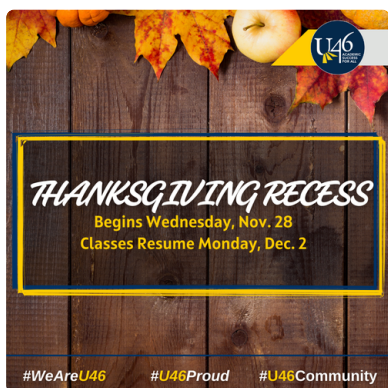
Elementary families interested in learning more about [U-46's Gifted programs](#) are invited to attend an information session at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. The presentation will be offered in English and Spanish. If you have questions, please use [Let's Talk](#).

Skeleton Trot



[Watch this video](#) for highlights from the first-ever Skeleton Trot 5K!

Thanksgiving Recess



With the fall and winter holidays approaching, please consult [u-46.org/calendar](https://u46.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 that as we near the holiday season and the end of 2024, it is vital that our students are in school and on time for class every day, right up until the end of the school day.

[Every Minute Matters!](#)

Save the Date!

Post-Secondary Transition Services, Supports, and Resources for Students and their Families

Join this virtual program to learn about the post-secondary transition services, supports, and resources offered by School District U-46, the community, and the state. An overview of the U-46 Transition Programs, PUNS (Prioritization of Needs and Services), SSI (Supplemental Security

Income), DRS (Department of Rehabilitation Services), Medicaid, ABLE, and other related community services will be discussed.

The virtual presentation will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 19; the [Zoom link is available here](#). If asked, the meeting ID number is 814 3671 4526, and the passcode is 248669. This program will be presented in English with Spanish interpretation.

This event is hosted by the [CAC Specialized Student Services Committee](#), a resource for parents of students with special education services. The committee's mission is to help share information from U-46 and outside community resources by hosting various programs. The committee also provides opportunities for parent engagement, consisting of dedicated parents from various schools. All members have direct experience with special education services. Meetings are monthly and always on Zoom. Everyone is welcome!



CAC Roundtable with the Board of Education and U-46 Administrators

The December meeting of the [Community Advisory Council](#) is always held as a roundtable discussion with School District U-46 Board of Education members and Cabinet members. This year's meeting will take place in person at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5, at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., in Elgin. If you're interested in helping plan this annual event, please join us at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 21, via Zoom [here](#).

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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