



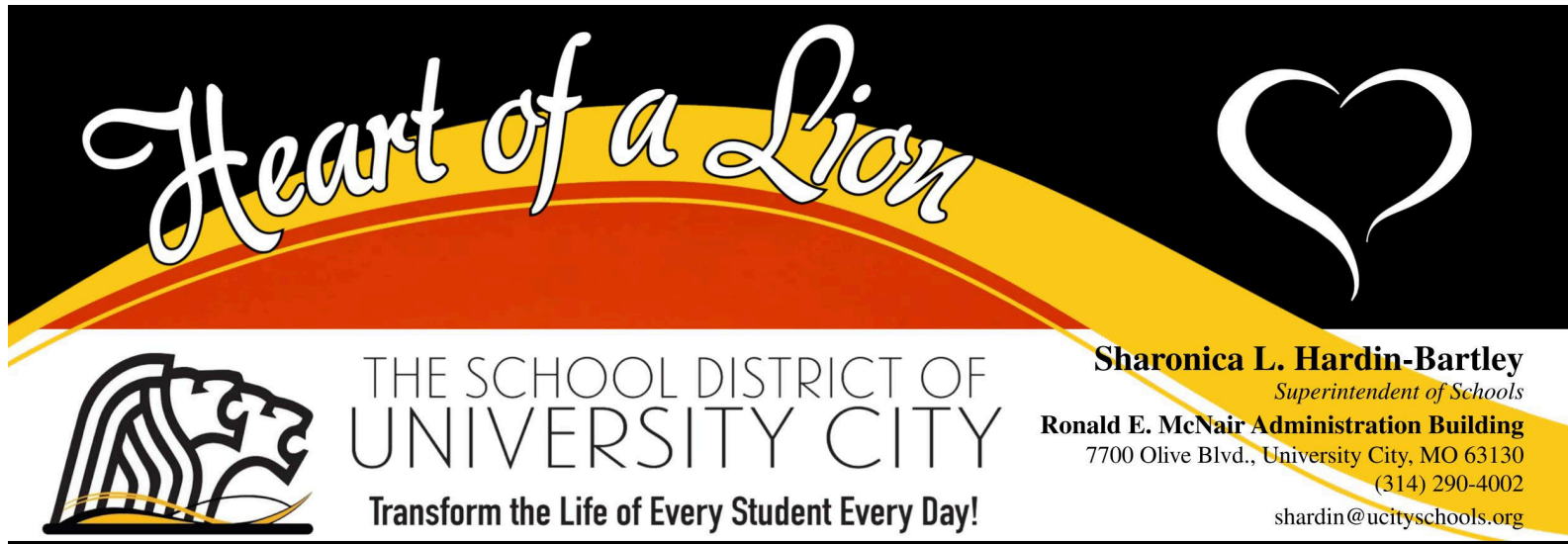
Happy Summer! May 2024 Year-End News, Video and Blog

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

May Commencement is all about Looking Forward: The Future is THEIRS - Class of 2024



The 2023-24 school year is another school year for the history books! On Monday, May 20, we honored 170 graduates of the University City High School Class of 2024, who earned more than \$10 million in scholarships from institutions of higher learning locally and across the country. Through their performance over the past four years, they exemplify excellence!

University City students, families and staff — thanks to your unyielding support and determination, we have so much to celebrate when it comes to the Class of 2024. This class started their high school years during the pandemic and still accomplished some of its highest goals. They are more than ready now to leave our care and start the process of “becoming” who they are meant to be.

We are all proud and excited for what lies ahead because graduation is a new beginning rather than an ending — an open door to new opportunities and even greater learning. Congratulations to our graduates, their families, Principal Dr. Michael Peoples, and the amazing staff who cared for them during their time at UCHS... ([Click here to read my recent blog](#))

News and Updates

It's so hard to believe that today is the last school day of 2023-24! As we look back, last August, we set our theme as FLOURISH and challenged ourselves to find ways to ensure that our students and staff Flourish under a positive culture that promotes achievement, health, and fun. We then spent the rest of the year – making great things happen! As a 'thank you' to all who played a part in our success this year, please look at the video below -- you might even see yourself -- in our special salute to 2023-24!

Website Update

The District website will transition to a new look in June, and we will email you when it is live and ready for you to see. We acknowledge that we need to communicate our academic happenings better and plan to do just that!

June Enrollment

We are also transitioning our student data system to a new host. Most of the information has been migrated to the new system, and we just need families to review updates as needed, such as immunization records, media approval, etc. The new system should make fall online enrollment even easier moving forward. I encourage you to do this important task as early in the summer as possible. All parents who complete this process in June will be entered into a raffle for local gift cards. Please watch for an email announcing that we are ready for you to re-enroll your student in June!

Summer Reading Lists

There's no better way to spend summer days than diving into a good book! Research shows that students who read regularly over the summer return to school better prepared. Just 15-30 minutes of daily reading can strengthen literacy skills and empower students. Summer reading is crucial for all grades. Find reading lists for all levels ([click here](#))!

One U City Year-End Events

As the school year wraps up, One U City has scheduled a couple of fun events. Follow @OneUCity on Facebook to keep up-to-date with their activities.

- On Sunday, June 2 (3-6 p.m.), the Brittany Woods Community Collaborative invites middle school families to what we hope to be a new tradition of a **Family Cookout and Kickball** tournament at Brittany Woods Middle School. ([To help the committee plan for food, please click here to register.](#))
- On Sunday, June 9 (2-4 p.m.) all our families are invited to celebrate with a **School's Out! Kick Back** at Flynn Park with music, basketball, bubbles, soccer, chalk art, snow-cone and other refreshments and snacks. PLUS watch for a One U City Rummage Sale on June 8 and 9 to benefit the organization. No registration is required, just show up and share in the fun!

Summer Hours for the District

In July, the District utilizes a flex schedule for full-year employees. District offices will be closed on Fridays, July 5, 12, 19, and 26, plus the National holidays of **June 19 for Juneteenth** and **July 4 for Independence Day**. School offices will reopen on July 15, should you have any questions regarding fall enrollment.

School Supply Lists

This fall's school supply lists are available online through TeacherLists ([click here](#)). Reminders will be sent throughout the summer via Peachjar.

Key Dates - Summer 2024



Free summer meal



[Click here for the full list of Key Dates.](#)

Enrollment for Fall 2024 via Infinite Campus - please watch the email for details.

- June 2: BWMS Family Cookout & Kickball Tournament at Brittany Woods Middle School, hosted by BW Community Collaborative ([Click here to register](#))
- June 5: First Day of CampU/SLA
- **June 6: Board of Education Work Session**
- June 9: One U City's School's Out! Kickback at Flynn Park
- **June 20: Virtual Board Regular Meeting** (Register at www.ucityschools.org/BOE062024)
- July 3: Last Day of CampU/SLA
- **July 11: Board Work Session/Regular Meeting - Executive Session Only**
- **August 1: Board Work Session**
- August 6: National Night Out/Back-to-School Rally at Jackson Park Elementary School
- August 6-8: Jump Start to Kindergarten at neighborhood elementary schools
- August 12: All-Staff Opening Day
- **August 15: Board Regular Meeting**
- August 16: UCHS Freshmen Orientation - Half Day
- August 16: Student Immunization Clinic, 9 a.m. - noon @UCHS

Meet the Teachers events - please watch the email for details

August 19: The First Day of classes for the 2024-25 SY!

In Closing

Have a wonderful summer! Remember to encourage your children to read throughout the summer, as learning never stops! I hope you are also able to enjoy relaxing and fun times as you reconnect with family and friends. As always, contact me at shardin@ucityschools.org or by cell phone at 314-399-0941.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley, Ph.D., PHR
Superintendent



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