



February 2024 News Updates and Blog

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From the Desk of Dr. Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley

Students and Staff Demonstrate a Shared Spirit of Joy and Well-Being, Especially in Celebration of Black History Month



When I am asked what concerns me most in today's educational climate, I sometimes hesitate to offer the first thought that enters my mind. It is the safety and well-being of our students and staff. I'd rather focus on the joy and love that permeates our schools.

Today, I am going to talk about both...([read more in the Superintendent's Blog](#))

NEWS UPDATE

In addition to milder temperatures, other sure signs of spring are the yard signs ahead of the April 2 municipal election. Here are a few other reminders:

- **Tuesday, April 2, is a No School Day** for students, but faculty will be reporting for professional development.
- Our **Board of Education has two candidates** for two seats on the ballot. Their candidate statements will be in the next issue of PRIDE, scheduled to be mailed to your homes in March. An archive version of our PRIDE publications is available online at www.ucityschools.org/PRIDE as they go to press.
- **Proposition U (Prop U)**, a zero tax rate increase bond issue, is on the April ballot. If approved by voters, Prop U would raise \$65 million allocated for academic programming, athletics, infrastructure, and safety. For more information, visit www.ucityschools.org/PropU.

- **Prop U Informational Community Meeting** - One U City has hosted two information meetings for Prop U, with a third scheduled for March 5. Register at www.ucityschools.org/1UC-PropU.

Black History Month - Culminating Activity

As schools are wrapping up their Black History Month activities. I encourage all to explore and celebrate the contributions of African-Americans all year-round. In the culmination of the District's 2024 Community Book Study of "Black Folk: The Roots of the Black Working Class," by Blair LM Kelley, whether you read the book or not, community members are invited to join us on Thursday, Feb. 29 for our **Fireside Chat**. Please register at www.ucityschools.org/022924Registration.

Upcoming Key Dates

[Click here for the full list of Key Dates for the 2023-24 school year.](#)

Remember to check emails from your school principal for school activities.

Feb. 29 – Community Book Study Fireside Chat, 5-7 p.m., University City High School Library, 7401 Balson Ave. Register at www.ucityschools.org/022924Registration

March 2 – UCHS PTO Trivia Night, 7 p.m., Samuel Church, 320 N. Forsyth Blvd. Ticket information on flier in [Peachjar](#)

March 5 – One U City hosts Prop U Community Information Session (2 of 2), Brittany Woods Middle School, 6:30 p.m. Register at www.ucityschools.org/1UC-PropU

March 7 – Board of Education Work Session, 5:45 p.m., McNair Administration Building, 7700 Olive Blvd.

In Closing

Please keep an eye on our website, social media and especially the emails from your school with exciting news and updates for March. Remember to prioritize those things that bring you joy and relaxation. As always, contact me at shardin@ucityschools.org or by cell phone at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,
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