

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 2011

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

School and Community Fair at Brittany Woods

Parents, staff and community members are invited to learn about the Community Schools Initiative, explore resources available in the area, provide feedback on desired services or programs and discover ways to get more involved during the School and Community Fair at Brittany Woods on Friday, April 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. at 8125 Groby Road. Event activities include teen outreach, student music, inflatable planetarium, nutrition information, asthma educators, dance performances, after-school activities, school clubs, inflatable bounce house, fire truck tours, face painting, food, an iPad raffle and much more! This event is free and open to the public. For more details, call 314/290-4280.

Districtwide Arts Night

A districtwide visual and performing art show featuring student dance and musical performances will be held on Wednesday, April 6, from 6 to 8 p.m. at UCHS, 7401 Balson Avenue (63130). Admission is free. For details, call 314/290-4100 and ask for Marnie Claunch.

Art Exhibit at U. City Public Library

The students of the School District of University City will have their artwork exhibited at the University City Public Library, located at 6701 Delmar, according to the following schedule:

- Middle and high school exhibit: April 9-26
- Elementary level exhibit: May 5-22.

Building Walk-Throughs

Community building walk-through opportunities are scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m. at Delmar-Harvard School, 711 Kingsland Ave., and 1 p.m. at Pershing School, 6761 Bartmer Ave. All alumni and community members are invited to walk through the building, take photos, and share memories of their years at either of these schools. These events are free and open to the public. For questions, call 314/290-4016.

UCEF Progressive Dinner

The UCEF Progressive Dinner and Dessert Reception with a Dutch auction and raffle is Saturday, April 16. For more information, visit the University City Education Foundation on Facebook, or call 314/290-4019.

Barbara C. Jordan Ribbon Cutting

A formal ribbon cutting to celebrate the completion of the new Barbara C. Jordan school will be held on Saturday, April 30 at 10 a.m. on the school site, located at 1500 North 82nd Street (63132). The public is invited to attend. For questions, call 314/290-4016.

Pershing Groundbreaking

A formal groundbreaking ceremony to recognize the beginning of new construction for Pershing Elementary School will be held on Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m. on the school site, located at 6761 Bartmer (63130). Pershing's annual Jazz Under the Stars event will follow the groundbreaking ceremony. The public is invited to attend both events. For questions, call 314/290-4016.

2011-12 District Calendar Approved

The Board of Education has approved the 2011-12 school year calendar, which includes a delayed start date of August 29, 2011 (Aug. 26 for freshman at UCHS). The two week delay to the start of school will allow the District to ensure that students experience the most conducive learning environment possible upon their return from summer break, since the summer of 2011 includes significant transition of buildings and ongoing construction projects within the District. To avoid releasing students for summer break significantly later in 2012, the District has also shortened some breaks during the school year, such as Thanksgiving break and winter break. The 2011-12 highlights include:

- Aug. 26 - First day of school for freshmen
 - Aug. 29 - First day of school
 - Nov. 24-25 - Thanksgiving break
 - Dec. 23 - Jan. 2 - Winter break
 - March 19-23 - Spring break
 - May 30 - Last day of school (unless make-up days are required)
- To download the 2011-12 calendar go to www.tinyurl.com/UC2011-12Calendar.

What is UCity 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 UCity 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 at the Heman Park Community Center on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Sunday, May 1 from 9 a.m. until noon. Questions, call 314/369-0530.

Honorees/Retirees Reception May 12

The School District of University City hosts an annual recognition for retiring staff and outstanding supporters. This year's celebration will be held on Thursday, May 12, beginning at 7 p.m. at Julia Goldstein ECEC, 737 Kingsland Avenue. More information will be forthcoming.

2011 Summer Sports Camp, June 6-10

UCHS Athletic Boosters' 2011 Summer Sports Camp for students completing grades 3-7 is being coordinated for June 6 - 10. Camp will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more details, see the registration brochure available in schools.

Revised school calendar and make-up dates

As a result of inclement weather closings on Dec. 16, Jan. 11, 20-21 and Feb. 1-3, the 2010-2011 school calendar has been revised as follows:

- May 19-27 will be regular school days;
- Monday, May 30 is Memorial Day, a national holiday. Schools and offices are closed.
- Tuesday, May 31 will be an early release for high school exams;
- Wednesday, June 1 will be the last day of school and an early release for PreK-8 record day and high school exams;
- Thursday, June 2 will be the last contract day for teachers.

Centennial Book Pre-Orders

Pre-orders are being accepted for the limited-edition, commemorative centennial book, "University City Schools: Our First 100 Years," written by Alan Spector, UCHS class of 1964, in conjunction with the District.

Pre-order forms are available in schools or at <http://tinyurl.com/First100Years>. For questions, contact Linda Russell at 314/290-4016.

Fair UCity 2011

Join residents from around University City for two days of action-packed fun for residents of all ages. Fair UCity 2011 will be held on Sunday and Monday, May 29-30 at Heman Park.

Enjoy food from local vendors, carnival games and rides and the opportunity to meet other residents. For details, contact the Fair UCity 2011 committee at carnival@ucitymo.org or 314/505-8696.

District's Anonymous Tip Line

Help maintain a proper learning environment for our children by reporting inappropriate behavior to the School District of University City's Anonymous Tip Line at 314/290-4444.

Need assistance?

If you are in need of special accommodations or assistance in order to participate in a school- or district-sponsored event, contact Eric Gonzalez-Rubio, operations supervisor, at 314/290-4004.

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