



INSIDE

the School District of University City

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

December 2009

Inclement weather closings

If schools are closed due to inclement weather conditions, parents/guardians will receive an automated phone message with specific information. School closing information will also be posted on the District website at www.ucityschools.org and shared with local radio and television stations. Days missed due to inclement weather closings will be made up at the end of the school year.

New for 2009-2010 is a "Late Start" option according to the following schedule:

One Hour Late Start Times:

- University City High School 8:30 a.m.
- Lieberman Learning Center 8:35 a.m.
- Brittany Woods Middle 9:00 a.m.
- McNair Administration 9:00 a.m.
- Julia Goldstein ECEC 9:30 a.m.
- Elementary (except BJ) 9:40 a.m.
- Barbara C. Jordan..... 10:00 a.m.

St. Louis County Health Department offers second round of H1N1 vaccination clinics

Free H1N1 flu vaccinations will be available for St. Louis County residents at five locations on Saturday, December 5, with an increased supply of both H1N1 shots and intranasal mist vaccine. Line tickets will be available starting at 7 a.m. Vaccinations will be administered between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at Ferguson-Florissant School District Administration Building, Kirkwood High School, Parkway Central High School, Ritenour High School and Rockwood-Summit High School. For more information regarding the clinics, visit www.SaintLouisCountyFlu.com

BW Family Fun Night, Dec. 4

Brittany Woods Family Fun Night is fun for the whole family from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, December 4, and features inflatables, karaoke, balloon animals, dance, movies, face painting and Chinese tattoos. Cost is \$4 per person. Bring in a can of food and receive \$1 off admission cost. Food donations will be distributed as part of the school's drive.

UCHS choirs perform Dec. 2

The UCHS choirs will perform at Powell Symphony Hall on Wednesday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m. as part of the E. Desmond Lee Fine Arts Education Collaborative Showcase. Admission is free and open to the public.

The UCHS Winter Choir/Band concert is scheduled for Friday, December 4 in the UCHS Auditorium at 7 p.m. Admission is \$5 at the door or FREE to staff with District ID. Purchase a poinsettia plant for only \$10 and your guest enters for free! Plants may be picked up from the stage after the concert.

Winter Golf Scramble, Dec. 6

The UCHS Athletic Boosters host their ninth Annual Winter Warm-Up Golf Scramble at Ruth Park on Sunday, December 6 with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm! Cost: \$35 per golfer for 9 holes with cart & dinner on or before December 6 (carts not guaranteed) or \$10 per person for dinner only. More more details, contact Kim Loomis at kloomis@u-city.k12.mo.us or (314) 290-4106.

UCEF fundraiser, Dec. 7

University City Education Foundation announces their annual Winter Event at Plowsharing Crafts, 6271 Delmar (In the Loop). Make a purchase on Monday, December 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. and a percentage of your bill will be donated to support the UCEF.

Please consider coming out and supporting the organization that gives so much back to YOU and our students.

MLK Spirit Award nominations are being accepted for 2010

The University City Board of Education is still seeking nominations for the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award. The deadline for submission is December 4, 2009.

Recipients will be recognized during the annual University City communitywide Dr. Martin Luther King Celebration on Sunday, January 17. This year's theme is "Fulfilling Dr. King's Dream."



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Would you like to see your students featured in PRIDE or on the website?

Email your favorite photo and information to ccole@u-city.k12.mo.us. Be sure to only send photos of students who have not been exempt. Check with your school secretary to be sure.



Calendar of Events for December 2009

To have *YOUR* information included in the *Calendar of Events*, please be sure to submit it to your school's key communicator prior to the 15th of the preceding month.

- 1 JP Science Fair set-up
- 2 JP Science Fair Judging
Brittany Woods' Career Parent Night
- 3 JP Science Fair Family Night
- 4 UCHS Choir Concert
JP Science Fair Projects come home
JGECEC Free Immunization Clinic
BW Family Fun Night
- 7 UCEF Plowsharing Fundraiser
PTO Council Meeting
- 8 Delmar-Harvard PTO Meeting
Nathaniel Hawthorne PTO Meeting
Quality Council Meeting
Barbara C. Jordan PTO Meeting
FP PTO Business Meeting
- 9 UCHS PTO Meeting
- 10 JP PTO Winter Program / Cookies & Cocoa
DH Words Matter
- 12 UCHS ACT Testing
Board of Education Workshop
UCHS Kinesis Dance Concert
- 15 BW PTO Meeting
OASIS Meeting
DH Winter Concert
- 16 UCHS Final Exams
DH Spelling Bee
UCHS AA monthly meeting
Finance/Bond Issue Oversight Committee Meeting
BW Winter Concert
- 17 Sunrise Conservatory Winter Recital (DH, FP & Per)
Early Release for 9-12, High School Exams
UCHS Final Exams
NH Science Activity
Board of Education Meeting
- 18 Sunrise Conservatory Winter Recital (BJ, JP & NH)
Early Release for PreK-12 - End of 2nd Quarter
UCHS Final Exams
- 19 U-City Birders Club - Eagle Watch
- 21 First Day of Winter
- 21-Jan 1 Schools Closed - Winter Break
- 24-25, 31 & Jan 1, Offices Closed - Winter Break
- January 4 Classes resume
- 9 Board of Education Workshop

UCEF cycle grant deadline reminder

The University City Education Foundation (UCEF) spring 2010 cycle grant submission deadline is February 3. Application forms are available on the District's website at www.ucityschools.org.

Emergency training, Jan. 29-31

The University City Fire Department is hosting a Three Day CERT Training Class for interested participants (need NOT be a resident to attend) on Friday, January 29 (6-9 p.m.), Saturday, January 30 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m. with a light lunch served) and Sunday, January 31 (1-5 p.m.). Class participants will be trained in basic response techniques in order to assist local citizens and professional responders in disaster or emergency situations.

There is no cost for the training. Attendance to all three days is required. Location of the class will be dependent on class size, but is currently scheduled for Fire House 2 on North and South. Training is for adults age 18 or older, however children ages 16 and 17 may attend with parental consent.

Contact Janet Carter at 314/505-8591 to register for the class.

UCAEL has a new home

The University City Adult Education and Learning (UCAEL) program has found a new home at 1483 82nd Street. Their new phone number is 314/993-0462. You can also visit them online at www.ucityaelprogram.info.

Riddle

Solve this riddle and submit your correct answer to ccole@u-city.k12.mo.us by email or print by 12 noon on December 4 and enter a drawing to receive a pick from the Communications "Prize Box." Correct submissions will be announced via email during the following week and in the January 2010 issue of INSIDE. Here's the riddle:

A man received a roughly handwritten letter from a friend who was away on a desert safari.

The note read: "I am only writing this because I found something in the middle of the desert and I had to let you know. I found it half buried in the sand and was surprised that it still works. Here's the proof."

The man looked in the envelope but it was empty.

What did the man's friend find in the desert?

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