

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF UNIVERSITY CITY

# CONNECTIONS

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A publication connecting the School District of University City and Parents in the University City Community

April 2010

## Calendar Highlights

### April 2010

- 1 Early Childhood Committee Meeting
  - 2 Free Immunization Clinic, JGECEC
  - 6 Election Day
  - 7 DH PTO Meeting, Cafeteria  
BW 3rd Quarter Honor Assembly
  - 8 Board of Education Meeting
  - 10 ACT Testing, UCHS  
Board of Education Workshop
  - 12 Boundary Committee Meeting
  - 13 Band Boosters Meeting, UCHS  
JP Quality Council Meeting  
Per PTO Meeting, Library  
NH PTO Meeting  
BCJ PTO Meeting, McNair  
FP PTO Speaker Series  
JP PTO Meeting, Playroom
  - 14 BW Natl. Jr. Honor Society Induction
  - 15 Tax Day  
Flynn Park Playspace Meeting
  - 16 Early Release for PreK-12  
Professional Development  
Cindrella, UCHS Auditorium
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U-City Birders Club at Forest Park
  - 20 BW PTO Meeting
  - 21 Administrative Professionals' Day  
Finance/Bond Issue Oversight Comm.  
FP Music Concert (Grades K & 3)
  - 22 Natl. Take Daughter/Son to Work Day  
Earth Day  
NH - Science Fair  
Board of Education Meeting
  - 23 4th Quarter Progress Report  
NH Pick up Science Fair Projects
  - 27 UCHS Golden Lion Assembly  
FP Art Night  
DH Literacy Night
  - 30 UCHS ROTC Banquet  
Arbor Day
- May 5 - Celebration of Learning  
May 20 - Honorees/Retirees Reception  
May 21 - UCHS Graduation

For more information about school and district events, visit [www.ucityschools.org](http://www.ucityschools.org). Click on "Calendar of Events" in the top menu bar or call 314/290-4019.

## Census is here!

If your U.S. Census is not completed and returned by the April 1 deadline, a census worker will be visiting your home in May or June. Superintendent Joylynn Wilson strongly encourages all residents to participate and be counted. If you have any questions about the process, visit <http://2010.census.gov>.

## Elementary boundary line revision process has begun

In an effort to fully engage the community in the transition from six elementary schools to four, the School District of University City has contracted with a demographer to analyze data and conduct a series of committee sessions and public forums.

The public is invited to attend and observe the committee meetings, which began March 29, but only committee members may participate in the discussion. Comments and questions may be submitted via a suggestion box or e-mailed to [feedback@u-city.k12.mo.us](mailto:feedback@u-city.k12.mo.us).

Upcoming committee meetings are scheduled for April 12 and May 10 with a public forum on May 24.

Communication about upcoming meetings, the overall process and responses to comments/questions will be posted to the "Elementary Boundary Lines Update" link of the "Destination UCity" button at [www.ucityschools.org](http://www.ucityschools.org)

## Centennial Committee forming

The School District of University City will be celebrating our centennial birthday during the 2010-2011 school year. Superintendent Wilson is looking to make this an exciting year with a variety of special events, curriculum and activities focusing on our 100 years of dedication to educational excellence. If you are interested in helping plan and structure the celebration, contact Linda Russell, communications director, at 314/290-4016 or email [lruddell@u-city.k12.mo.us](mailto:lruddell@u-city.k12.mo.us).

## Financial State of the District

The financial state of the School District of University City will be discussed at the Board workshop on Saturday, April 10 at 9 a.m. and the Board meeting on Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m., both in the McNair Board Room. All are welcome to attend either meeting.

## Bond issue updates

The March 2010 issue of *PRIDE* included an extensive article with detailed bond issue project updates. This article and other updates, including the elementary boundary line revision process, are posted to the recently revamped "Destination UCity" section of the District website at [www.ucityschools.org](http://www.ucityschools.org). This section is being updated on a regular basis.

## Cinderella, April 16 & 17

Don't miss the UCHS spring musical, Cinderella, scheduled for Friday, April 16 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 17 at 2 and 7 p.m., in the UCHS auditorium. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for students, children and seniors.

## U. City Day at the Ball Park, May 2

U. Citizens will be heading to Busch Stadium on Sunday, May 2, for "U. City Day at the Ball Park." The St. Louis Cardinals will take on the Cincinnati Reds at 1:15 p.m. A limited number of discounted tickets are available. The cost of \$18 includes a voucher for a free hot dog and a soda. Although ticket order deadline was April 2, tickets may be purchased through the school's PTO while supplies last. All proceeds from ticket sales ordered through the school go directly to the PTO.

## Back-To-School Rally, August 7

The 2010 Back-To-School Rally has been scheduled for the morning of Saturday, August 7. Local, not-for-profit organizations interested in being a part of this year's event, contact Linda Russell, communications director, at 314/290-4016 or email [lruddell@u-city.k12.mo.us](mailto:lruddell@u-city.k12.mo.us).

## Jazz Band performs on April 17

The Nu-Art Series will feature the UCHS Jazz Band, directed by Stan Coleman, playing the music of Duke Ellington at The Jazz Composers Series on Saturday, April 17. The concert runs from 3 to 6 p.m. and costs \$10 per person for open seating at the auditorium located at 2936 Locust Street (63103). For details, call 314/535-6500, email [info@thenu-artseries.org](mailto:info@thenu-artseries.org) or visit [www.thenu-artseries.org](http://www.thenu-artseries.org)

## Spring 2010 grant recipients

UCEF will be recognizing the Spring 2010 cycle grant recipients during the April 22 school board meeting and awarding \$5,434.89 in grant funding this semester. Please come and show your support to:

- **Marsha Kay Alvey**, Pershing, \$997.77
- **Nikki Davenport**, McNair/Brittany Woods, \$868.33
- **Kimberly Fileccia**, Brittany Woods, \$707.17
- **Julie Marie Hume**, Jackson Park, \$982.53
- **Curtis Stuart**, UCHS, \$999.99
- **Terri Thomas**, Brittany Woods, \$879.10

## What is U. City in Bloom?

Ever notice the beautiful gardens throughout the school and city properties? Have your students worked in the school garden? These are a part of U. City in Bloom (UCB), a local not-for-profit organization, whose purpose is to beautify the community and to teach the value of beautification. The next UCB fundraiser is the Perennial Plant Sale on Saturday and Sunday, April 24 and 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Heman Park Community Center. For details, call 314/727-4232.

## Dine Out to support UCHS, April 27

The UCHS Loop Dine & Shop is scheduled for Tuesday, April 27, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Detailed posters with specific restaurant locations will be posted in schools and around the community. Mark your calendars now to reserve the date and plan to attend.

## Celebration of Learning and Academic Improvement Awards, May 5

The annual Celebration of Learning features hands-on, faculty-organized activities based on what students in preschool through 12th grade are learning or have learned during the school year, along with a recognition of students from each grade level at each school who have shown significant academic improvement. The 2010 event is scheduled for 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 5, at Brittany Woods Middle School. Watch for more details to come in a backpack flyer closer to the event date.

## Need assistance?

If you, or someone you know, requires special assistance or accommodations in order to attend a district function, contact Erie Gonzalez-Rubio, operations supervisor, at 314/290-4004 to discuss specific needs.

## Honorees/Retirees Reception May 20

The School District of University City hosts an annual recognition for retiring staff and outstanding supporters. Mark your calendars - this year's celebration is scheduled for May 20. More information will be forthcoming.

## 2010 Summer Sports Camp

UCHS Athletic Boosters' 2010 Summer Sports Camp for students completing grades 3-7 is being coordinated for June 7 - 11. Camp will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with before and after care also available. More details will be posted at [www.ucityathleticboosters.org](http://www.ucityathleticboosters.org).

## Green Center's "Nature Play," Spring 2010

Connecting children to nature has beneficial effects on a child's health and development. The Green Center hosts "Nature Play" programs for children in prekindergarten through second grade on Tuesdays from 3:45 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$7 per student (including materials and snack). This spring's schedule includes:

April 6 - Camouflage Detective

April 13 - I Spy...A Mystery!

April 20 - Nature's Crayons

April 27 - Spring Sprouts

May 4 - Using Your Senses

Pre-registration is required. Space is limited! To register for a class, contact Kathleen Evans at 314/725-8314 ext. 105 or [kevans@thegreencenter.org](mailto:kevans@thegreencenter.org)

## Talking It Out, Alateen support

Do you know a child or young adult whose life has been affected by someone else's drinking? If so, consider referring them to participate in Talking It Out - Getting It Together, an Alateen program that meets on Monday afternoons from 2:45 to 3:45 p.m. at Christ the King School, 7324 Balson Avenue (63130). For details, contact social worker Ponchita Argieard or call 314/290-4114.

## Keep in the e-loop for webcalendar changes

Keep current with District events, select the "Calendar of Events" tab at [www.ucityschools.org](http://www.ucityschools.org), and click to "Sign In" to receive email event reminders and updates of postings listed on the webcalendar of events, a primary source for current calendar information.

## Anonymous Tip Line available

Help maintain a proper learning environment for our children. Call the school district's anonymous tipline at 314/290-4444 to report inappropriate behavior.

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