



Friday SDUC update

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Health of a Lion

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Hello University City Families:

The week ends as we expected it - without a neat bow to tie up the election and the many emotions that come with it. As with all things related to 2020, we will have to exercise patience - and self care as things play out with our democratic process.

This past Wednesday evening, our student services Restorative Practices Team presented a fantastic virtual forum on taking care and processing emotions around the election, COVID-19 and continued systemic racism. The takeaway from the night was clear, it takes time to process and respect your personal emotions, and it is important to take even just a few minutes a day to pay kind attention to your mind and body. Let's all remember to just breathe.

This Monday, Nov. 9, is a big day for the District as we welcome back Cohort A in grades K-6 to in-person instruction. Cohort B will start next Thursday, Nov. 12. I can assure you that we are ready and excited to have your children back with us in a way that is safe, gradual and kind while continuing with virtual instruction for children who opt to continue learning at home. This past week was filled with informative orientations for our parents and students. Our staff and teachers have been trained on COVID-19 screening and safety procedures, and our buildings are clean and supplied with the disinfectant products, signage and modifications to keep everyone safe and engaged in our classrooms. We continue to monitor local and regional data. We are prepared to make changes if necessary. You can find the most up-to-date information for both elementary and middle school Health of a Lion return to school, including information on the health screener, riding the bus and general child-friendly videos, [by clicking here](#).

I wanted to congratulate University City High School leadership staff, teachers and students in the high school's Black Academy for transforming a once underutilized outside space at the high school into the Lions' Den. In September, students in Black Academy began an intensive service project to transform the courtyard into a student-friendly area. The students were tasked with creating an eco-friendly design that utilized recycled materials. On Wednesday, the high school held a grand opening. It was exciting to see the creativity of our students who transformed wood pallets, used tires and other materials into outdoor furniture for the courtyard. To read more, [click here](#).

Update:

On Thursday, Nov. 12, we will combine the **Parent Café and Zoom with the Superintendent**. In it we will talk about educating with “Head and Heart” and also provide ample time for you to check in with me on any questions you may have about in-person or distance learning. As always, we will have two sessions at 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. [Click here to register](#) for either virtual session.

Again, take care. Please feel free to contact me with questions or concerns at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

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Elementary In-Person Orientations



UCHS Grand Opening of Lions' Den

