



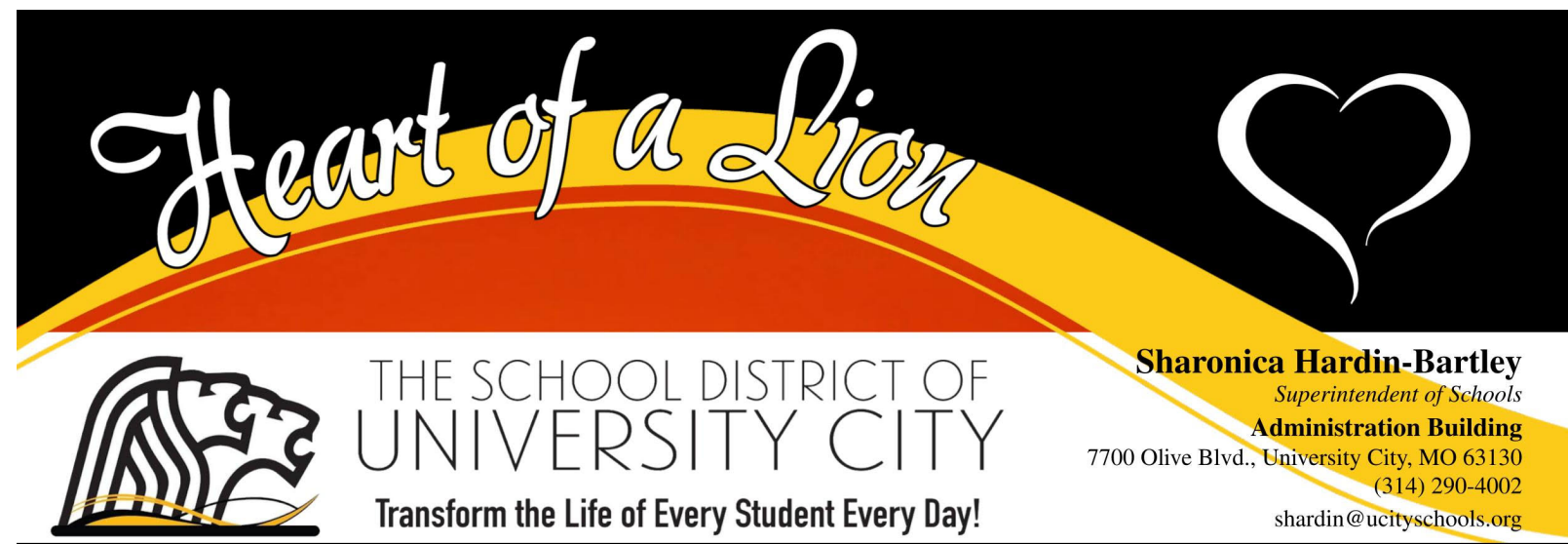
Summer is here! Final updates and a video

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Hello University City Schools Parents, Caregivers and Staff:

Summer is here after a week of celebrations, including the graduation of the Class of 2022! It has been an honor to work with you this school year.

[Please see my end of year video message to you here!](#) There are numerous photos of graduation in the video.

Leadership and Staffing Changes

For the past four years, the District has received external funding to support our well-being and wrap-around services. This support involved a long-standing partnership with Wyman. I'm pleased to share that the district has received funding to continue this work. There are a few changes. Joe Miller, who served as Vice President for Wyman, will now serve as the District Chief of Staff for Organizational Health and Effectiveness. Joe served more than 15 years in a senior leadership role at Wyman and has previous corporate leadership experience. Also, Nikole Shurn, a building director for Wyman, will now support district-wide building efforts as the District Well-Being Director. Both positions are funded through generous support from one of our partners.

Dr. Michael Michael Peoples will expand his role as UCHS principal to support district-wide secondary school building efforts. Michael is a demonstrated leader who has utilized significant expertise in the areas of culture/climate-building and academic improvement. The director of secondary education role enables him to continue serving as the high school's principal while further improving student performance and experiences throughout the district.

In addition, Christina Grove, a current social studies teacher at Brittany Woods, will support new teacher development through a racial equity lens as the District's new Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness (CLR) Instructional Leader. Christina, UCHS Class of 1994 and the 2021-22 University City Teacher of the Year, brings a wealth of expertise to empower classroom teachers and support their work in recognizing and remediating racial bias in teaching.

June Re-Enrollment Blitz

All returning families must re-enroll their students for the 2022-23 school year by updating the Parent Portal. This process ensures that all of your family, caregiver and student information and required forms are correct and updated.

Starting June 1, we will sponsor an enrollment blitz. Anyone who completes the re-enrollment process between June 1 and June 30 will be entered into a raffle to win a gift basket containing gift cards to local businesses and restaurants. By doing this in June, you can rest assured that your students will be ready to start school in August. Go to www.ucityschools.org/enrolleexistingfamily to complete the process online.

Key Dates

- **May 30, Memorial Day**, district closed
- **May 31-June 3, BWMS Camp We C You**, for rising sixth graders, 8 a.m. to noon
- **June 1- June 30:** Enrollment Blitz month. All families are asked to update their information in the Family Portal before the end of June.
- **June 6-16: Rising Ninth Graders Transition Program**, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. (No Friday)
- **June 6, First Day of Camp U / UCHS Summer Learning Academy**, Details at www.ucityschools.org/CampU
- **June 20, Juneteenth**, district closed
- **July 4, Independence Day**, district closed
- **August 2-4, Jump Start to Kindergarten**, at neighborhood elementary schools, 9 a.m. to noon
- **August 2, Back to School Rally / National Night Out**, Jackson Park Elementary School, 5 to 7 p.m.
- **August 22**, First day of classes for the 2022-23 school year

I wish you all a safe, restorative summer with moments to reflect and heal from the disturbing national events of this week. Take time to enjoy the season. Run through the sprinkler, dip your toes in a pool, get lost in the pages of the book, lift your face to the sun, enjoy some delicious food, check in on family and friends, and, yes, find joy! I will see you soon.

In Service of Our Children,
Sharonica Hardin-Bartley, PhD, PHR
Superintendent

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