



INSIDE

the School District of University City

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

April 2011

Celebrate UCity History

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.

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

Support Staff Retirement Workshop

If you are a PEERS member (Educational Support Staff) retiring or weighing the option of retirement this year, an informational seminar will be presented by Keith Klusmeyer of Educator Pension Resources (EPR) in the McNair Board Room on Tuesday, April 26 at 4:30 p.m. EPR helps support staff understand and make decisions regarding their pension in relationship to Social Security.

To register for this workshop, contact Keith Klusmeyer at 314/452-2371 or kklusmeyer@educatorpr.com.

Student Art Exhibit at UCity 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, in April and May. The middle and high school exhibit will be open April 9 - 26; and the elementary-level exhibit will be open May 5 - 22.

School & Community Fair at Brittany Woods

Staff members are invited to attend the School & Community Fair at Brittany Woods on Friday, April 29, from 6 to 9 p.m. Attendees will learn about the Community Schools Initiative, explore available area resources, provide feedback on desired services or programs and discover ways to get more involved. This event is free and open to the public. For details, call 314/290-4280.

Arts & Education Campaign update

The District's annual campaign for the Arts & Education Council concluded in March. This year's pledges totalled \$1,100.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- **UCity Day at the Ball Park** is scheduled for 1:15 p.m. on Sunday, April 3. Tickets were presold in March through school PTOs.
- **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.
- **The Miracle Worker** will be presented by the UCHS Black Mask Drama Club at 7 p.m. on April 8 and 9 in the UCHS Lecture Hall.
- **UCEF Progressive Dinner** will be Saturday, April 16. Registrations are due April 8. Details are available on University City Education Foundation's Facebook page.
- **UCity in Bloom's Perennial Plant Sale** will be held 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.
- **Fair U City 2011**, a two-day, action-packed event, is scheduled for Sunday and Monday, May 29-30. Contact carnival@ucitymo.org or 314/505-8696 for details.

MHA's We Are More Than You Think

Missouri Health Association and United Way join other co-sponsors in providing a panel-discussion regarding removing the stigma of mental illness and promoting mental wellness in the African American community on Wednesday, May 4 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m.) at the Missouri History Museum in Forest Park. The event has free admission, free parking and is open to the public. CEU credit for one hour or 0.1 or Non-CEU Certificate of Attendance will be available. To register, contact EventRSVP@mha-em.org or 314/773-1399.

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 Groundbreaking, 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.

Building Walk-Throughs

Building walk-through opportunities for the community are scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 11 a.m. at Delmar-Harvard Elementary School, 711 Kingsland Ave., and 1 p.m. at Pershing Elementary School, 6761 Bartmer Ave. Nathaniel Hawthorne alumni and families will have an opportunity to attend a building walk-through in the fall of 2011.

All staff, students, families, alumni and other community members are invited to walk through the buildings during these events, take photos and share their memories of their years at these schools. These events are free and open to the public. For questions, call 314/290-4016.

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

- **DESE SPECIAL DAYS** calendar is available at www.dese.mo.gov/calendar/specialdays.html.
- **EPA REGION-7** grants for up to \$100,000 for new programs promoting environmental stewardship. Deadline May 2. Details at www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.
- **FIGHT THE BITE** student poster contest for 5th and 6th graders. Deadline April 18. Free educational materials, contact Alyce.Turner@dhss.mo.gov. Contest details at www.fightthebitecontest.org and www.fightthebitecontest.org/hints/TeachersTips.html.
- **FEMALE FORCE** graphic novels donated by Bluewater Productions for TeacherHub contest, deadline April 4 at 12 p.m. CST. Details at tinyurl.com/THcomic-giveaway.
- **HELP PREVENT BULLYING** and cyberbullying. Visit www.stopbullying.gov/.

Have a resource to share?

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

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