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the School District of University City

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

June 2009

Dear Staff:

I would like to thank each and every one for your dedication to our students throughout the school year. Education is challenging work and you are appreciated for all you do.

Before you leave for your summer vacation, please join your colleagues for good conversation and food at the "Check Out Day" End-of-Year Picnic on Tuesday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m., outside Brittany Woods Middle School cafeteria.

Please have a restful summer and I look forward to seeing you again for the start of the 2009-10 school year.

Sincerely,


Joylynn Wilson, Superintendent of Schools

May 31 golf tournament rescheduled for fall 2009

The University City High School Athletic Boosters Golf Tournament fundraiser has been rescheduled for a fall 2009 date still to be determined. More details will be posted online at www.ucityathleticboosters.org.

Back-to-School Rally committee seeks volunteers and support for August 1

The School District of University City is planning its third annual Back-To-School Rally for Saturday, August 1, on the grounds of the McNair Administration Building. Last year, the District gave away backpacks filled with school supplies and lunch boxes donated by Cardinal Care. Local community organizations and schools hosted activities for students and their families.

If you or someone you know would like to support or participate in the upcoming event, contact Kelly Mueller at 314/290-4058 or email kmueller@u-city.k12.mo.us to discuss the event further.

The work is ON for Bond Issue 2009 projects

As soon as students have "left the building," the move begins for Barbara C. Jordan Elementary School to its temporary location at the McNair Administration Building for the upcoming 2009-2010 school year.

All supplies and equipment will be moved to the McNair building by July 10 so that abatement can begin at Barbara C. Jordan on July 17. Demolition will take place in either August or September.

In order to accommodate Barbara C. Jordan students and staff, the Lieberman Learning Center will temporarily move its classes to Brittany Woods Middle School this fall. The Adult Education and Learning program is still looking for a new facility, however its office will remain in the McNair Building until a new location is found for the program, which will resume in August.

Also within McNair, a number of offices as well as the curriculum library will relocate to other areas in the building

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New direction for District racial discussions

The School District of University City is no longer associated with the FOCUS St. Louis Bridges Across Racial Polarization training program. District administration has redesigned the process to engage the community on issues specifically relating to race and its impact on education and academic achievement, facilitated by Billie Mayo and Phil Hunsberger, Educational Equity Consultants, LLC.

The initial Community Connections meetings have been scheduled for June 30 and July 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the McNair Board Room

Natatorium Update

A public meeting regarding the future of the Natatorium, indoor swimming pool located on the campus of University City High School, including a feasibility study and recommendations to the Board of Education will be held on June 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the McNair Board Room, 8136 Groby Road. Call 314/290-4016 for details.

Opening Day 2009 is scheduled for Monday, August 10



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so that the Barbara C. Jordan library and cafeteria can be placed in the lower level. Additionally, other offices within the administration building will be moved and reconfigured to provide space for classrooms, the resource room and school nurse's office.

Pending approval by the University City Board of Education at its June 11 meeting, a variety of preliminary construction projects across the District are scheduled to begin in early July and be completed prior to the start of school on August 17.

Summer 2009 projects slated for University City High School include tuckpointing, foundation waterproofing, elevator base construction, aesthetic improvements to the entry lobby, replacement of the Balson Ave. exterior doors, ADA gym access and bathroom modifications, sidewalk repairs and creation of additional handicap parking.

At Brittany Woods Middle School, the fluid cooler will be repaired, neutral air units will be replaced and a new parking lot will be created.

Foundation waterproofing and fluid cooler repair will take place at both Flynn Park and Jackson Park Schools. Jackson Park will also have tuckpointing and lintel repairs done as well.

As the new school year begins at University City High School, construction will start on the school's new science labs. The expected completion date is slated for early 2010.

The footings and foundations for the new Brittany Woods classroom and library additions will also begin this fall.

The District will host a neighborhood meeting and open house in July so that the architects can share construction plans and logistics with local residents.

More details about the meetings will soon be posted on the District website at www.ucityschools.org.



REMINDER!

**UCEF Fall 2009 Grant
deadline is August 25.**

**Applications are available on the District
website at www.ucityschools.org.**

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Adrienne Patel, Barbara C. Jordan art teacher, has artwork displayed in the St. Louis Artists' Guild Collectors Choice VIII show from May 15 through June 14, 2009.



Kelly Werthmuller, Brittany Woods librarian, has been approved for a Innovative Technology Education Fund grant to provide the school with 25 studentmate computers and flash drives, a mimio and lyncs system totalling \$8,974.

Werthmuller has also been recently awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Boeing St. Louis Employees Community Fund to update the science and professional development sections of the school library.



Julie Ertmann, University City High School, received the Carol B. and Jerome T. Loeb Award for Excellence in Teaching Math and Science during an awards banquet at the St. Louis Science Center on May 12.



Margaret Williams, University City High School social studies teacher, has been selected by the St. Louis American as one of their 2009 Excellence in Education Award recipients to be honored on September 17.

UCHS PTO 2009 Loop Dine & Shop

Celebrate the end of the 2008-09 school year with your family and support University City High School at the same time! UCHS Dine Out in the Loop on Tuesday, June 2, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. What is the Loop Dine Out? By identifying yourself as a UCHS supporter when you have dinner or shop at a participating University City business, the business will make a donation to the UCHS PTO.

Identification stickers and 50/50 raffle tickets will be available in the Loop market area and from volunteers throughout the Loop (look for people wearing the black & gold beads) on the night of the event.

Look for the "Loop Dine & Shop" signs in windows to identify participating businesses including, but not limited to, Ben & Jerry's, Blueberry Hill, Cicero's, Melting Pot, Noodles, Plowsharing Crafts, Riddles, Smoothie King, St. Louis Pizza Haus and Subway.

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