



Update and Reminders

1 message

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley <news@ucityschools.org>
Reply-To: communications@ucityschools.org

Fri, Sep 18, 2020 at 5:03 PM

Health of a Lion

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
UNIVERSITY CITY
Transform the Life of Every Student Every Day!

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley
Superintendent of Schools
Ronald E. McNair Administration Building
8136 Groby Road
University City, Missouri 63130
(314) 290-4001
shardin@ucityschools.org

Dear U. City Family Community:

We have a few updates and reminders as we close out the week.

This week our administrative team met to continue our focus on cultural responsiveness, ensuring our classrooms are safe, inclusive, and responsive to different cultures and experiences, particularly along racial lines. Our journey continues. It was refreshing to learn with our partner, Dr. Sharroky Hollie. Our full staff is gaining competencies and leadership skills in the classroom to ensure our students are heard, respected, understood, and included despite their many differences and existing cultural biases.

I bring this up as a reminder that our teachers and staff are still striving to be better and to connect with students despite the challenges of COVID-19 authentically. Regardless of whether our students learn online or in classrooms, the work of Learning Reimagine continues on many levels.

Some updates and reminders:

- I am sad to announce that we will not celebrate **Homecoming** this fall because we decided to delay our sports season until early spring 2021. We hope to plan something in the spring when our teams are back on the fields and healthy competition. This is yet another loss, but I am hopeful we will have a Black and Gold celebration when it is safe.
- Parents, if you haven't already, please complete this [brief survey](#) to help us plan for the eventual return of students to in-person instruction. This information is critical to ensure a gradual, safe, and kind transition back into buildings when the time is right. Please note, no decisions have been made on returning students to classrooms at this time.

- My next **Zoom with the Superintendent** is this Tuesday, Sept. 22, at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. I encourage you to check in at either time to ask me questions, get brief updates, or simply just say hello. These are casual meetings and a great way to connect with you and understand how our community and children are doing. To register, [click here](#).
- The next virtual **Parent Café** is going to be a good one! This Wednesday, Sept. 23, at either 9 a.m. or 5 p.m., you will have the chance to practice peaceful and relaxing mindfulness under the guidance of Joanie Terrizzi, a wellness practitioner and founder of Breathe to Learn. This is a great way to take a mental and physical break from your daily pressures and routine and reconnect with your mind and body. To register, [click here](#).
- Remember, individual schools are planning virtual and in-person **curriculum evenings** starting next week on the below dates. Please look for communication from your schools for links and passwords to join as well as in-person options.
 - High School and LLC: Wednesday, Sept. 23
 - Middle School: Thursday, Sept. 24
 - Elementary and Early Childhood: Tuesday, Sept. 29

Please feel free to email me with any questions or concerns at shardin@ucityschools.org or my cell at 314-399-0941.

In-Service of Our Children,

Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, Ph.D., PHR
Superintendent



ucityschools.org



School District of University City would like to continue connecting with you via email. If you prefer to be removed from our list, please contact School District of University City directly. To stop receiving all email messages distributed through our SchoolMessenger service, follow this link and confirm: [Unsubscribe](#)

SchoolMessenger is a notification service used by the nation's leading school systems to connect with parents, students and staff through voice, SMS text, email, and social media.