



The newsletter from School District U-46

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Calendar

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

- **Monday, July 22:** Board of Education meeting. [Details here](#).
- **Tuesday, Aug. 13:** First day of school for kindergarten through 12th graders and students in Transition Programs. [Details here](#).

Fourth of July

Independence Day is Thursday, July 4. All U-46 school buildings and District offices will be closed for the holiday. We hope you and your family have time to rest, relax, and celebrate!

Kindergarten Playdates

Our U-46 elementary schools are each hosting two playdates this summer for families of students entering kindergarten in August 2024.

At these casual, fun events, your incoming kindergarten child will have an opportunity to play, explore, and start meeting their new friends, while you meet school staff, learn more about the school day, and connect with other families.

You can see the dates and times for these playdates [here](#). Each will last about an hour, and there's no need to register.

Even if you don't have an incoming kindergarten in your house, please help us spread the word about these opportunities. Families can learn more at u-46.org/kindergarten.



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KINDERGARTEN

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Summer Reading Challenge

We know many of our students are enjoying the [U-46 Summer Reading Challenge](#) at their local libraries. Keep up the good work! We encourage ALL students to participate in this fun, free challenge and to complete their reading logs online. This friendly competition encourages students to visit their public library and read over the summer break. The libraries offer events and incentives to participants.



Visit u-46.org/src for info on our area libraries, their locations, and links to their Summer Reading programs. If you haven't already, sign your family up for one of these exciting Summer Reading Challenges today!

High School Early Release Days

Starting with the 2024-25 school year, high school students enrolled at Bartlett, Elgin, Larkin, South Elgin, and Streamwood high schools will be released early, at 1:59 p.m., on the second Wednesday of each month. These dates include Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13, Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9 and May 14.

This new initiative is aimed at enhancing the educational environment for U-46's high schoolers by providing our teachers with additional time for planning, collaboration, and review of student data.

Please note that high school students who rely on bus transportation or participate in after-school activities will be expected to remain at school until the regular dismissal time of 2:55 p.m. Students will be supervised during this period, and may use the time to complete homework, attend study hall or open gym, or take advantage of other options offered in the school building. As we approach the new school year, your child's high school will provide more details regarding the schedule and activities during the supervision period.

Canvas "Observer" Accounts Unavailable

In order to update schedules and courses in our learning management system Canvas for the 2024-25 school year, Canvas "observer" accounts will be temporarily unavailable beginning July 17, 2024. The observer accounts will resume access on Aug. 12, 2024. However, students will still be able to access Canvas during this time.



Canvas "observer" accounts allow parents/guardians to link to their child's Canvas account so they can see details on progress, assignment due dates, announcements, and other class information. Observers can view the course content but cannot participate in the course. We encourage all parents/guardians to create an "observer" account. Please visit our Canvas for Parents & Students page [here](#) to learn more and to view Canvas video tutorials.

Schedules for middle and high school students and teacher assignments for elementary students who have completed their 2024-25 school year registration will be available on July 17, 2024. Access to the schedules will be available through a special app, the [Registration Checklist](#). It will not be through Infinite Campus.

If your child is not yet registered for the 2023-24 school year, please visit the [U-46 Student Registration Website here](#) for instructions.

Also, from July 31 to Aug. 12, 2024, students will not be able to access Clever to update the applications housed there.

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Elementary School Supplies

U-46 will provide school supplies for students entering kindergarten through 6th grade, as it did for the last several school years. Families will just need to provide a backpack. Students will receive their supplies at their schools once classes get underway. Students in middle and high school should visit their school's website for details on the necessary school supplies.

Health Requirements

An important part of being #U46FirstDayReady is making doctor's appointments for children entering kindergarten, 6th, 9th, or 12th grade; they must submit proof before or on the first day of school that they have met state physical and immunization requirements for their specific grade level.

In addition, class schedules and teacher assignments will be released next month, expected to be around July 17, to elementary, middle, and high school students - but only if they're fully registered! That includes meeting the necessary health requirements and submitting the documents.

You can find details on the requirements, as well as the necessary forms, in English and Spanish [on this page](#), in the Health Services section of the U-46 website. There are a number of options for submitting the completed paperwork; all are outlined at u-46.org/firstdayready.



HEALTH REQUIREMENTS REQUISITOS DE SALUD

2024 - 25



Grades / Grados
Kindergarten • 6 • 9 • 12

u-46.org/health

Click here for details and links to the required health forms.

Haga clic aquí para obtener más información y enlaces a los formularios de salud necesarios.

Learning on the Go

Learning happens everywhere, and this summer, young families in the U-46 community have a chance to enjoy "Learning on the Go."

The Elgin Partnership for Early Learning (EPEL), along with an array of community partners, are meeting families where they are by bringing family engagement activities to local neighborhoods on Monday through Thursday mornings in June and July.

Each Learning on the Go session features a bilingual storytime, activities to support kindergarten readiness and opportunities to check out library books. Children are sent home with learning materials to build early math and literacy skills. At some sites, lunch will be served.

Find details on the park locations, dates and hours at elginpartnership.org/learning-go.



Mariachi Performance

Earlier this month, about 35 Mariachi teachers from around the country, including many from U-46, performed a free concert at the Downtown Elgin Market. The concert was the culmination of a week of professional development workshops for the Mariachi instructors. One of the unique musical opportunities that U-46 is known for is its Mariachi instruction offered at several middle and high schools, as well as the Mariachi Joya Dorada de U-46, an extracurricular performance ensemble composed of students. Watch some highlights from the performance [here](#).



Save the Date!

Make sure to mark Saturday, Nov. 2, on your calendar. That's when the Gail Borden Public Library District Foundation and the U-46 Educational Foundation are presenting a major celebration of Mexican culture.

The Day of the Dead Festival will feature a festival, displays, and a family-friendly 5K called El Trote De Las Calacas (the Skeleton Trot). Early bird race registration opens on July 1 at gailborden.info/trote.



More Resources

Care Solace

The summer schedule might look different than during the school year for many U-46 families, but [Care Solace](#) is still available 24 hours a day. It's a complimentary and confidential mental health care coordination 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. Multilingual support is available by either visiting caresolace.com/u46 or calling 888-515-0595. 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](#).



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.



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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