



INSIDE

the School District of University City

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

September 2010

Elementary redistricting timeline update

In response to feedback from the community requesting an earlier decision, the Board and administration adjusted the redistricting timeline so that the committee's recommendation will occur in November. Therefore, the committee meetings have been rescheduled for Oct. 4 and Nov. 8, and the Public Form will be held on Oct. 18. These meetings will begin at 6 p.m. in the McNair Board Room.

Following Board approval, the District will notify parents of students whose school will change as a result of the redistricting. The committee will also include permissive transfer and grandfathering in its recommendations.

For more information, go to www.ucityschools.org and click Destination UCity > Elementary Attendance Line Updates from the left sidebar.

Perfect Attendance recognition

On September 7, Board of Education and Superintendent Joylynn Wilson Pruitt, with the support of the office of human resources, distributed \$50 gift certificates for employees who had perfect attendance during the 2009-2010 school year. Join us in congratulating Peggy Borrer, Herbert Buie, CarolAnn Cole, Kathleen Collins, Johnnye Farrell, Delores Garner, Amanda Gordon, Colleen Hagen, Sharon Knuckles, David Lewis, Bessie McClendon, Byron McKinney, Marilyn Neuner, Andrew Purley, Olivia Salanik, Annette Smith, Lillian Wells and Bernadette White.

Poetry Slam Team returns to UCHS

The UCHS Poetry Slams return this fall at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23 and Oct. 21 in the UCHS Auditorium. Admission is FREE. Students in grades 7-12 may participate in the slam by signing up 15 minutes prior to the event. Tryouts are required for the high school team. Contact Dominic Geinosky Pioter, UCHS English teacher, for further details.

INSIDE survey available online

Did you miss your opportunity to express your opinions about this publication in the last issue? It is NOT too late, you may still complete the *Inside* survey online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/D2SPHKS.

SCHOOL DISTRICT of UNIVERSITY CITY

Helping keep YOU healthy...

STAFF SEASONAL FLU SHOT CLINIC



NOTE: This year's shot DOES contain the H1N1 vaccine.

Thursday,
September 30

6:30 - 9 a.m. & 2:30 - 5 p.m.

McNair Administration Building
8136 Groby Road (63130)

NO out-of-pocket cost
for staff members with GHP insurance membership card with them at time of inoculation.

(Only \$26 for staff without GHP insurance.)

Make your reservation TODAY
by contacting your building nurse. For more information, call 314/290-4021.



Wednesday is Backpacking Day

This year, the District will strive to send all information home on Wednesday. While exceptions may occur, please plan ahead and communicate with your principal to distribute information via backpacking on Wednesdays for grades PreK-8.

U-City Birder's Club

The University City Birder's Club, coordinated by Nikki Davenport, welcomes staff and other community members to participate. Plans for this school year include field trips and a special service learning project. New members are still welcome and no birding experience is needed.

Upcoming Saturday events include:

Sept. 25 - 8- 10:30 a.m. – Tower Grove Park - Warblers

Oct. 16 - 9-11:30 a.m. – Powder Valley - Feeders and Nature Walk

For more information, call 314/290-4013 or email ndavenport@u-city.k12.mo.us.

Grantwriting success, again!

“Online Book Community!” grant for \$4,425.17 was awarded to Kelly Werthmuller, Brittany Woods librarian, by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The grant will provide for a webpage that has several components, including book reviews, book club discussions, videos of book talks and lessons, links and other tools along with 233 books and 18 playaways (audiobooks on dedicated MP3 players) for the school library. The webpage is expected to be functioning in November 2010.

UCHS football event workers needed

Event workers are needed for home football games including ticket sales, chain gang, timer and scoreboard operator. Pay ranges from \$15-40 per event depending on responsibilities. Volunteers are appreciated. Remaining varsity games are Sept. 16, Oct. 2, 16 and 30. JV games are Sept. 13, 27, Oct. 11 and 25. Due to payment guidelines, District hourly employees who work 40-hour work weeks are not eligible. If interested, call 314/290-4106 or email ckish@u-city.k12.mo.us to discuss details.

Gateway Classic Football Game, Sept. 25

Clark Atlanta University faces University of Arkansas - Pine-Bluff on Sept. 25, along with the annual Battle of the Bands. Ticket information will be coming soon via District email or call 314/290-4016.

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.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

Ed Propst, UCHS performing arts teacher, has written a play, “Caution: Suicide Can Be Hazardous To Your Health” that is being produced as an independent video project by a UCHS student and will be posted to YouTube and Facebook when complete... stay tuned for details of launch.

RESOURCES

KMOV - DO THE RIGHT THING:

Recognizes and encourages the positive behaviors of area children. Visit www.kmov.com/community/Do-The-Right-Thing-68787977.html.

KMOV - KIDS CARING 4 KIDS:

Food and clothing drive opportunities for community service. Visit <http://special.kmov.com/kidscaring4kids/>.

TEACHER HUB:

Tips, contests and more. Visit <http://teacherhub.com>.

ESCHOOLNEWS:

Provides technology news for teachers K-20 including grant opportunities and other resources. Visit www.eschoolnews.com.

POST-IT PERKS:

Receive special offers and free promotional samples. Visit www.post-it.com.

HAVE A RESOURCE TO SHARE?

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

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