

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF UNIVERSITY CITY

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

November 2010

November 2010 Highlights

- 3 6 p.m., DH PTO Meeting
- 4 6 p.m., Family Engagement Committee
- 5 7 p.m., UCHS Faculty/Student Talent Show
- 6 9 a.m., Board of Education Workshop
- 7 Daylight-Savings Time Ends (Fall back one hour)
- 8 6 p.m., Boundary Committee Meeting
- 9 UCHS Band Boosters Meeting
6 p.m., Athletic Family Night at UCHS
6 p.m., Per PTO Meeting
7 p.m., JP PTO Meeting
- 11 1:15 p.m., UCHS Veterans' Day Program
6 p.m., BCJ Math Night
7 p.m., Board of Education Meeting
- 12 7 p.m., UCHS Step Show
6:30 p.m., Trivia Night, Heman Park CC
- 16 Early Release Day for PreK-12
- 17 6 p.m., Accountability Committee Meeting
6 p.m., UCHS AA monthly meeting
6:30 p.m., Fired Up for Kindergarten
6:30 p.m., Cyberbullying 101
- 18 6 p.m., Centennial Committee Meeting
- 20 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Robotics - U City Qualifier
9-11:30 a.m., U. City - Birder's Club
- 24 Schools Closed, Offices Open
- 25-26 Schools & Offices Closed

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.

Elementary Attendance Line

The process to determine new elementary attendance lines is nearing completion. The final committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. in the McNair Board Room. The formal presentation of the committee's recommendations is scheduled for the Nov. 11 school board meeting.

For process details, visit <http://tinyurl.com/boundarylines2010>.

National Merit & Achievement

Congratulations to UCHS seniors Anna Carlsson, Monica Phelps and Elliot Wilson who were named 2010 National Merit Semifinalists along with Nathan Paul and William Kneller who were named 2010 Outstanding Participants from the National Achievement Program.

School board filing schedule

Informational packets will be available beginning Nov. 11, 2010 for candidates seeking election to the Board of Education for the School District of University City. The election will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2011. Candidate filing begins at 8 a.m. on Dec. 14, 2010 and closes at 5 p.m. on Jan. 18, 2011 for three seats that each fulfill a three-year term.

For details, contact Charlotte Tatum, administrative coordinator to the Board, at 314/290-4003 or email ctatum@u-city.k12.mo.us.

Vaccines for Children - Closed

The District's immunization clinics, originally scheduled for the first Friday of each month, have been closed until further notice due to cancelation of state support. For more immunization information, parents/guardians are asked to speak directly with their child's school nurse.

Talent Show fundraiser, Nov. 5

The UCHS freshman class is hosting a Staff/Student Talent Show fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the UCHS auditorium. Cost is \$5 per person. For details, contact Dorthea Nevils at 314/290-4100.

Athletic Family Night, Nov. 9

Learn to navigate high school athletic eligibility and the college recruiting process during Athletic Family Night co-sponsored by UCHS Athletic Boosters and the Athletic Department. Middle and high school students and their families are invited on Tuesday, Nov. 9 to a free dinner beginning at 6 p.m. with a guest speaker from the NFL Players' Association. Team coaches will have informational table open from 6-6:30 p.m. For more details, call 314/290-4116.

Trivia Night, Nov. 12

Test your knowledge during the Second Biennial UCEF/UCHS AA Trivia Night at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 12 at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue (63130). Proceeds benefit students, programs, services and facilities within the School District of University City. Ticket and sponsorship information is available at <http://tinyurl.com/UCTrivia2010> or call 314/290-4019.

Homecoming float winner

Congratulations to the 2010 University City Homecoming Parade winners: First Place - UCHS Field Hockey; Second Place - Pershing Elementary School; and Third Place - Senior Class - Class of 2011. Winners will receive a plaque. This event is coordinated by the UCHS Student Council, sponsored by Michael Daly.

Fall Fire Festival, Nov. 13

Get fired up during The Green Center's Third Annual Fall Fire Festival on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. with fire performances, art, a bonfire and more. Tickets include food and refreshments and are \$5 for children under 13, \$10 for adults by Nov. 5 and \$15 for adults at the door. The Green Center is located at 8025 Blackberry Ave. (63130). For details, visit www.thegreencenter.org or call 314/725-8314.

Cyberbullying 101, Nov. 17

Understand the difference between bullying and cyberbullying, recognize issues/responses related to cyberbullying and learn how to help protect your child from cyberspace consequence... during Cyberbullying 101 on Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the newly renovated Brittany Woods Library, 8125 Groby Road (63130). This workshop is being presented by National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse - St. Louis Area with funding from the Missouri Foundation for Health.

"Fired Up" for preschool families, Nov. 17

School District of University City's "Fired up for Kindergarten" is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. This event gives University City parents with preschool-aged children an opportunity to visit their neighborhood elementary school (Barbara C. Jordan, Flynn Park, Jackson Park or Pershing) to meet kindergarten teachers and other school staff, tour classrooms and receive enrollment information.

Interested preschool parents are asked to call 314/290-4016 and leave a message with name, address and phone or email. They will be contacted to verify which school will be their neighborhood school for the upcoming school year.

FIRST Lego League seeks adult volunteers

U City is hosting the FIRST Lego League (FLL) Qualifier on Sat. Nov. 20 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and would greatly appreciate adult support for key volunteer positions while the Soaring Eagles of Brittany Woods participate.

The UCity Techno Bots of Flynn Park will be attending the Webster FLL Qualifier on Nov. 13. The Technology Team Robotics and Cyborgamics of Jackson Park and Robotic Builders of Delmar-Harvard will be participating in the Maryville FLL Qualifier on Nov. 21.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the above qualifier dates, Nov. 14 at St. Charles Community College or Dec. 5 at St. Louis CC - Florissant Valley, complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/FLLQualifier2010>.

Questions? Contact Nicole Adewale at NAdewale@abnacorp.com.

MLK Spirit Award nominations accepted for 2011

The University City Board of Education is still seeking nominations for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award. For details, visit <http://tinyurl.com/MLKspirit>. The deadline for submission is Dec. 3, 2010.

Recipients will be recognized during the annual University City communitywide Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration that begins with a parade along Balson at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15 followed by a program in the University City High School auditorium. This year's theme is "Some day, we will all have peace!"

UCEF fall 2010 grants

The University City Education Foundation announced the fall 2010 grant recipients:

- Julie Hume will receive \$996.75 for Kickoff to Reading!, an elementary project to support at-home reading and encourage family and parent involvement in the child's schoolwork.
- Marnie Claunch and Liza Harkins will receive \$648.00 for Learning to Throw Pots, which will add one potter's wheel and one potter's stool to the high school fine arts equipment for use by students in Ceramics I and II.
- Frank Kelton and Kim Deitzler will receive \$992.00 for Building the Technology Leaders of Tomorrow: Introducing Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics through Competitive Robots. Funds will provide additional equipment and parts for the high school's participation in FIRST Robotics Competition.

Inclement weather closings

If schools are closed for inclement weather conditions, parents/guardians will receive a SchoolReach automated phone call with specific information. School closing information will be posted on the District website at www.ucityschools.org and shared with local radio and television stations. Days missed due to inclement weather closings will be made up at the end of the school year.

Need assistance?

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

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