

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

May 2011

May 2011 Highlights

- 3 JP Make-it/Take-It, Title I Reading Night
JGEC Earth Day- Let's Go Green
FP PTO Business Meeting
UCHS Academic Awards Night
- 4 Per Title I Breakfast (K-4 only)
UCHS Golden Lion Award Assembly
Accountability Committee Meeting
- 5 UCPL Elementary Art Exhibit opens
BCJ Junior Achievement
Board of Education Meeting
- 6 JA in a Day (BW)
- 7 UCHS Kinesis Dance Concert
- 9 Family Engagement Committee
- 10 Band Boosters Meeting
PTO Meetings (BCJ, DH, Per)
FP Arts Night (new date)
UCHS Athletic Awards Nights
- 11 3rd Year Teacher Induction Meeting
JGEC May Music Program
UCHS PTO Meeting
- 12 Honorees & Retirees Reception
- 13 AEL CYCLE IV Ends
Pershing Jazz and More Under the Stars
& Groundbreaking Ceremony
DH Talent Show
UCHS Choir & Band Concert
- 14 Board of Education Workshop
UCity Birders Club
- 17 Per Field Day
DH Spring Play & Building Walk-Through
- 18 UCHS Graduation
- 19 DH All School Awards
Board of Education Meeting
- 20 JP JamBEARce
- 21 BCJ Garage Sale
DH Building Walk-Through
Per Building Walk-Through
- 22 UCPL Elementary Art Exhibit closes
- 23 BCJ 6th Grade Promotion/ Kdg. Celebration
- 25 UCHS AA monthly meeting
- 26 7th & 8th Grade Six Flags Day
Per 6th Grade Promotion
- 27 JP 6th Grade Promotion
Per Kindergarten Promotion
- 30 Schools & Offices Closed
- 31 Early Release for High School Exams
DH & FP 5th & 6th Grade Promotions
JP & Per 5th Grade Promotions

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.

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. This event is free and open to the public.

Come and celebrate our 2011 retirees: Ponchita A. Argieard[†], BCJ/DH/HS; Brenda F. Asen*, NH; Dr. Mary Katherine Bailey*, UCHS; Cathleen A. Callahan, LLC; Mary Ann Kerr*, JP; Bessie McClendon, McN-Operations; Geraldine Nash, JGEC; Marsha C. Nash*, DH; Carole Niere, LLC; Eudice Rosenblatt*, NH; Marie Ross, NH; Ingrid Soraghan*, BCJ, and Loretta Ceasar Striplin[†].
(Key: *UCEA and [†]UCFT.)

Honorees include 2011 PACEsetters Kevin Chase, Marnie Claunch, Dan Holden, Caroline Kraft-Ibnabdeljalil, David Sarber, Nancy Mozier, Jan Vieth and James Wilke; along with the 2011 Uniquely University City recipients Elaine Alexander, Carolyn Becker, Richard Dockett, Bob Elgin, Carole Niere, Victor Pichon and Sultan Muhammad.

Join us to congratulate University City's 2011-12 Teacher of the Year (TOY) Cassandra Conner, UCHS, and Educational Support Personnel of the Year (ESPOY) Charlotte Tatum, McNair, while we say thank you to 2010-11 TOY, Sandra Feemster, DH, and ESPOY, Pat Chandler, JP.

End of school year reminder

- May 31 - early release for 9-12 exams;
- June 1 - last day of school, early release for PreK-8 record day and 9-12 exams;
- June 2 - last day for teachers.

Elementary Art Exhibit, May 5-12

Elementary students from across the District will have their artwork exhibited at the University City Public Library, located at 6701 Delmar, from May 5 through 22.

New start times for 2011-12

	Day Begins	Day Ends	Early Release
Julia Goldstein Early Childhood Education Center	8:30 AM	3:30 PM	1:15 PM
Elementary (not including Pershing)	8:45 AM	3:35 PM	1:20 PM
Pershing for SY 2011-12 only	9:15 AM	4:05 PM	1:50 PM
Brittany Woods Middle School	7:50 AM	2:50 PM	12:20 PM
University City High School	7:25 AM	2:20 PM	11:55 AM
Lieberman Learning Center, Alternative School	7:35 AM	2:20 PM	10:35 AM

2011-12 school year calendar highlights

- 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.

Pershing Groundbreaking, May 13

A formal groundbreaking ceremony at Pershing Elementary School will be held on Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m. at 6761 Bartmer (63130). Pershing's annual Jazz Under the Stars event will begin at 5 p.m. and continue after the groundbreaking. The public is invited to attend both events. For details, call 314/290-4016.

Building Walk-Throughs

Community building walk-through opportunities are scheduled at Delmar-Harvard School, 711 Kingsland, on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. (following the spring play at 6 p.m.) and Saturday, May 21 at 11 a.m.

Pershing School will host a walk-through of the current building at 6761 Bartmer Ave. on Saturday, May 21 at 1 p.m.

A walk-through of Nathaniel Hawthorne Elementary will be scheduled for the fall of 2011.

Alumni and community members are invited to walk through the building, take photos and share memories of their years at these schools. These events are free and open to the public. For questions, call 314/290-4016.

UCHS Loop Dine Out, May 11

Enjoy UCHS Loop Dine Out on Wednesday, May 11. Participating restaurants include Blueberry Hill, 6504 Delmar; Cicero's, 6691 Delmar; and Mi Ranchito, 887 Kingsland Ave. Tell your server that you are eating out to support University City High School and the restaurant will donate a percentage of your bill to the UCHS PTO. Purchase raffle tickets at the above restaurants for a variety of prizes.

UCHS Dinner Concert, May 13

The UCHS Choir and Band will perform together for a joint concert/dinner on Friday, May 13, at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are available for \$10 per person. For details, call 314/290-4100.

Fair UCity 2011, May 29-30

The City of University City will host Fair UCity, an action-packed carnival for all ages, in Heman Park on Sunday, May 29 from noon to 9 p.m. and Monday, May 30 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

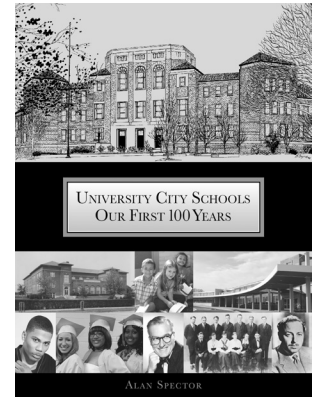
This community fair includes a kickoff parade on Sunday, student art context, food from local vendors, carnival games and rides and opportunities to meet other residents.

For details or to volunteer, visit www.ucitymo.com/fair, email carnival@ucitymo.org or call 314/505-8696.

Centennial Book Pre-Order NOW!

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.



Spring 2011 Grants Awarded

The University City Education Foundation (UCEF) announced spring competitive cycle grant and Pride Project recipients for 2011 during the April 21 school board meeting:

- **Sarah Sparwasser & Tawni Wollerman**, Pershing K-1 SSD, *Differentiated Instruction with Manipulatives to Improve Student Visual and Motor Skills to Access the Academic Curriculum*\$979.30
- **Brian Rogers**, Jackson Park Physical Education, *Fit for Life*\$959.58
- **Nancy Luebbers**, Barbara C. Jordan, *Neverending Story—or is it?*\$931.67
- **Marsha Kay Alvey**, Nathaniel Hawthorne, *Further Closing of the Achievement Gap*.....\$931.67
- **Julia Goldstein ECEC**, *Parent Lending Library*.....\$1,000.00
- **Barbara C. Jordan School**, *Flip Cameras for student projects* . \$997.00
- **Flynn Park School**, *Take-home fluency card sets and Reading Rods fluency and comprehension kits*..... \$956.65
- **Pershing School**, *MAP-related materials for "RAMS store"* ..\$990.19
- **University City High School**, *Portable sound system*.....\$1,454.99
- **Lieberman Learning Center**, *Book sets for schoolwide reading*\$750.00

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. The registration brochures are available in schools.

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