



INSIDE

the School District of University City

A publication for and about the staff of the School District of University City

March 2011

Planning on retiring soon?

If you are a PSRS member considering retiring this year, an informational seminar will be presented by Keith Klusmeyer of Educator Pension Resources (EPR) in the McNair Administration Center auditorium on Tuesday, March 29 at 4:30 p.m. For attendance, contact kklusmeyer@educatorpr.com or 314/452-2371.

District support staff workshop canceled

The professional development session scheduled for Friday, March 11, has been canceled. Educational support staff professional development will resume next school year with a focus on SISFIN and Microsoft Office. For questions, contact Dr. Darryl Cobb in the Human Resources Office, 314/290-4021.

Newly revised school calendar

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

Also, due to emergency closures in January and February at Delmar-Harvard, Nathaniel Hawthorne and Pershing elementary schools, these schools will be in session for a half day on Friday, March 25, with an early dismissal. Parent-Teacher conferences at these schools have been moved to the afternoon.

In the event of future school closings, further revisions will be made.

Community involvement in our schools

Have you worked with a local business or organization to enhance learning in your classroom or school? The District wants to highlight these learning opportunities. E-mail information to Linda Russell or CarolAnn Cole.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Barbara C. Jordan staff won the January 14 contest with 100% participation in the PDC survey. Panera gift cards (value \$20 each) were awarded via school raffle drawing to Katina Willis, Daphne Owona, Aileen Jones and Kristopher Dury.



Adrienne Patel, art teacher at Barbara C. Jordan and Delmar-Harvard elementary schools, participated in the "Inclusion Art Exhibit 2011" in the MUC Gallery at SIU-Edwardville from Feb. 1 through March 2. A public reception and gallery talk was held Feb. 11.



With an equal amount of candidates as available seats for the April 5 Board of Education election, there is no need to hold an election, in accordance with section 115.124 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. Therefore, **Rick Salamon, Rod Jennings** and **Stacy Clay** will take their oath of office during the April 7 meeting.



Did you enjoy your cupcake?

Special appreciation is extended to our neighboring Schnucks bakery for providing a discount on the treats in celebration of the District's 100th birthday on February 21.

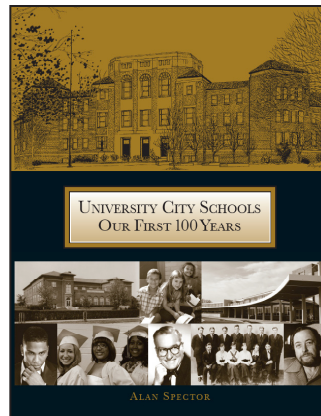
Centennial commemorative book

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

This book celebrates the past, present and future of the District by exploring the rich history of tradition and change in our first 100 years. From stories of the District's founders to a chronicle of the students, teachers, administrators and other staff who have walked the halls of District buildings, this book brings the past 100 years to life. In commemorating the past, the book also looks to the future of the District and the impact it will have in the next century.

Please join us in remembering the past and embracing the future by pre-ordering a copy of "University City Schools: Our First 100 Years." Pre-ordered books will be available for pickup at Homecoming 2011 centennial activities in the fall.

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



PACEsetter deadline fast approaching

Is there a community member, parent or colleague who goes above and beyond the call of duty to serve your school or department? The PACEsetter (Positively Affecting Community Education) award is the District's opportunity to give recognition and appreciation to that individual or organization. Nominations are still being accepted through Monday, March 21. The form is available in schools or at <http://tinyurl.com/UCNom011>.

For information about the recognitions or the selection process, contact CarolAnn Cole at 314/290-4019 or ccole@u-city.k12.mo.us.

Celebration of Learning 2011 canceled

Celebration of Learning and Academic Improvement Awards will not be held this school year due to the spring calendar including elementary transition activities and centennial events.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **Spring UCEF cycle grant** recipients will be announced during a school board meeting in April.
- **Music in Our Schools** combines instrumental and vocal music throughout the district on Thursday, March 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the UCHS Auditorium. This event is free and open to the public.
- **Fired Up for Kindergarten** will be held at Barbara C. Jordan, Flynn Park and Jackson Park school with Pershing school hosting their event in the Nathaniel Hawthorne building on Wednesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.
- **UCity Day at the Ball Park** is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. Registration fliers are in the school offices. Ticket deadline is March 24.
- **Districtwide Arts Night** will be held on April 6 in the UCHS front lobby from 6 to 8 p.m. This event is free and open to the public.
- **UCEF Progressive Dinner** has been scheduled for Saturday, April 16. More information and registration form are available on University City Education Foundation's Facebook page.

Arts & Education Campaign update

The District's annual campaign for the Arts & Education Council began on Feb. 23 and ends March 10. Pledge cards are in the schools. Questions, contact your building representative: JGECEC - Sue Anne Whitener, BCJ - Adrienne Patel, DH - Rachel Puleo, FP - Mary Pfyl, JP - Mary Ann Kerr, NH - Angela Crigler, Per - Vielja Jeffries, BW - Sara Ratcliff, UCHS - Marnie Claunch, LLC - Shelley Propst or McNair (and any other questions) - Linda Russell at 314/290-4016 or lrussell@u-city.k12.mo.us.

Barbara C. Jordan Ribbon Cutting, April 30

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 Ground Breaking, May 13

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.

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 Erie Gonzalez-Rubio, operations supervisor, at 314/290-4004.

What's happening in the District?

For the latest information on events and activities, visit the District's webcalendar (District Calendar link) at www.ucityschools.org.

Applicants for admission or employment, students, parents of elementary and secondary school students, employees, sources of referral, and all professional organizations that have entered into agreements with the School District of University City are hereby notified that our School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, or disability in admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its programs and activities. Inquiries or concerns regarding the application of this notice may be referred to our School District's Compliance Coordinator for civil rights laws, Dr. Darryl O. Cobb, Assistant Superintendent/Human Resources, 8136 Groby Road, University City, MO 63130, phone (314) 290-4021. Any person who is unable to resolve a problem or grievance arising under Title VI (race/color/national origin), Title IX (sex), the Age Discrimination Act (age), Section 504 (disability), or Title II of the ADA (disability), may contact the Office for Civil Rights, Region VII, 8930 Ward Parkway, Suite 2037, Kansas City, MO 64114; phone (816) 268-0550.

RESOURCES

- **CSD'S 2011 SUPPORT STAFF ACADEMY** Mini-Conference is June 8. Registration details at <http://www.csd.org/Conferences/ssa.php>. (Completed Support Staff Request for Attendance at Conference form must be submitted to the ESP-PDC at least 45 days prior to event.)
- **CSD/RPDC WORKSHOPS AND PROGRAMS** offer topics year-round from Discipline to How to Teach Reading When You're NOT a Reading Teacher to Creating Technology-Rich Lessons to Increase Student Achievement. Full calendar and registration information are at www.csd.org/Administrative/pdprograms.html.
- **THE MISSOURI PILOTS ASSOCIATION** offers a \$600 scholarship for K-12 teachers to attend a summer aerospace education course. Application deadline is May 4, 2011. For details, visit www.mopilots.org.
- **DESE SPECIAL DAYS** calendar is available at <http://dese.mo.gov/calendar/specialdays.html>.

Have a resource to share?

Email ccole@u-city.k12.mo.us.

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