



INSIDE

the School District of University City

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November 2010

Elementary Boundary Committee Update

The process to determine new elementary attendance lines is nearing completion. The final committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. in the McNair Board Room. The formal presentation of the committee's recommendations is scheduled for the Nov. 11 school board meeting.

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

School board filing schedule

Informational packets will be available on Nov. 11 for school board candidates for the April 5, 2011 election. Candidate filing begins at 8 a.m. on Dec. 14 and closes at 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 for three seats that each fulfill a three-year term.

For more information, contact Charlotte Tatum, administrative coordinator to the Board, at 314/290-4003 or email ctatum@u-city.k12.mo.us.

Homecoming float winner

Congratulations to the 2010 University City Homecoming Parade winners: First Place - UCHS Field Hockey; Second Place - Pershing Elementary School; and Third Place - Senior Class - Class of 2011. Winners will receive a plaque. This event is coordinated by the UCHS Student Council, sponsored by Michael Daly.

MLK Spirit Award nominations accepted for 2011

The University City Board of Education is still seeking nominations for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award. For details, visit <http://tinyurl.com/MLKSpirit>. The deadline for submission is Dec. 3, 2010.

Recipients will be recognized during the annual University City communitywide Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration that begins with a parade along Balson Ave. at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 15, followed by the program in the UCHS auditorium.

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

NIKKI WEISS, teacher at Delmar-Harvard Elementary School, was the recipient of OfficeMax's A Day Made Better Award. Weiss' classroom received a box of classroom supplies in conjunction with the award.

The Golden Explosion marching band, flag line and dance team, under the direction of **DANIEL SHAVERS** and instruction of **JAYMI SMOTHERSON**, earned second place in the Oct. 1 Harris-Stowe Homecoming Parade and was the only band to place in both the Lincoln University Homecoming Parade and field show competitions on Oct. 9.

RESOURCES

ACT POSTER CONTEST:

High school students design posters to encourage others to plan and prepare for college. First place is \$5,000 scholarship. Submission deadline is Jan. 30, 2011. For details, visit www.actstudent.org/postercontest/.

ADOPT-A-CLASSROOM:

With support of Jones of New York, OfficeMax and other donors, teachers can have their extra classroom needs met. Register at www.adoptaclassroom.com.

HAVE A RESOURCE TO SHARE?

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



“Fired Up” for preschool families, Nov. 17

“Fired up for Kindergarten” is scheduled for Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. This event gives University City parents with preschool-aged children an opportunity to visit their neighborhood elementary school (Barbara C. Jordan, Flynn Park, Jackson Park or Pershing) to meet kindergarten teachers and other school staff, tour classrooms and receive enrollment information.

Interested preschool parents are asked to call 314/290-4016 and leave a message with name, address and phone or email. They will be contacted to verify which school will be their neighborhood school for the upcoming school year.

FIRST Lego League seeks adult volunteers

University City is hosting the FIRST Lego League (FLL) Qualifier on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and would greatly appreciate adult support for key volunteer positions. FLL also needs support on Nov. 13 at Webster, Nov. 14 at St. Charles Community College, on Nov. 21 at Maryville University and Dec. 5 at St. Louis CC - Florissant Valley. To volunteer, complete the form at <http://tinyurl.com/FLLQualifier2010>. Questions? contact Nicole Adewale at NAdewale@abnacorp.com.

U-City Birder’s Club

The University City Birder’s Club still welcomes new members. Upcoming Saturday events include:

Nov. 20 - 9-11:30 a.m. – Bird Club Members Choice

Dec. 11 - 9-11:30 a.m. – Columbia Bottoms/Winfield Dam - Eagle Watch

Jan. 15 - 9-11:30 a.m. – Green Center - Gourd Bird Feeders

For details, contact Nikki Davenport at ndavenport@u-city.k12.mo.us.

Inclement weather closings

If schools are closed for inclement weather conditions, parents/guardians and staff will receive a SchoolReach automated phone call with specific information.

School closing information will be posted on the District website at www.ucityschools.org and shared with local radio and television stations.

What’s happening in the District?

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

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.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

UCHS Fall Play, Sweeny Todd and the String of Pearls, Friday, Oct. 29 and Saturday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. in the UCHS lecture hall. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, students with IDs and senior citizens. For details, contact Ed Propst.

UCHS Talent Show fundraiser, Nov. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the UCHS auditorium. Cost is \$5 per person. For details, contact Dorthea Nevils.

Athletic Family Night, Nov. 9 with a free dinner beginning at 6 p.m., a guest speaker from the NFL Players’ Association and team information. For details, contact Chad Kish.

UCEF/UCHS AA Trivia Night, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. at the Heman Park Community Center, 975 Pennsylvania Avenue (63130). Ticket and sponsorship forms are at <http://tinyurl.com/UCTrivia2010>.

Fall Fire Festival, Nov. 13 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. at The Green Center, 8025 Blackberry Ave. (63130). Tickets includes food and beverages and are \$5 for children under 13, \$10 for adults by Nov. 5 and \$15 for adults at the door. Visit www.thegreencenter.org.

Cyberbullying 101, Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Brittany Woods Library, 8125 Groby Road (63130). Questions? Call the Office of Pupil Personnel at 314/290-4045.

Spring UCEF cycle grant application deadline is Jan. 26. Applications are available at <http://tinyurl.com/UCFgrantAps>.

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