

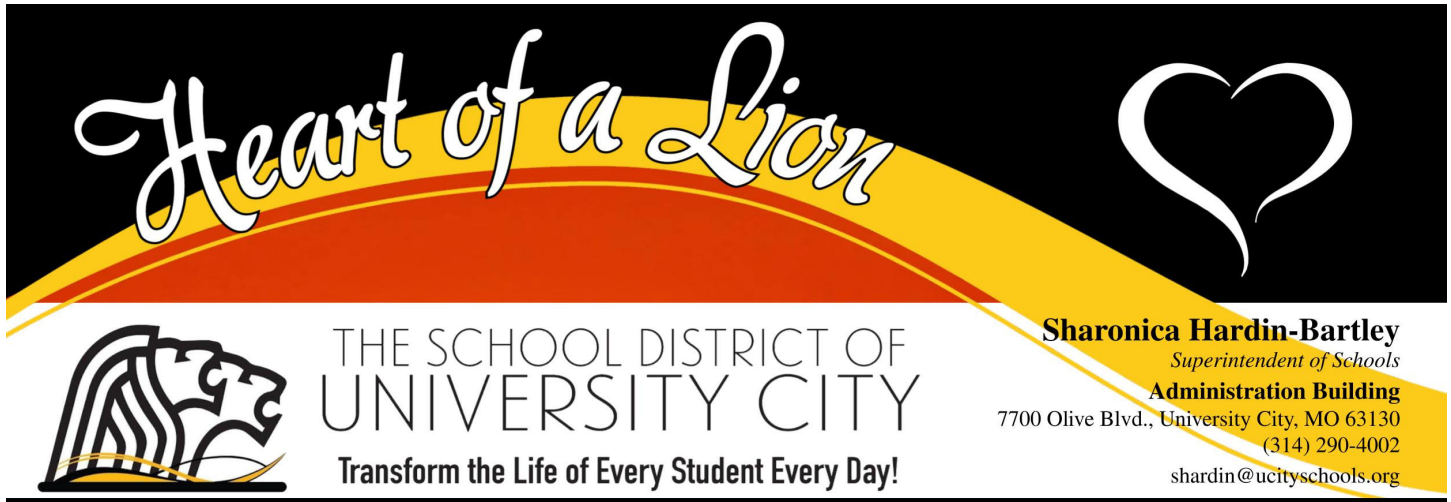


SDUC Updates: New Blog, Homecoming, Engagement Meetings and More

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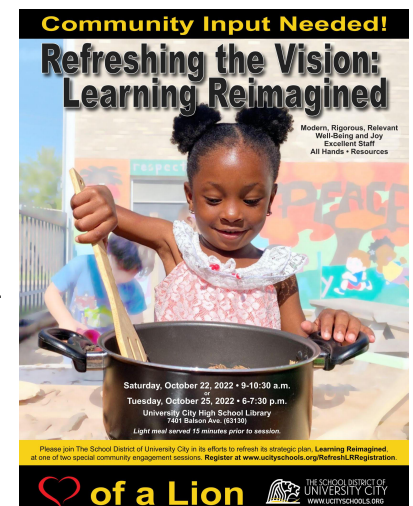
Greetings School District of University City Community:

Thank you to our teachers, students and staff for their creative efforts to celebrate Hispanic culture and traditions as part of Hispanic American Heritage Month which runs from September 15 to October 15. Our schools have come alive with traditional dance, music, literature and visual art in honor of our Hispanic students, families and caregivers. Most recently, our high school students hosted a book tasting of Hispanic authors and topics. It is so important to celebrate the many cultures and heritages that weave themselves into the daily lives of U. City Schools. Additionally, I would like to wish our Jewish community Shana Tova in honor of Rosh Hashanah. I also hope that you had an insightful and restorative Yom Kippur.

Pictures are worth a thousand words. And, they are also worth thousands of emotions. Our communications team has been preparing galleries of photographs for two upcoming public engagement meetings on refreshing the district's strategic plan, Learning Reimagined. The meetings are scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, October 22 and 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 25... ([read more](#))

News and Updates

Homecoming Almost Here



Set your calendars for Saturday, October 15 when we celebrate Homecoming! This year's theme is Candy Land - Nothing is Sweeter than U. City. Many schools participate in the morning parade down Delmar to Hanley to the high school, so check your emails for communications from your principals. I am not able to participate in the parade this year as I will be out of town for an important commitment. Visibility and community engagement are critically important to me, and I'm deeply sorry to miss this celebration. My team is ready to support Homecoming and the District in my absence.

Community Engagement Meetings on Learning Reimagined

Registration is now open to attend one of two community meetings on Saturday, October 22 at 9 a.m. or Tuesday, October 25 at 6 p.m. to gain your important input on refreshing the District's strategic plan, Learning Reimagined. Both take place in the high school's library. Read my [blog post](#) for more information. Your participation is so important. Click [here](#) to register.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

This year, we will continue with evening parent-teacher conferences on October 26 and 27. Conferences are an excellent way to learn about student progress and areas for growth. Research finds parent-teacher partnerships accelerate student learning. Please look for communication from your school principals for further information on scheduling appointments.

Trunk or Treat and Pumpkin Stroll

Set your calendars for One U City's very popular day of fall fun on Saturday, October 29. This year, free pumpkin carving will take place in the high school's stadium area so participants can place their pumpkins directly around the track for the evening stroll. One U City is seeking individuals to host and decorate their cars as well as donations of bags of wrapped candy. You can drop the candy at the front desks of the elementary and middle schools, or at the McNair Administration Building at [7700 Olive Blvd.](#) during school hours. To host a car or volunteer for the day, register [here](#). If you have questions, contact 1UC@ucityschools.org.

Key Dates

- **Oct. 10 to 14 - Spirit Week** - Look for communications from your school principals!
- **Oct. 14 - UCHS Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony** - 5:30 p.m. reception at University City High School. Ticket sales have ended.
- **Oct. 15 - Homecoming Parade** - Begins at 10 a.m. at the west end of the Delmar Loop, will proceed west on Delmar and conclude in front of the high school.
- **Oct. 15 - Homecoming Football Game** - Our Lions take on the Clayton Greyhounds at 1 p.m. Buy your tickets here: <https://ucityathletics.com/event-tickets>
- **Oct. 20 - Regular Board Meeting** - 7 p.m. at the McNair Administration Building, 7700 Olive. Register here to attend and/or make a citizen's comment: www.ucityschools.org/BOE102022
- **Oct. 21 - Early Release Day**
- **Oct. 22 - Community Engagement Meeting** - Refreshing the Vision: Learning Reimagined - Register at <http://www.ucityschools.org/RefreshLRRegistration>
- **Oct. 25 - Community Engagement Meeting** - Refreshing the Vision: Learning Reimagined - Register at <http://www.ucityschools.org/RefreshLRRegistration>
- **Oct. 26-27 - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences** - Look for information from your school principals
- **Oct. 28 - No Classes**
- **Oct. 29 - Trunk-or-Treat and Pumpkin Stroll** - Carving is 2-4:30 p.m. in or near the UCHS stadium and the stroll/trunk-or-treat is 6-7:30 p.m. at Jackson Park Elementary School and UCHS. Volunteer or sign up to decorate your trunk at www.ucityschools.org/1UCityHalloween
- **Nov. 3 - Board Work Session** - 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- **Nov. 8 - No classes** - Election Day
- **Nov. 15 - District Wide STEAM Expo** - At Brittany Woods Middle School, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Learn more at www.ucityschools.org/steamexpo2022
- **Nov. 16 - Returning Artist Reception: Scott Black** - 7 p.m. in the University City High School library - More details to come

In Closing

October is always such a busy and fun month, but it is also a serious time in the District when staff have processed information about their students regarding areas of strength and opportunities to grow academically and socially. In addition to parent-teacher conferences, I encourage you to reach out to teachers and principals with questions or concerns. Additionally, make sure to check in with your child, regardless of their age. Make sure to understand how they are doing not only with grades and subject material, but emotionally. For younger students, reading a book together is a great time to check in. For older students, find that moment - solo car rides and around bedtime usually work - to check in with them, on their terms. School is a journey that takes all hands. Enjoy these moments with them!

I can be reached with questions or concerns at shardin@ucityschools.org or on my cell phone at 314-399-0941. Enjoy this continuing beautiful weather!

In Service of Our Children,

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