

# Urbana Elementary

Kindergarten through Grade 5

## News and Information

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### Urbana Elementary Climber Club

The Climber Club is our family-teacher organization dedicated to promoting the education and well-being of our students at home, in school, and in our community. Membership in the Club is just \$5.00 for the school year. The Climber Club raises funds to sponsor projects and events for the benefit of our K-8 Urbana students. At this time, the club is uncertain of the events they will be able to hold this year but plans to continue to raise funds to provide for things that are not otherwise possible in the school budget. A membership form will be coming home with your child next week for families to sign-up. Please consider joining and helping OUR club this year!

### Upcoming Events at UES

**9/11/20:** The 19th Anniversary of 9-11. Staff and students are encouraged to wear red, white, & blue to honor our country.

**9/12/20:** Cub Scouts sign-up (for boys & girls) @ Melvin Miller Park, Urbana from 1:00-2:00 pm. For more info: [BeAScout.org](http://BeAScout.org).

**9/17/20:** Constitution Day--staff and students encouraged to wear red, white, & blue. Constitution Day commemorates the formation and signing of the U.S. Constitution by thirty-nine brave men on September 17, 1787, recognizing all who are born in the U.S. or by naturalization, or have become U.S. citizens.

**9/28/20:** Two-Hour Delay (Teacher Inservice). Students can arrive 10:10-10:45 am for breakfast; tardy bell rings @ 10:45 am.

### School-Wide K-8 Title I Services

Urbana Elementary and Jr. High is a schoolwide K-8 Title I school. Title I services are supported by Federal funding and are designed to ensure that ALL children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality reading and math instruction to become successful learners. Title I funding is used to provide intervention support for ALL K-8 students.

Students will be bringing home an *Urbana City Schools Schoolwide Title I Learning Compact* for families to sign. Effective schools are a result of families and school staff working together to ensure that children are successful in school. A learning compact is an agreement to firmly unite with our families to be involved in a partnership with our school.

If you have any questions about the *Learning Compact* or Title I services, please contact the K-8 Title I Coordinator, Mrs. Melanie Anders (also the K-5 Assistant Principal), at (937) 653-1453, ext. 2125.

### Newsletter # 1

#### Arrival/Dismissal

Elementary students can arrive at school between 8:10-8:40 a.m. Upon arrival, grades 2-5 and kindergarten students report directly to their classroom. Grade 1 goes to the Dining Commons.

The tardy bell rings at 8:45 a.m. and dismissal time is 3:25 p.m. If you have any transportation changes, you **MUST** let the office know by 2:00 p.m. **at the latest.**

#### Drop-off/Pick-up Lines

Students can be dropped off in the front of the school from 8:10-8:40 am in the drive-through lane (the lane closest to the school). **Please** make sure your child(ren) is ready to exit the vehicle when arriving in the lane. In order to accommodate as many cars as possible, pull up past the curve to **door #3**.

When picking up students at the end of the day, please pull into the pick up lane and pull all the way around to the end of the sidewalk. Once the pick up lane is full, vehicles will need to pull into parking spots in the North parking lot. Vehicles will need to start filling in parking spots starting with row #2 on the west side (closest to 68). Once vehicles pull out of the pick up lane, the parked vehicles will be instructed to start getting in line by a staff member.

#### Free Breakfast AND Lunch!

In addition to the free breakfast program offered by the Urbana City School District, **FREE LUNCH** is available for **ALL** students starting on Monday, September 14th. Meals must meet the required components to be free of charge. Extra entrees and all a la carte items will be available for purchase. This extension of the free meal program from the USDA is scheduled to end on December 31, 2020, or when funding runs out.

If you have not already done so, please make sure you still complete the free and reduced meal application for 2020-21. This process is required to be eligible for the student fee waiver. (See page 2)

**Our UES PBIS Climber Code:**

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

**Remind**

The staff at Urbana City Schools will be using Remind to share pertinent information with parents. Remind allows our staff to share information through messages that can be received by text, email or through the Remind app. Please make sure your mobile number is updated with your child's office to ensure that the Remind system works properly. If you are not receiving information through Remind, please contact your child's teacher or contact Kelli Marsh at: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) or (937) 653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

**Parent Access**

Stay up to date with your child's academic progress by creating a Parent Access Account. With a PA account, parents can view their child's grades online and in real-time. Items such as grades, attendance and teacher comments are available for viewing by parents as soon as they are posted in a teacher's online gradebook. If you have previously created a Parent Access Account, your account will remain active until your child graduates. The only thing you need to update at the beginning of the year is your alert setups. You can access your account at <https://pa.woco-k12.org/>. Please contact Kelli Marsh at: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) or (937) 653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

***A few reminders to our families...***

- **ALL** staff, students, and any visitors to our building are required to wear facial coverings during the school day, subject to certain exemptions per orders by Governor Dewine. All facial coverings/masks must cover the nose, mouth, and chin.
- Drinking fountains are currently **NOT** available for public use, however, the bottle filling stations **ARE** available. Students may bring their own, **CLEAR** refillable water bottle for use during the school day. Please put your child's first & last name on the bottle.
- The Ohio Department of Health recommends that schools should, as much as possible, prohibit visitors from entering school buildings. Visitors will be limited to those enrolling new students or for emergency situations and will buzz into the office before entering. At this time, volunteers will not be permitted to help in the classrooms.
- Due to health and safety concerns, we will not be conducting any classroom holiday parties, birthday celebrations, or PBIS Awards ceremonies or assemblies. Outside snack or treat bags are **NOT** permitted. Please contact your child's teacher for alternative ways to celebrate.
- Please continue to help us reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus and monitor your child(ren) closely for any symptoms. This includes **taking daily temperatures in the morning before school**. The coronavirus has a wide range of symptoms--ranging from mild to severe illness--and may appear 2-14 days after exposure. People with COVID-19/coronavirus may have:
  - Fever or chills
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
  - Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea

*Let's continue to work together to keep our students, staff, and families safe and healthy!*

**Attendance**

Please call the school at **653-1453** by 9:00 a.m. if your child will **NOT** be attending school that day. We have voicemail, so you may leave a message 24 hours a day. If you do leave a message, **PLEASE STATE THE REASON** for the absence. A call with no reason given does not necessarily make the absence excused. If you do not have a phone, be sure to send a note with the student the next day explaining the reason for the absence.



**GO CLIMBERS!!**

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**Lost and Found**

We have already started to accumulate items for the "Lost and Found" tub. Please remember to put your child's **First and Last Name** on jackets, hats, lunchboxes, water bottles, coats, book bags, etc. The lost and found items are currently located in a large tub on the west wall of the Dining Commons.

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**Free/Reduced Lunch**

**Application/Instructional Fees**

Please make sure you have completed and returned the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application for your student. During the 2020-2021 school year, Ohio Revised Code 3313.642 prohibits districts from charging instructional fees for those eligible for free lunch through this program. This fee waiver applies to those receiving free (not reduced) lunch prices. To receive the instructional fee waiver, the Sharing Information with Other Programs form must be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.