

Urbana Elementary

Kindergarten *through* Grade 5

News and Information

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Urbana Elementary Climber Club News

The Climber Club will be conducting a “**Family & Friendship Flower**” fundraiser for Valentine’s Day. Students, staff, and families can purchase carnations to deliver to someone at our elementary school. More details will be sent home with your child soon!



PBIS Positive News

The K-5 PBIS teams continue to analyze our PBIS Rewards, office and bus referrals, and positive referrals each month. Most office referrals are occurring in the classroom and learning communities. The team decided to do a “reboot” of our school-wide classroom expectations. Since returning from the holiday break, teachers have been conducting explicit instruction of what is expected and what is not acceptable in our school. Many classrooms are working on classroom posters to be hung around our building as a continued reminder of our Climber Code!

Our UES K-5 PBIS Climber Code:

Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Ready!

Upcoming Events at UES!

Friday, 1/14/22: NO SCHOOL for Students (Teacher Inservice)

Monday, 1/17/22: NO SCHOOL—MLK Jr. Day Holiday

Tuesday, 1/18/22: Grades K-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, 1/20/22: Grades 3-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, 1/21/22: Grades K-2 “Good Citizens Breakfast”

Tuesday, 1/25/22: Grades 3-5 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, 1/27/22: Grades K-2 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Monday, 2/7/22: TWO-HOUR DELAY DAY (for students)

Friday, 2/11/22: K-5 Classroom Valentine’s Day parties

The **Show Choir and Hand Chime Choir auditions** are as follows:

Monday, January 24 - Audition after school until 4:30 pm

First rehearsal will be on February 7th

Hand chime - Grades 2 and 3

Tuesday, February 1 - Audition after school until 4:30 pm

First rehearsal will be on February 15th



Newsletter # 6

Our **December/January K-5 GOOD CITIZENS** are currently being nominated by classroom teachers! Our character trait this month is **TRUSTWORTHINESS**. Students selected will enjoy a hot breakfast (with a community guest) over the *next* two Fridays. Stay tuned for our students’ names published in the **NEXT UES Newsletter!**

December *Students of the Month*

Joyce Hall-Saunders (*K, Miesse*)
Skyler Lyden (*1st, Anderson/Deitrick*)
Caroline Dike (*2nd grade, Roby*)
Ashton Hecker (*3rd, Siegenthaler*)
Keisha Neri (*4th grade, Keep-Maloney*)



K-5 Valentine’s Day Parties!

When: Friday, February 11th

Time: 2:10-3:15 pm

- * All students will be provided with a paper bag from the school and will decorate their Valentine’s bags in the classroom this year.
- * All Valentine’s Day cards need to be at the school **by the end of the school day on Wednesday, 2/9/22.**
- * All students will be required to sanitize/wash hands before distributing their cards on 2/11.
- * Cookies will be provided by the school. Parents can donate juice boxes, napkins, plates, and/or a game/craft for students to do.
- * Only 2 volunteers per classroom and volunteers **MUST** be on the approved volunteer list. Volunteer forms **MUST** be on file **2 weeks** prior to classroom parties.

Final Forms

If you have not yet filled out the required information on Final Forms, please do so **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**. You should have received an email with a link to sign up with Final Forms. If you did not receive this information, please contact the school office at (937) 653-1453.



Our Literacy Coaches' Reading Corner

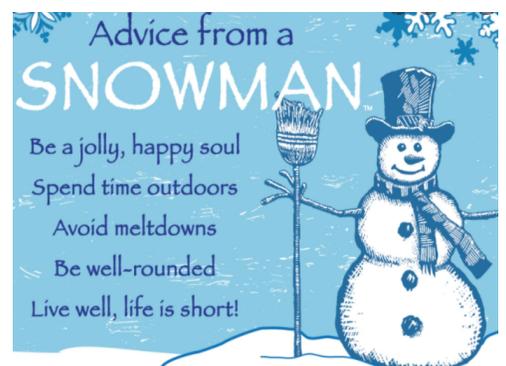
Solving Words Within the Text

In order to read a text proficiently, readers need to be able to recognize most words instantly and effortlessly. However, all readers come across words that they do not recognize or need to decode. When readers come across an unfamiliar word, they need to have a wide variety of strategies to take the word apart and figure it out. Some strategies include: saying the word slowly/sounding out the word, looking for familiar word parts (base words, roots, prefixes, suffixes, etc.), and using context clues.

Readers will sometimes ask about a word before they've made an attempt to figure it out. When your reader comes to a word they don't know, give them the chance to solve the word on their own. If they are still struggling ask them the following questions:

- What do you see at the beginning (middle, or end) of the word?
- What sound does that letter make?
- What word makes sense here? Does that look right?
- Is there a part of the word that you know?

If your child still struggles to solve a word after prompting, tell them. If they are struggling with many of the words on the page, they may not be ready to read that book yet - and that's okay! Help them choose another book that they can be successful with.



**It's January! Where is the snow?
So far, we've had NO snow days!**

The Scholastic Book Fair is COMING!

The Urbana Elementary **BOOK FAIR** will be open from **January 18 - 28**. All K-5 students will preview items in the Book Fair during school hours for the first few days and create a "Wish List". The Book Fair will be open during school hours, with the exception of four evenings during Parent/Teacher Conference Nights for parents to shop with their child. Evening days and times of operation include:

- Tuesday, January 18 from 3:45 - 7:00 pm
- Thursday, January 20 from 3:45 - 7:00 pm
- Tuesday, January 25 from 3:45 - 7:15 pm
- Thursday, January 27 from 3:45 - 7:15 pm

PARENT ACCESS

As the first semester comes to a close, it is the perfect time to create a Parent Access account if you have not yet done so. Parent Access allows you to check your child's grades in real time. If you have not yet created an account, please contact Kelli Marsh kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 to obtain the needed information.

REMIND

If your cell number has changed, Remind needs to be updated. Please contact the main office at your child's school to update the school records. You will also need to change your number by logging into Remind (on the app or the web at www.remind.com) and updating your settings. You can also contact Kelli Marsh kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext 2126 if you have issues updating your Remind account.

PROGRAM AVAILABLE TO HELP PAY SCHOOL FEES

The Champaign County Department of Job and Family Services operates a program called Prevention, Retention, and Contingency that offers a lot of different types of services to assist families. School fees assistance is part of a special funding grant received due to COVID 19 and the funding will expire in September, 2022. This grant can also help pay any past due fees with a maxim of \$250 per child. Additional information on PRC and access to the application can be found on CCDJFS' website at: [Champaign County Department of Job and Family Services - Emergency Aid - Champaign County Department of Job and Family Services \(champaigndjfs.org\)](http://Champaign County Department of Job and Family Services - Emergency Aid - Champaign County Department of Job and Family Services (champaigndjfs.org)).