

Things You Should Know June 2, 2010

College Day at Abbott

Abbott Middle School is one of the "[No Excuses](#)" schools in U-46. Schools that are a part of the "No Excuses University" introduce their students to the idea that they should plan and work so they can have the option of going to college when they finish high school. There are – No Excuses! To reinforce that concept, May 25th was College Day at Abbott.

Many students in the school have not been exposed to the idea of college before and have numerous questions. This all-day workshop focused on four main areas:

- o What is life like on campus?
- o What can I learn at college?
- o What do I need to do in order to go to college?
- o How will I be able to pay for college?

The sessions were made even more meaningful to students because they were facilitated by college professors, recruiters, admission personnel, high school counselors, and current and former college students. This group provided the credibility as well as the information students needed to seriously consider post-secondary education.

Graduation –

The tassels are somewhere around here, the gifts have been opened, and the celebrating is over. More than 2,700 students graduated from the five U-46 comprehensive high schools on May 29. Graduation took place at the Sears Centre in Hoffman Estates, again this year. While the students on the arena floor change every year, the pride of their families, friends and school staff does not. Congratulations to the 2010 graduates.

[Learn more...](#)

Volunteer Recognition

Wednesday, June 3, ended the spring festivities with a reception for the district volunteers. While schools recognize their volunteers, this is an opportunity to recognize the time and effort put in by volunteers on behalf of children and families across the district. The list of councils and committees reflect the commitment the parents and the communities of U-46 have made to their district. Thank you to all of them.



At the reception Leo Nelson, a long time volunteer for the district was recognized as Volunteer of the Year. He has served on the district's Business Advisory Council for the past 10 years, the Implementation Review Committee since 2004, and as a member of the Budget Advisory Task Force in 2009/2010. He is also is one of the founding members of the U-46 Educational Foundation and serves as the Foundation's vice president.

Those attending were members of African-American Advisory Council, Bilingual Parent Advisory Council, Budget Advisory Task Force, Business Advisory Council, Citizens' Advisory Council, Clergy Advisory Council, Elgin Hispanic Network Board Members, Food Service Industry Advisory Committee, Gifted Advisory Committee,

Parent Group (PTA/PTO) Presidents (2009-2010), U-46 School and Community Alliance, RTI Leadership Team, School Safety Advisory Task Force, Senior Citizen Advisory Council, Student Advisory Council, U-46 Career and Technical Education Advisory Committees, CAD Advisory Committee, Accounting Advisory Committee, Automotive Advisory Committee, Machine Tool Advisory Committee, U-46 Academy Program, and U-46 Educational Foundation members.

Summer Break

The last day of school for most students in School District U-46 will be this Friday, June 4. On the 4th, students will only attend for the first hour of the school day.

The exceptions are:

- Channing Elementary School dismissed on June 2.
- Garfield and Sheridan elementary schools will dismiss on **June 3** with students only attending one hour that day.
- Abbott Middle School, Ridge Circle Elementary, and Independence Early Learning Center will dismiss at the end of school on **June 3**. Students will not return for one hour on June 4.

Just a reminder:

- **Elementary** school registration is August 12th 2 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
- **Secondary** students register Thursday, August 12 from 3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, August 17 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon. Please check at your school to learn more.
- Children return to school on August 25th.

With the summer looming ahead, activities to do with your children and suggestions for places to visit are available on the [Parents' web site](#).

The local libraries also provide summer activities for children:

- [Bartlett Library](#)
- [Gail Borden Summer Reading](#) - information on the summer reading program is on the homepage
- [Poplar Creek Library](#)
- [Schaumburg Township District Library](#) - check events for children to learn more about summer activities

Back to School Fair for Needy Students in Area Districts

Project Backpack, a community based initiative to benefit students in need, is accepting donations of school supplies now through Sunday, Aug. 1 at 10 area locations, including both campuses of Elgin Community College; 51 S. Spring Street in downtown Elgin and 1700 Spartan Drive in southwest Elgin.

Supplies will be distributed Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at ECC's Spartan Events Center to students who provide proof of residency or school enrollment in District 300, District U-46 or ECC for fall 2010; limit one backpack per student.

Donations of the following school supplies are sought:

- Folders (two pocket, solid colors only)
- Notebooks (one subject, wide rule, solid colors only)
- Packs of loose leaf/filler paper (150/200 count, wide rule)
- Packages of pencils (10 ct, standard #2, yellow wood)
- Black pens
- Scissors (gender neutral)
- Glue sticks (0.21 oz.)
- Rulers (wood or gender neutral color)
- Packs of crayons (24 ct./Crayola preferred)

- Gender neutral backpacks

In addition to ECC, donations are being collected at other sites including the Community Crisis Center in Elgin; United Way in Elgin; School District 300 "Fill the Bus" event; Elgin Township Office; Delnor Hospital in Geneva; School District U-46 Educational Services Center; Elgin State Bank; Salvation Army of Elgin and Carpentersville.

For more information, contact Elgin Community College's Office of Student Life at 847-214-7370.

Sponsors of the event from ECC are Office of Student Life; Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society; Faculty Association; Admissions Office; and Workforce Transitions Office. Community sponsors are the United Way of Elgin; Community Crisis Center; School District U-46; School District 300; and Kane County Regional Office of Education.

This is the last issue of Things You Should Know until August.

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