

# Urbana Elementary

Kindergarten *through* Grade 5

## News and Information

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### *Urbana Elementary Climber Club News*

**The Climber Club is our family-teacher organization. The club's mission and objectives are:**

1. To promote the education and well-being of all children at home, in school, and in the community.
2. To provide a forum for discussion and foster communication between families, administrators, educators, and the community.
3. To enhance facilities and opportunities for the students in kindergarten through eighth grade that are not otherwise provided for in the school budgets.
4. To sponsor projects and events for the benefit of kindergarten through eighth grade students.
5. To raise funds as required providing for all of the above objectives.

**Membership in the Club is just \$5.00 for the entire family for the year. You don't have to participate in events to be a member, however, we do have opportunities for you to be involved or donate to activities or events throughout the school year. If you haven't yet joined and are interested, please contact your child's teacher for a membership form. The Climber Club needs YOU!**



### PBIS Positive News!

**What is PBIS?** PBIS stands for **P**ositive **B**ehavioral **I**nterventions & **S**upports. It is an evidence-based framework used by schools to improve school culture and student behavior, promoting a safe environment for learning. PBIS is based on several decades of research by major universities across the country. A key aspect of PBIS is focusing on more **positive behaviors** and less on negative behaviors.

#### **Our UES K-5 PBIS Climber Code:**

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

### **Upcoming Events at UES!**

**Monday, 9/6/21:** NO SCHOOL (*Labor Day holiday*)

**Tuesday, 9/7/21:** Show Choir Auditions for 3rd graders

**Wednesday, 9/8/21:** Boy Scouts visit K-5 Classrooms

**Thursday, 9/9/21:** Boy Scout sign-ups at UES @ 6:00 pm

**Monday, 9/13/21:** Hand Chimes Auditions for 4th & 5th graders

**Friday, 9/17/21: 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.

**Monday, 9/20/21:** ESC Preschool Fall Picture Day, 9:00-Noon

**Thursday, 9/23/21:** Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th grades Fall Picture Day @ school from 9:00 am-1:00 pm

#### **DROP-OFF/PICK-UP LINE**

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**. We have an increase in pick-ups this year!

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.

### **Newsletter #1**

#### **Our Elementary School Counselors**

Mr. Dorsey (*grades K-2*) and Mrs. Lingrell (*grades 3-5*) work to serve all students' social-emotional and academic needs. Please feel free to contact one of our elementary school counselors any-time by email or phone at:  
[cristopher.dorsey@urbanacityschool.org](mailto:cristopher.dorsey@urbanacityschool.org), (937) 653-1453, ext. 2120 (K-2) *or* [gina.lingrell@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:gina.lingrell@urbanacityschools.org) (937) 653- 1453, ext. 2119 (3-5).

#### **Let's Get POSITIVE!**

The following K-5 students received **POSITIVE REPORTS** from their teacher(s) this month:  
*Madison Clark (K), James Cooper (K), Jackson Dapice (K), Ellisabeth Houk (K), Zack Korte (K), Alexander Matthews (K), Baylee Mintchell (K), Gavin Payne (K), Ian Swain (K), Elijah Hubbard (1), Rylie Wentz (1), Kamden Barrett (2), Zayne Evans (2), Cash Montrose (2), Scarlet Miller (3), Tayla Banks (5), and Michael Davis (5). GREAT JOB!!*

#### **Arrival/Dismissal**

Elementary students can arrive at school between 8:10-8:45 a.m. Upon arrival, kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade students report directly to the dining commons for a free breakfast. Students in grades 3-5 report directly to their classrooms for breakfast.

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.**



**Remind App**

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. If you have not yet created an account, letters containing the information needed to set up an account are being sent home on September 3. **Please note, printed interim reports will not be available this year. It will be important that you set up your Parent Access Account to monitor your student’s grades.** Access your account at: <https://pa.woco-k12.org/>. Please contact Kelli Marsh at: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

**School-Wide K-8 Title 1 Services**

Urbana Elementary and Jr. High is a schoolwide K-8 Title 1 school. Title 1 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 1 funding is used to provide intervention support for **ALL** K-8 students.

Students will soon be bringing home an *Urbana City Schools Schoolwide Title 1 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 1 services, please contact the K-8 Title 1 Coordinator, Mrs. Melanie Anders, K-2 Principal, at (937) 653-1453, ext. 2124.



*From the bookshelf of our  
Literacy Coaches...*

**Why Should My Child  
Read at Home?**

Reading is one of the most important things we can do to increase our knowledge and learning. Children need to start healthy reading habits at home so that they can grow into life-long readers. By creating a time and space for daily reading, you will be instilling a habit that will continue as your child grows. In the first month of school, we teach the children that reading is enjoyable and productive - meaning they are learning and having fun at the same time.

Reading time at home should be looked at as an enjoyable opportunity to come together to talk about books. While your child is reading independently or with you, remember that one of the most important things you can do is have a conversation about the book. Share your own thinking, but **LISTEN** to their thinking as well. As Kate DiCamillo said, *“Reading should not be presented as a chore, or a duty. It should be offered as a gift.”*



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**ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH**

Attendance Awareness Month is a nationwide recognition of the connection between regular school attendance and academic achievement. This month highlights the importance of mobilizing schools, families and community partners to promote regular attendance. A child who misses **as few as two days of school a month** is considered **chronically** absent. Ohio’s chronic absenteeism rate for the 2018-2019 school year was 16.7%—or approximately 260,000 children. Data shows that chronically absent children in Ohio are 89% less likely to graduate on time from high school and 65% less likely to meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. Good attendance habits in preschool and kindergarten can set a student up for success through graduation and beyond. Come to school! **#StayInTheGameOhio**