

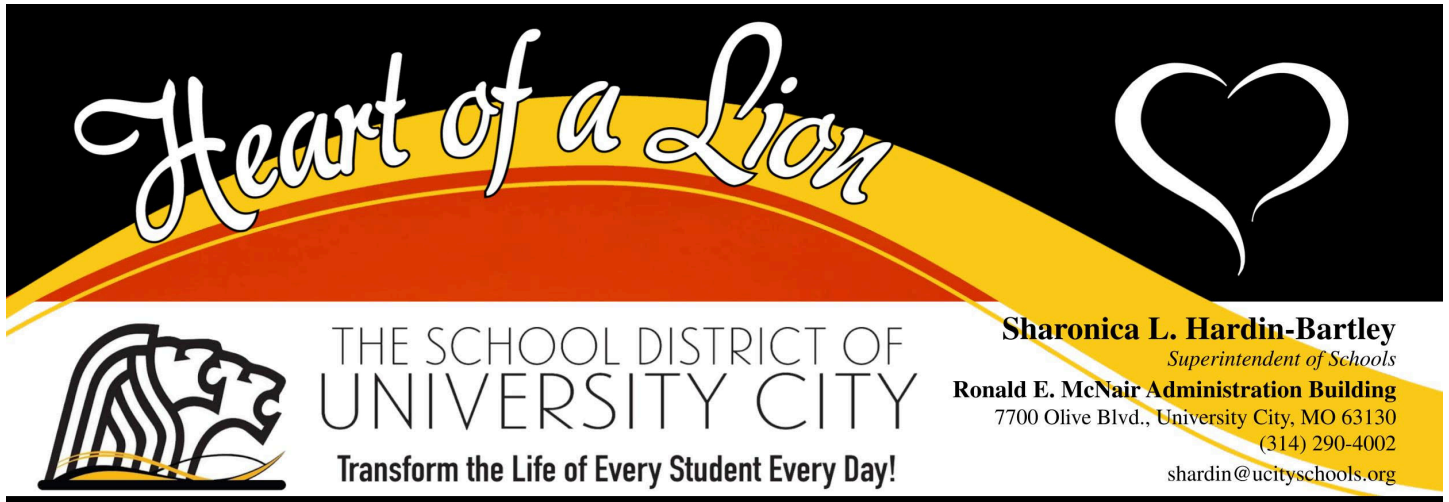


Camp U & Summer Learning Academy are Heating Up!

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Summer Greetings to U. City Families and Staff:

What a great couple of weeks it has been for U. City students in personalized camp experiences across the District! The collage below will help you capture the feels, the sights, the excitement and the utter amazement that is Camp U!

Camp U (K- 8) students have been following an exciting schedule of activities inside and outside of the classroom! Elementary students recently visited the St. Louis Zoo where they marveled at the diverse array of animals and learned about wildlife conservation. They explored Magic House's @MADE, a space dedicated to local artists, designers, entrepreneurs and – on THAT day – young University City makers let their creativity shine through hands-on projects.

In addition to our off-campus adventures, students enjoyed enriching in-school experiences. Ballet 314 provided an interactive storytelling and dance expression session, captivating our campers with the beauty of movement and narrative. Our

second-grade students, who are currently studying Community Heroes, had a special visit from Mini Med School. They participated in a white coat ceremony and learned essential first aid skills, deepening their appreciation for the heroes who keep our communities safe.

We are thrilled to see how much our campers are growing and can't wait for more adventures ahead! ([Click here for Camp U at Pershing newsletter PDF.](#))

Brittany Woods students are getting their hands dirty in the U.Garden class, capturing the entrepreneurial spirit in Build-A-Bizness and starting off on the right foot in Sneaker Design class! Middle school classes – cooking, drumline, sports, science, crafts and more – are designed to teach several disciplines in each project. ([Click here for Camp U at Brittany Woods newsletter PDF.](#))

At University City High School's Summer Learning Academy, some students are taking advantage of our credit recovery program to catch up on core subjects. Students in our first Agriculture Internship (Fresh Harvest 365) program are getting a jump start on our newest course! UCHS' agriculture course is the first of its kind in the St. Louis region and one of just a few in the state! Students are experimenting with growing various types of seeds in their hydroponics kits which model the FreshHarvest365 container. Students in freshman honors (one-half credit elective) are preparing for AP honors coursework this fall and rising freshmen are getting an idea of what high school is like (along with one gym credit!) through the freshman transition class.

In English class, the students are halfway through the novel, *1984* as they dig into themes, especially the power of media and the need for individual expression. In history class, they are making real-world connections to these themes and hosting truly thought-provoking discussions. Students are also planning for their Civic Engagement project where they will choose an issue in their community and create a plan of action to address it. Some students will then present the plan of action to Congresswoman Cori Bush.

Check out www.ucityschools.org/SummerReads for high school summer reading assignments along with reading recommendations for all grade levels.

I want to thank Summer Learning Coordinator Susan Hill and site administrators: Jessica Burns (Grades 1-5 at Pershing), Jamila Wilson (Grades 6-8 at Brittany Woods), Brea Hieke (Grades 9-12 at UCHS), Sam Martin (rising freshman at UCHS) and our

amazing educators at each location! It's their advance planning, partnerships and innovative ideas that make this Camp U and SLA grow each year!

Also, a quick reminder that the District offers **FREE meals to all U. City children** (even those not attending CampU or SLA) during specific times at each of the sites. Please visit www.ucityschools.org/SummerMeals for times and locations.

Across all grade levels, there are many more fun activities to come but, in the meantime, please mark your calendars.

There will be NO SCHOOL and District offices are closed on Wednesday, June 19th, in honor of the federal holiday, Juneteenth. Also referred to as the "Second Independence Day," Juneteenth commemorates June 19, 1865, when slaves in Galveston, Texas, received the news that they were free. ([Click here to more about this day.](#))



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In Service of Our Children,

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