



INSIDE

the School District of University City

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

October 2010

District remains fully accredited

The School District of University City remains a fully accredited school district. Preliminary Annual Performance Report (APR) data released Sept. 13 indicates that University City had seven out of 14 possible APR points. The District has made gains in all achievement areas, including the Missouri Assessment Program (MAP) and End-of-Course Exam (EOC) standards. Entering its second year of aggressive academic reform, the District continues making progress and having a positive impact on student achievement.

More information is available at <http://tinyurl.com/091310APR>.

Elementary Boundary Committee Update

The process to determine new elementary attendance areas continues on Monday, Oct. 4. A public forum is scheduled for Monday, Oct. 18 and a final committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 8. These meetings begin at 6 p.m. in the McNair Board Room.

The formal presentation of the committee's recommendations, including permissive transfer and grandfathering recommendations, is scheduled for the Nov. 11 school board meeting. Following Board approval, the District will notify parents of students whose school will change as a result of the redistricting.

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

Brittany Woods "Tour Our School," Oct. 13

District families with students in any grade, residents interested in Prop. U, alumni, staff and other supporters are encouraged to attend Brittany Woods Middle School's Tour Our School & Conversations with the Superintendent on Wednesday, Oct. 13. Guests will tour the new library and renovated classrooms beginning at 6 p.m., and attend "Conversations with the Superintendent" with Superintendent Joylynn Wilson Pruitt at 6:45 p.m. For more information, call 314/290-4016.

What's happening in the District?

For the latest information on events and activities, visit the District's webcalendar (Calendar of Events tab) at www.ucityschools.org/vcalendar.

BEYOND OUR WALLS

UCHS FIELD HOCKEY was named KPLR-TV channel 11 Team of the Week on Sept. 7, 2010. Congratulations to Coach Marisa Shepard and the team. Video can be viewed at <http://tinyurl.com/UCFHch11>.



THE 2010 DIAL YEARBOOK won the "All Missouri" Award, which is the highest recognition at the state level, in the overall yearbook category from Missouri Interscholastic Press Association (MIPA). Congratulations to the 2010 DIAL staff including teacher/sponsor Mary Williams, UCHS English teacher and department chair.



Greg Byrne, Flynn Park sixth grade teacher, videoconferenced a lesson to students from the Grand Canyon with the support of the St. Louis Science Center.

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Media Literacy: Truth or Consequences - Oct. 4-9

These days, media touches everything we do. All local educators are invited to participate in the Fourth Annual Media Literacy Week, "Media Literacy: Truth or Consequences," sponsored by Gateway Media Literacy Partners. Educator specific activities include:

- Monday, Oct. 4 • 11 a.m. - **"Embrace Your Digital World With Schooltube"**
Don Goble shows how he integrates Schooltube.com into his curriculum.
- Tuesday, Oct. 5 - **"Putting Media Literacy to Work in the Classroom"**
6 p.m. Free dinner • 7-9 p.m. *Frank Baker presents a hands-on workshop.*
- Saturday, Oct. 9 - **Academic Symposium at Webster University**
9-10:15 a.m. or 10:30-noon, *Educators & students present media literacy education.*

More activities and details are available at <http://www.gmlpstl.org/?p=1324>. Registration is required by Friday, Oct. 1 for workshops and/or dinner to jessicazbrown@gmlpstl.org or call 314-567-0265. Seating is limited.

What can you do to prevent the flu?

- Get a flu shot or try the nasal spray vaccine.
- Wash hands often. If soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizer and avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth unless hands are clean.
- Cough or sneeze into arm or sleeve.
- Keep at least three feet between you and other people and wipe down public items.
- If you have the flu, or any other respiratory illness, stay home and get better. Get enough sleep, maintain a healthy diet and manage stress.

For more information, visit www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu or www.flu.gov.

UCEF Grant Recipients to be recognized Oct. 14

The University City Education Foundation will be recognizing the fall 2010 cycle grant recipients during the Board of Education meeting on October 14. Join us in congratulating Julie M. Hume, Pershing Elementary; Marnie Claunch and Liza Harkins, UCHS; and Frank Kelton and Kim Deitzler, UCHS.

Community involvement in our schools

Are there fun things happening in your classroom that bring education to life? Have you worked with a local business or organization to enhance learning in your classroom or school?

The District wants to highlight local community involvement and hands-on learning opportunities. E-mail information to Linda Russell or CarolAnn Cole to tell us about upcoming activities.

MORE BEYOND OUR WALLS

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Brittany Woods Middle School

was awarded a \$4,425.17 grant for the "Online Book Community!" by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The grant will provide for a webpage with 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. According to the grant writer, **Kelly Werthmuller**, Brittany Woods librarian, the webpage is expected to be functioning in November 2010.



UCHS football coach **Robert Battle** was named the St. Louis Rams High School Football Coach of the Week for the week of August 30, 2010. The UCHS football team will receive a grant from the St. Louis Rams in Coach Battle's honor.



UNIVERSITY CITY DAY AT THE DOME!

Sunday, October 17, 2010 at Noon
St. Louis Rams vs San Diego Chargers
\$35 ticket
includes \$10 food/beverage voucher
Order deadline is Oct. 7.
Order form available at
<http://tinyurl.com/101710UCatDome>
Call 314/290-4107 for details.

Proceeds benefit UCHS PTO

Interested in being more involved?

The School District of University City has several committees where additional staff, parent and community member representation is needed. Consider joining:

Accountability Committee: Meets quarterly. Oversees and monitors progress on the District's Comprehensive School Improvement Plan objectives. Contact Juli Ward, 314/290-4002.

Family Engagement Committee: Meets monthly. Discusses and recommends methods to enhance family engagement throughout the District, educate parents about family engagement and track progress on improving engagement for student success. Contact Linda Russell, 314/290-4016.

Centennial Committee: Meets monthly. Plans and executes the calendar of events celebrating the District's centennial in 2011. Contact Linda Russell, 314/290-4016.

Finance & Bond Oversight: Meets quarterly. Monitors construction projects, tracks spending on bond issue items, discusses District finances and provides input for long-term financial plans. Contact Karl Scheidt, 314/290-4004.

Need a computer but think they are too costly?

The School District of University City has partnered with WITS (Web Innovations & Technology Services, Inc.) to provide low-cost, refurbished computers to District families and staff with prices starting at only \$60 for a desktop computer and \$125 for a laptop.

If interested, submit a request form (available at <http://tinyurl.com/WITSComp> or school office) to your school's main office by Friday, October 29. Once this information is received by WITS, a representative will contact you to discuss further details.

All questions about this program should go directly to WITS at 314/382-1650.

Cyberbullying 101 parent presentation

District counseling staff in conjunction with National Council on Alcoholism & Drug Abuse - St. Louis Area (NCADA) will present Cyberbullying 101 on Wednesday, Nov. 17 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Brittany Woods Library, 8136 Groby Road (63130).

For more information, contact the office of pupil personnel at 314/290-4045.

INSIDE the School District of University City is published 11 times per school year during the first week of each month except July and emailed to all staff with District e-mail addresses. Building secretaries are asked to post the current issue for all staff to read. Copies are also archived to the District website 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

Suburban Journal: Submission deadline of stories and photos produced by high school students for Old Newsboys Day is Oct. 14. For details, contact Mary Shapiro at 314/821-2462 ext. 157.

St. Louis Coalition for Human



Rights: 14th Annual Human Rights Essay Contest for middle and high school students submission deadline is Oct. 31. Theme for 500-word essay is "What is the Impact of the Economic Crisis on Your Standard of Living?" For more details, contact Jamala Rogers at 314/307-3083.

University City Martin Luther

King Jr. Spirit Award: Nomination forms are available at <http://tinyurl.com/MLKSpirit>.

HAVE A RESOURCE TO SHARE?

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

Second Biennial Trivia Night

Friday, November 12, 2010

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Competition begins promptly at 7 p.m.

Heman Park Community Center
975 Pennsylvania (63130)

\$15 Advanced Registration • \$20 Admission at the Door

EVENT SPONSORS ARE ALSO NEEDED!

Forms and details: <http://tinyurl.com/UCTrivia2010>
or call 314/290-4019

Proceeds to benefit the students of the School District of University City through the University City Education Foundation and University City High School Alumni Association.