



The weekly newsletter from School District U-46

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Calendar

- **Thursday, April 4:** CAC general meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Monday, April 8:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here.](#)
- **Thursday, April 11:** African American Advisory Council meeting. [Details here.](#)

Solar Eclipse

The solar eclipse is less than a week away! Parents and guardians who want their child to go outside and view the eclipse on April 8 must sign a permission slip - either the online version [here](#), or by downloading and signing this [paper copy](#) to return to the school.

Students whose parents have signed the permission slip - and whose teacher has completed the necessary professional development - will be provided eclipse glasses or an eclipse viewer in class on Monday morning.



U-46's K-12 Science and Planetarium Department has been preparing for this event for more than a year. This eclipse is an amazing learning opportunity for our students, which is why we're providing the necessary scientific tool - and the proper training - so we can all enjoy this celestial event safely.

Remember, it's never safe to look directly at the Sun without the appropriate eye protection, and the Sun isn't doing anything different during an eclipse than it does on a regular day.

Find more information, including a series of short videos with interesting facts about the eclipse, at u-46.org/eclipse.

Thanking our Assistant Principals

April 1-5 is National Assistant Principals Week. We are grateful for all of our APs, who provide a constant presence and source of guidance for all the students in our schools.



**HAPPY ASSISTANT
PRINCIPALS WEEK!**

Your dedication and compassion make our school
a better place for everyone.



#APWEEK24

Summer Connection

U-46's Summer Connection program for elementary students is now open to all current kindergarten through 5th grade students, but there are limited spots available! (It is also open to incoming kindergarten students who are currently enrolled in a U-46 preschool.)

This free academic program, focusing on literacy, mathematics, art, music, and wellness, will take place from 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday starting June 5 through July 3, 2024. (No classes

on Wednesday, June 19.)

Students will be assigned to one of the five elementary summer program sites based on their home address. Breakfast is included and transportation will be provided to eligible students who enroll by April 22.



Begin the sign-up process today by clicking [here](#).

For more details, and to learn about Summer Connection opportunities for middle and high school students, visit u-46.org/summerconnection.

If you have questions, please contact your school directly or use [Let's Talk](#).

Student Sense of Belonging

On March 1st, at the Kane County Institute Day, 25 students from U-46 and Central School District 301 shared their personal experiences of facing biases in school while also providing background information on their cultures. This led to conversations between students and staff about how to support and promote diversity and equity across schools. You can watch these inspiring students in action [here](#).



Vision and Voice

Don't miss a special meeting of the [Community Advisory Council](#) on Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. Superintendent Suzanne Johnson will discuss U-46's strategic priorities, and then attendees will participate in an interactive activity to help connect the CAC's future direction with the District's goals.



The meeting will take place at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin. All are welcome, and Spanish-language interpretation will be available.

Fox Valley College Fair

South Elgin High School will host the annual Fox Valley College Fair from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Thursday, April 4. U-46 high schoolers and their parents or guardians will have the opportunity to meet with admission representatives from more than 150 colleges and universities, both in Illinois and outside of it. We encourage families to register in advance to save time the night of the event. Registration is available at strivefair.com.



African American Advisory Council

The District's Curriculum & Instruction Department will be the focus of the next meeting of the African American Advisory Council. At the end of the meeting, the council will continue its book club discussion of "Punished for Dreaming: How School Reform Harms Black Children and How We Heal," by Dr. Bettina L. Love.

All are welcome to attend the meeting, which will be conducted via Zoom at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 11. To attend this meeting, please register at info.u-46.org/AAAC23-24.

Newcomer Parent Support Group

Is your family new to the United States? Then we hope you can attend the next session of our Newcomer Parent Support Group on Wednesday, April 17, at 6 p.m. at the U-46 Welcome Center, 1019 E. Chicago St., Elgin.

Those who attend this session will learn more about the registration process for the 2024-25 school year and services offered by our [Project Access](#) department, as well as social-emotional support strategies for adults and children. Community resources will be available, and childcare will be provided.

The sessions will be interpreted in Gujarati, Hindi, Panjabi, Polish, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Ukrainian, and Urdu. Those families that do not speak these languages are also welcome to attend as we will offer an alternative way for them to engage in the program.

These sessions are tailor-made to support and empower Newcomer families, providing them with the knowledge and skills to enhance their children's academic journeys. They are being organized by the Multilingual and Multicultural Education Department, and questions can be directed through [Let's Talk](#).



#U46FirstDayReady

Online registration for the 2024-25 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 or else wait for late registration to open in the summer.

No instructional fees are being collected; the District is covering the cost of instructional materials fees for the 2024-25 school year.

Find more information at u-46.org/registration and easy instructions for current families [here](#).



The banner features the U46 logo in white and yellow on a dark blue background. Below the logo, the text "2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION" is written in large white and yellow letters. Underneath, "Now Open" is displayed in white with green and yellow brushstroke accents. A central collage of six photos shows a teacher with a young child, a child on a swing, a group of students, two students at a laptop, and three girls with sashes. At the bottom, the text "Register your Student Today at u-46.org/registration" is written in white and yellow.

More Resources

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](#).



We Are 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.



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 Coordination

[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.



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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.

