

# Urbana Elementary

## Kindergarten-Grade 5

### News and Information

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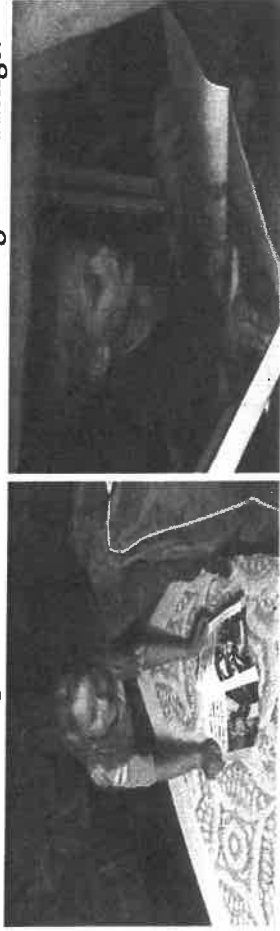
### Troy DeShawn Byrd

*January 27, 2007 - January 26, 2019*

As many of you know, our school experienced a tragic loss of one of our students on January 26th. Troy Byrd, a sixth grader, passed away while playing basketball at the YMCA. Troy's funeral service was held at Urbana Elementary and Jr. High School in a packed Jr. High gym filled with many who loved Troy. Please continue to keep the Rogan and Byrd families and all of Troy's many friends and teammates in your prayers. We will miss you #8. #troysmiles

### Snow Day Challenges

First grade students were given challenges during our snow days for reading and math. For reading, students were asked to build a blanket fort and get a book to read. For math, they had to create a cold weather word problem. If they completed the challenge, a picture was sent to the teacher for a special treat. Thanks to all for taking the challenge!



**Reminder...**we are serving breakfast on 2-hour delay days!

### Upcoming Events at Urbana Elementary School

### Great Kindness Week Continues 2/4/19-2/8/19

**\*\* See REMIND messages with details! \*\***

2/8/19: 3-5 PBIS Reward Day @ Game Time Sports

2/8/19: K-2 Valentine's Dance @ UES from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

2/15/19: K-5 Valentine's Day Classroom Parties - see below

2/18/19: **NO SCHOOL** - Presidents Day Holiday

**Valentine's Day Classroom Parties:** Kindergarten-Grade 2:

**1:30-2:00** in Dining Commons for snack (cookie and drink)

**2:00-3:15** in classrooms for Valentine's Day cards, games, and/or crafts

**Valentine's Day Classroom Parties:** Grades 3-5:

**1:30-2:30** in classrooms for distribution of Valentine's Day cards and activity

**2:30-3:15** in Dining Commons for snack (cookie and drink)

**REMINDER:** you must have an approved Volunteer Form to help!

## Newsletter #7

### National Children's Dental Health Month

On Tuesday February 5th, Meredith Hiltibran from Champaign Dental Group will visit all 1st graders to give a presentation about dental care.

On Wednesday, February 6th, Haleigh and Abby from Darby Dental Smiles will visit all Kindergarten classrooms to talk about the importance of taking care of our teeth.

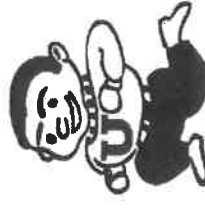
On Wednesday, March 13th, a dentist from Health Partners of Western Ohio will see all 1st and 2nd grade students who have completed and returned permission forms to school.

### K-5 Kindness Week!



The snow days interrupted our schedule but activities will continue this week!

### Remember...



**Be Respectful!**  
**Be Responsible!**  
**Be Ready!**

# More Urbana Elementary News...

## *A note from our School Nurses...*

Did you hear someone say “bedbugs?” Is that possible...at school? Yes! Schools are public places just like movie theaters, restaurants, libraries, hospitals, and hotels. In fact, you may have heard that Ohio is one of the leading states in the nation with reports of bedbugs. Schools all over Ohio are dealing with this issue and we know that Urbana is no different. We also know bedbugs (and other insects) may occasionally hitchhike to school in a student’s belongings. Individual bug sightings are considered to be an *occurrence*. This does not indicate the school is infested. Many people assume if there are 1 or 2 bedbugs found, there must be thousands more. This is not true! In the next newsletter find out how parents can learn more about bedbugs.

## Subject: Asset 1–Family Support Love and support: The family foundation

You can show the children in your family that you love and support them in many ways. When you hug them or say, “I love you,” the sentiment is obvious. Paying attention to them, listening to them, and taking an interest in what they’re doing are less noticeable ways of giving support. After all, does your child feel supported when you come home from an exhausting day, and he or she wants to talk--but you want a break? The young people closest to you know your body language. They listen to what you say --and don’t say. They notice when your words and actions don’t match. Make it a point to be sure they hear your message of love and support loud and clear at all times. **Family support** is Asset 1 of Search Institute’s 40 Developmental Assets, the qualities, experiences, and relationships that help young people grow up healthy, caring, and responsible.

### Here are the facts:

Research shows that young people are more likely to grow up healthy when their families provide them with high levels of love and support. It’s important for parents and guardians to create a home environment that fosters loving words and actions, consistency, and openness. About 68 percent of young people, ages 11–18, say their family life provides high levels of love and support, according to Search Institute surveys. Spending quality time together is the first --and most important --step forward establishing a great family support system.

**Coming up in our next newsletter:** Tips to follow for building our family support asset.

**FYI:** We now have 3 snow days to make-up. The make-up dates are: **June 6, 7, and 8.**

Grade cards go home on **Tuesday, February 5th.**

## Looking for a job?

Urbana City Schools is seeking qualified individuals for the positions of:

- Substitute bus drivers
- Substitute bus aides
- Substitute custodians

Requirements for all **bus drivers:**

- Pass a drug test
- Drivers physical
- Clean driving record
- Clean FBI and BCI background check
- Valid driver’s license for more than 2 years
- High school diploma
- Can work with children of all ages and is 21 years or older

A CDL is required, however, training is provided to obtain a CDL and proper certification to drive school bus by the district.

Requirements for all **bus aides and custodians:**

- Clean FBI and BCI background check
- High school diploma
- Can work with children of all ages and is 18 years or older

Substitute positions can also lead up to full time positions within the department.

Flexible hours, good pay rate, summers off, friendly working environment, and smiling faces of the future are all perks of these jobs.

If you or anyone you know is interested in any of these positions, please pick up an application at the Urbana board office, 711 Wood St., or contact the Business Director, Bob Huelsman at (937) 653-1467 or the Transportation Supervisor, Mike Puhalla at (937) 653-1411. Thank you!

Please, NO more snow!