

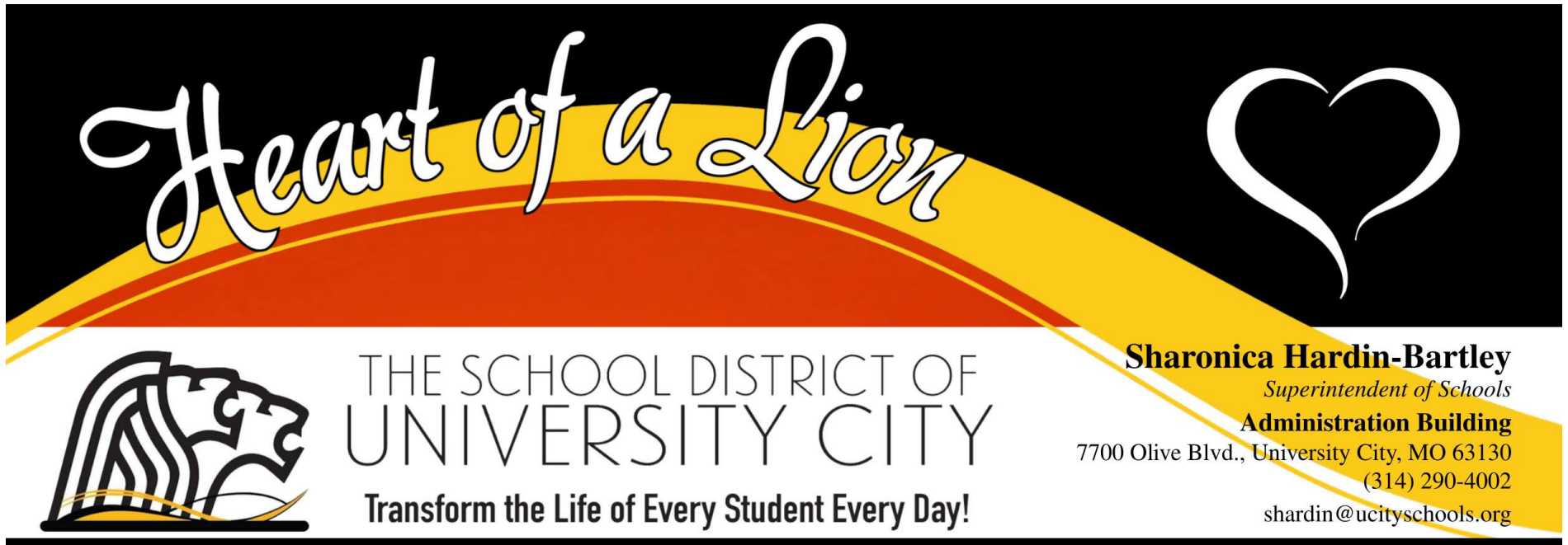


Summer updates: One U City, Back to School Rally, enrollment & more

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Dear U. City Schools Community:

Hello! I hope you are having a wonderful summer and also enjoying the break in the heat today. We have less than a month before the start of the new school year, and we are getting ready. This week, our administrators and principals are meeting daily as part of their annual leadership retreat. Next week, we will welcome new teachers and staff to orientation. Our teachers return on August 10 to a variety of professional development activities. We do all of this in service of your amazing children so that we are ready to welcome them with joy and confidence on their first day of school on Monday, August 22. In the meantime, there are a lot of other things happening!

Board members needed: One U City

Please consider joining the newly enlarged One U City board. This past year, the organization merged with the District elementary and middle school PTOs to better ensure equitable volunteer and financial resources reach all our students, teachers and families. This is truly exciting, because U. City Schools is one of the first (if not the first) school districts in the country to successfully combine its school parent organizations and funds in commitment to equity and community.

One U. City has its new structure and funding in place - all they need is your voice! The board is open to all parents and anyone in the University City community with a heart for our children and families.

- If you are interested in serving on the board, let them know as soon as possible by going to www.ucityschools.org/1UCityJoin.
- You can learn more about One U City [here](#).

Back to School Rally and National Night Out

Join us Tuesday, August 2 from 5 to 7 p.m. for our annual Back to School Rally/National Night Out event at Jackson Park Elementary School. This is a great time to reconnect with friend and staff and learn about the amazing resources in and around our community. As usual, there will be free food and Fitz's root beer, free school supplies, booths with representatives from each school, music, and a new visit from the Bubble Bus. We will be collecting donations of clothing for our students - especially new packets of socks and underwear in all sizes. One U City will also be selling \$20 St. Louis Cardinals tickets for the Friday, September 16, 7:15 p.m. game against the Cincinnati Reds. The ticket includes a free soda and hot dog.

Enrollment Days

Every student returning to school must re-enroll by updating their information in the Parent Portal by August 15. For returning families, this process can be done [online](#). If you would like help with the process, you are also welcome to come to Enrollment Days at the McNair Administration Building next Monday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to noon or Tuesday, Aug. 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. Staff will be on hand to help you complete the process. Please note, if you have moved to a new U. City address, you will need proof of residency to re-enroll. There will be breakfast sandwiches or ice cream for those who come to McNair at those dates and times.

COVID-19: Health and safety

Covid remains with us. The District will continue with our commitment to remain healthy, safe, connected and kind with our established COVID-19 prevention plan. It is so important we stay healthy so our students have an uninterrupted year of learning.

- Masking will remain required in all district buildings
- At a future date, the District may opt to go to mask optional, but only if community transmission rates are ranked green (low risk) and district transmission rates remain below 1%. Right now, the community rate is ranked red (high risk).

- Vaccinations remain the best way to minimize the impact on both individuals and the community. We will continue to offer COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Please note the next clinic walk-in will be held at our Back to School Rally/National Night Out event.
- The District will continue with contact tracing and its COVID-19 Dashboard starting on the first day of school.

Key Dates:

July 29, District offices closed, summer flex schedule

Aug. 1 Enrollment Day, 9 a.m. to noon, McNair Administration Building. Get help with re-enrolling your child for the 2022-23 school year.

Aug. 2 Enrollment Day, 1 to 5 p.m. McNair Administration Building. Get help with re-enrolling your child for the 2022-23 school year.

Aug. 2 - 4: Jump Start to Kindergarten at each elementary school, 9 a.m. to noon. Register: www.ucityschools.org/Jumpstart

Aug. 2: Back to School Rally, 5 to 7 p.m., Jackson Park Elementary School

Aug. 22: First Day of School

Now is the time to keep an eye out for emails from your principals. You can expect special invitations to school social events prior to the first day of classes. In the meantime, enjoy the longer days of summer. I can be reached 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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Superintendent

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