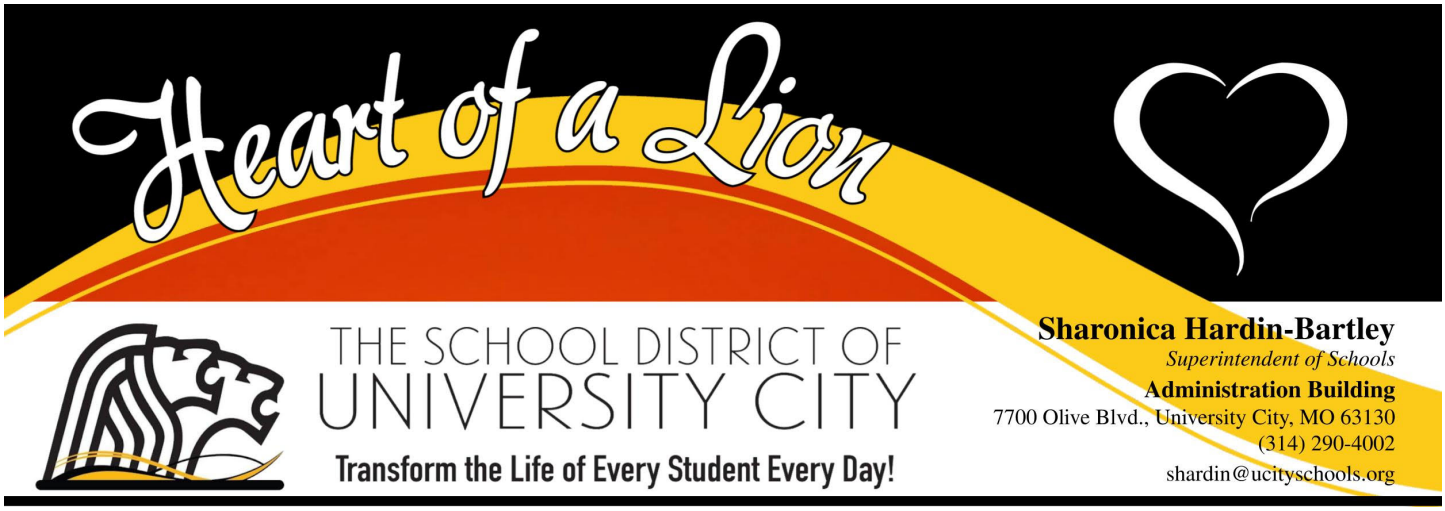
SDUC updates: MLK weekend events, BWMS basketball

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Good morning University City Schools Community:

Today is an early release day. As we embark on the three-day Martin Luther King, Jr. weekend, I wanted to wish you a wonderful long weekend and also provide you with new information.

Brittany Woods Middle School is excited to tip off its winter basketball season next Tuesday, January 17, and also welcome back fans to its competitions. The Brittany Woods community will receive additional details regarding attendance from Principal Davis.

I am honored to be the guest speaker at University City's Grace United Methodist Church for its congregation's Martin Luther King Day, Jr. service on Sunday, Jan. 15. The focus of my speech is social justice. I always value and appreciate the opportunity to engage with people regarding justice and equity. As Dr. King once said, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

There are many wonderful events celebrating Dr. King in and around our community this weekend. Please see the list below. This is not a full list, but I wanted you to have it if you needed some ideas. Our very own University City High School Golden Girls Dance Team will perform at the Saint Louis Science Center tomorrow at 3 p.m. I also wanted to thank so many of our teachers, staff and students who this month have ensured the wisdom, grace, lessons and fortitude of Dr. King are reflected in the lessons and spirit of our classrooms and hallways.

Missouri History Museum: Celebrate Dr. King on Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Monday, Jan. 16, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with youth activism workshops, meaningful conversations on race and social justice,

storytelling, movement, craft workshops, and day of service opportunities. Enjoy a keynote address on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 to 5 p.m., presented by Lynne M. Jackson, along with a brief musical performance and a basic yoga class set to live gospel music. For more details, visit www.mohistory.org.

Saint Louis Art Museum: Attend a performance and discussion entitled Artistic Expression Uplifting the Movement, today, Jan. 13, 6 to 7: 30 p.m. Advance tickets are recommended either in person at the Museum's Information Centers or through MetroTix at www.metrotix.com or 314-534-1111 (a service charge may be incurred). On Sunday, Jan. 15, attend the museum's Family Sunday Art for Justice program, 1 to 4 p.m. A 2 p.m. storytime features a reading by Goodnight Racism, written by Ibram X. Kendi and illustrated by local artist Cbabi Bayoc.

Saint Louis Public Radio: To celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. King, enjoy special programming from PRX and a live St. Louis Symphony Orchestra performance on Monday, Jan. 16, noon to p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Tune in on 90.7 KWMU FM in St. Louis or stream it on KWMU-1 at www.stlpr.org.

Saint Louis Science Center: Celebrate Dr. King on Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with hands-on activities and presentations showcasing the diversity of the STEM community in St. Louis. Don't miss the University City High School Golden Girls Dance Team performing at 3 p.m.

United Way of Greater St. Louis: Volunteer for a day of service with the United Way of Greater St. Louis. Sign up at www.stlvolunteer.org/mlkday.

University of Missouri-St. Louis: Attend its MLK Holiday Observance on Monday, Jan. 16, 11 a.m., at Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center (PAC), 1 Touhill Circle (63121). The event features Cliff Albright, executive director and co-founder of Black Voters Matter and writer, speaker and educator Tierra K. Parks as the emcee. Musical performances include The Sheldon's All-Star Chorus under the direction of Maria A. Ellis.

Washington University: Attend the 36th annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration ceremony on the Danforth Campus, Monday, Jan. 16, 2 to 3:30 p.m. in Graham Chapel, 1 Brookings Dr. (63130). The event features a keynote address by Geoff K. Ward, professor of African and African-American Studies.

In closing, remember that today is an early release day and that, on Monday, there are no classes and school offices are closed in observance of the federal Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Have a wonderful long weekend!

In Service of Our Children,

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