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Calendar

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

- **Monday, Nov. 18:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, Nov. 19:** Community Advisory Council's Specialized Student Services Committee Meeting and Program. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, Nov. 21:** Community Advisory Council planning meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Wednesday, Nov. 27-Friday, Nov. 29:** Thanksgiving Recess.

Elementary Report Cards Available Today

The first trimester report cards for elementary students are now available on Infinite Campus.

Parents and guardians have access to the Infinite Campus Parent Portal through a unique username and password. Please [click here](#) to sign in to your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account. [This section](#) of the U-46 website has information on report cards, grading, timelines, and Illinois Learning Standards; click [here](#) for



step-by-step directions on how to access your child's elementary report cards in your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account.

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.

Beginning with the 2024-25 school year, reported grades for students will be a combination of a student's demonstration of mastery through summative, formative, and intentional practice work. More information about Standards Based Learning can be found on our website [here](#), as well as in this [detailed video](#) or [this handout](#).

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 into your account can be found [here](#).

School Board Members Day

To recognize the outstanding efforts of the nearly 6,000 elected school board members throughout Illinois, Nov. 15 of each year is designated as "School Board Members Day." Board of Education members are elected to sit in trust for their diverse communities and charged with meeting the community's expectations and aspirations for the public education of their children. School District U-46 has seven elected [Board of Education members](#), and the Board was [recently recognized](#) for its exceptional governance practices by the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Please join us in thanking the members of the U-46 BOE for their service on social media using the hashtags #U46Board and #ThankABoardMember. The Board's upcoming meetings are listed on the [U-46 calendar](#), along with details on how you can attend the meetings in person or watch them online.



American Education Week

Next week is American Education Week, celebrated the week prior to Thanksgiving as a way to recognize our public education system in the United States. [Each day of the week has its own theme](#), during which we celebrate the members of our public school community, including parents, educational support professionals, educators, and substitute teachers. The U-46 Board of Education will issue a proclamation for American Education Week at its Nov. 18 meeting. Please join us in expressing thanks for the invaluable role our teachers, bus drivers, paraprofessionals, food service workers, secretaries, custodians and more play in our students' lives.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

November 18-22
#AEW2024



P.E.P. Talk - Vaping

Parents! Join us for a...

P.E.P. TALK

PARENT UNIVERSITY
Prepare | Educate | Prevent

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.

U-46 parents who want tools to help their teenagers avoid vaping and substance abuse are encouraged to attend P.E.P. Talk Parent University at 6 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 18, at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin. In addition to U-46, 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. More details are available [here](#).

New Middle School in Bartlett - Naming Suggestions Needed!

Our district is excited to share that the construction of the new middle school in Bartlett is coming along nicely and remains on schedule to open its doors in the 2025-26 school year to serve our community! As part of the process, we invite input on potential names for the school. Per U-46 Board of Education Policy [4:150 Facility Management and Building Programs](#), naming decisions reflect our values and honor local history, geography, or notable



individuals who have contributed to education or the community. Board Policy 4:150 specifically states:

If named after a person, the following guidelines shall govern the naming of facilities:

1. The names of living persons shall not be considered.
2. The nominee must have made a significant contribution to society.
3. The name should lend prestige and status to an institution of learning.
4. The nomination shall be presented in a brief three-paragraph statement which shall contain:
 1. Biographical data.
 2. The significant contribution.
 3. A statement of why a school should be named after the person.

Anyone interested in submitting a recommendation should send an email with their nomination to brianlindholm@u-46.org by Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2024. We look forward to working together to find a name that represents the vision and aspirations of our students and community.

CAC Roundtable



The December meeting of the [Community Advisory Council](#) will be a roundtable discussion with School District U-46 Board of Education members and Cabinet members. It is scheduled for 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](#).

Windy City Bulls Jersey Contest

Attention U-46 students who enjoy graphic arts - If you are skilled at using Adobe Illustrator, consider entering our contest to design a jersey for the Windy City Bulls!



U-46 has been chosen to represent this season's Hispanic Heritage Theme Night for the Windy City Bulls, and they have asked our students to compete to produce a special jersey design that the team will wear on March 21 in a game against the Mexico City Capitanes.

Entrants must be U-46 students, and eligible designs should be created in Adobe Illustrator and incorporate elements of Hispanic culture, history, and community. The use of vibrant colors is encouraged!

Final design submissions are due by Dec. 6. Members of the Windy City Bulls management team will judge the entries to determine finalists and the eventual winning design.

The winning artist will receive an official full jersey set customized with their last name and favorite number, plus four tickets to the March 21 game.

To enter the contest, please fill out this [Google form](#), and the Adobe Illustrator template will be shared with you.

Veterans Day



Schools across the District honored veterans this week with special ceremonies, displays, and programs. You can see more photos on U-46's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Save the Date!

Class of 2029

Parents and guardians of current 8th grade students are encouraged to attend an informational night at the high school their child will be attending. All five of U-46's comprehensive high schools are hosting an event in early December. At these sessions, families will meet high school administrators and staff, learn about a typical high school schedule, receive an overview of the course selection process for the 2025-26 school year, and more. A complete schedule can be found [here](#).

African American Advisory Council

The African American Advisory Council's next meeting will be held virtually at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12. The Zoom link to join is available [here](#), and more information is available [here](#). All are welcome.

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.



School District U-46

All means all.



