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Calendar

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

- **Thursday, April 17-Friday, April 18:** No classes for students. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, April 24:** U-46 Planetarium Public Sky Show. [Details here](#).
- **Thursday, April 24:** Dual Language Information Session. [Details here](#).
- **Monday, April 28:** U-46 Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).

Groundbreaking Ceremonies at Kenyon Woods and Kimball Middle Schools

It's an exciting time in School District U-46 as we continue the work to transition to a true middle school model, in which 6th graders will join 7th and 8th graders in middle school. To help accommodate the shift, additions are being made to Kimball Middle School and Kenyon Woods Middle School, and groundbreaking ceremonies were held at both schools this past month. Click [here](#) to watch a video about the Kimball groundbreaking ceremony and [here](#) to watch a video about the Kenyon Woods event.



Reminder - No Classes for Students on Thursday and Friday

There are no classes for students on two days this week: Thursday, April 17, which is a professional development day for staff, and Friday, April 18, which is U-46's spring holiday. After that, classes for students are scheduled through Friday, May 23, which is the last day for students if no additional emergency days are used. Remember - [Every Minute Matters!](#)

P.E.P. Talk - Marijuana Use in Teens



School District U-46 will be part of a presentation this month designed to provide parents and guardians with tools to discuss marijuana use with their teens. This will be an educational event with the goal to inform parents and empower them to have conversations with the young people in their lives. P.E.P. Talk Parent University, with P.E.P. standing for Prepare, Educate,

Prevent, is being offered at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 21, at the Gail Borden Public Library, 270 N. Grove Ave., Elgin, in the Meadows Community Room. Other organizations collaborating on the event are Coalition for a Safe and Healthy Elgin, the Gretchen S. Vapnar Community Crisis Center, 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](#).

Planetarium Sky Show

The next Public Sky Show at the U-46 Planetarium is Thursday, April 24, and the theme will be "Chasing Mercury." There will be two hour-long shows beginning at 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Doors will open at 4 p.m., and seating is limited and on a first-come, first-served basis. Admission for the 2024-25 school year is free. Find more information [here](#).



Class of 2025

School District U-46 will be celebrating the Class of 2025 on Saturday, May 24, at the NOW Arena in Hoffman Estates. The graduation ceremonies will start according to the following schedule:

- Elgin High School: 8 a.m.
- Bartlett High School: 11 a.m.
- Larkin High School: 2 p.m.
- Streamwood High School: 5 p.m.
- South Elgin High School: 8 p.m.



More details, including on tickets, arrival times, and parking, can be found [here](#).

Community 5Ks

U-46 families, employees and community members have two upcoming opportunities to support U-46 students while enjoying the outdoors and being active too!

U-46 Deaf and Hard of Hearing 5K

This annual race is a fundraiser and social event for our Deaf/Hard of Hearing students. Your school and/or family can run or walk for this event. After the run/walk has ended, fun activities will be available for you and your family. Registration fees include a T-shirt, lunch and swag bag. This year's race will take place on Saturday,

May 10, at Bartlett Nature Center. There are two ways you can register: paper or online. Information on both options can be found [here](#). For any questions, please contact Zainab Sheth, zainabsheth@u-46.org



5K Walk for Autism Acceptance

U-46's Instructional Learning Program, known as ILP, supports students in grades kindergarten through 12th grade where many of our students are on the Autism Spectrum. The program serves students with moderate to severe Autism and is structured to support their communication, sensory, independent functioning and social-emotional needs. For the last five years, teachers and staff members who work in the program have organized the 5K Walk for Autism Acceptance. This year, they've partnered with the U-46 Educational Foundation so that U-46 ILP teachers can request to use donated funds that will directly impact their students.

The 5K is scheduled for Saturday, April 26, at 9:30 a.m. at Centennial Elementary School in Bartlett.

To learn more, or to sign up to participate, [click here](#). Questions can be directed to [Erin Bryant](#) at erinbryant@u-46.org, or Brenda Morones at brendamorones@u-46.org.

#U46FirstDayReady

Online registration for the 2025-26 school year is now open to all families who have a child or children in any grade from preschool through 12th grade. By registering this spring, you can help the District better plan for staffing and transportation for next school year and help ensure our schools are ready to welcome students on the first day back.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All currently enrolled students must be registered by May 31. Find more information at [u-46.org/registration](#) and easy instructions for current families [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](#).



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](#).



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](#).



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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