



Re-entry updates, news and reminders

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Good afternoon U. City Schools Community,

We were so excited to have our preschoolers back this past week on their new four-day a week in-person learning schedule. The week went exceptionally well at Julia Goldstein, and our students are responding beautifully to this needed change in routine.

Now we are eagerly looking ahead to next Tuesday, February 16, when our K-8 in-person students will also begin their new four-day per week in-person schedule. The schedule typically has students in school buildings on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays with Wednesday as an asynchronous learning day at home. Next week, however, the students will start on Tuesday, February 16, as there is no school on Monday due to President's Day.

Re-entry of students at the high school

We are also looking ahead to high school. After careful consideration of COVID-19 metrics among high school-age children and the highly documented racial inequity regarding COVID-19 affecting many of our vulnerable families, we want to bring high school students back, but in a unique way. A parent meeting was hosted by the PTO on Wednesday, February 10 regarding the plan to use Distance Learning Hubs. We heard you. Please expect more detailed information as we refine the Distance Learning Hub plan. Our team is already further envisioning the learning environment to be joyful and provide a comfortable space for students, while emphasizing our focus on our three pillars: Humanize, Personalize and Problematize. High school families can expect to receive more detailed information next week.

After additional information is shared, we will ask you to complete an updated survey regarding your choice for the remainder of the school year.

Black History Month and key dates and events

Our schools are engaging in very meaningful Black History Month lessons and activities. It's rewarding to see our staff come up with so many creative ways to integrate Black History Month into their learning days and school activities - from spirit weeks and student videos to [podcasts](#), and community activities. I am extremely proud of the emphasis on student voice in many of these activities. A few community/parent events are listed in the schedule below.

- Monday, Feb. 15 - **No school** for Presidents Day

- Monday, Feb. 16 - Grades K-8 begin a 4-day a week in-person learning schedule (M,T,Th,F). Check for emails from your principal for specific details.
- Tuesday, Feb. 23 - **Safe, Healthy, Wise: Debunking COVID-19 Myths** virtual talk at 5 p.m. with Dr. Denise Hooks-Anderson. [Click here](#) to register.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 - **Ubuntu Community Conversation** at 6:30 p.m. Click [here](#) to register.
- Friday, Feb. 26 - High school community only and attendance is limited: **Outdoor Fireside Chat - Elevating Black Voices Through Literature** from 5 to 7 p.m. in the UCHS Lions' Den Courtyard. [Click here](#) to register.
- Friday, Feb. 26 - **Brittany Woods Black History Virtual Trivia Night** at 7 p.m. [Click here](#) to register.

Julia Goldstein ECEC
welcomes students
for 4-day week



It wouldn't be St. Louis without this sudden onset of frigid temperatures. As a reminder, the District will still be calling inclement weather days when needed in which there will be no school. During this cold-snap, I particularly want to salute our Student Services and Wyman teams who continue to operate Grab and Go pick-up sites on Wednesdays despite the weather. On a similar theme, I also wanted to share this great [television news coverage](#) about a special meal delivery to 60 families last Wednesday thanks to a district partnership with Vicia Restaurant and the St. Louis Community Foundation.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend and Happy Lunar New Year! As always, I am available by email at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941 if you have any questions or concerns.

In Service of Our Children,

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